

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

September 18, 2024

7:00 P.M.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, is now called to order.

II. Flag salute-please rise

III. Notice This meeting is being recorded for District purposes. It is or may be published in part or in its entirety on the District's website without the express permission of meeting participants.

IV. Roll Call

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, September 18th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Information, strategy, and/or negotiation session relating to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement
- Considering the purchase or lease of real estate
- Matters subject to attorney-client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Litigation or threatened litigation matters
- Sensitive public safety issues
- Salary schedule and labor relations

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of Wednesday, August 14th Meet and Discuss Voting and Non-Voting Meeting and Wednesday, August 21st Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: August 2024

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Boys State and Boys Nation
Anthony Speicher, 12th Grade

Presentation by ABC Transit

Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only)

At this time, DISTRICT RESIDENTS may come forward to comment on agenda items only. Each person must state their first and last name and address prior to speaking. Each resident will be allowed three minutes and can speak only once. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour. Although not required, board members desiring to address questions or concerns may do so after the residents' comments/questions or at the conclusion of the committee reports. There will still be an opportunity for residents to comment on any business relevant to the Ambridge Area School District under Old and New Business at the end of the meeting.

XI. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. Sweetwater Center for the Arts Program

It is recommended to approve a program between the Ambridge Area High School and Sweetwater Center for the Arts in Sewickley, PA to bring digital arts to the district's high school art students. This is at no cost to the district.

Finance and Budget

Mr. Zatchey

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$1,693,400.58 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$983,552.28 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$142,074.76 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$ 14,774.94 be paid.

3. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the tax exoneration regarding the collection of Real Estate Tax, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exonerations for the same years, relevant to the following property:

- a) Tax Parcel 13-005-0318-000, 391 Prospect Street, Baden, PA, for the real estate taxes for 2022 and 2023, purchased by Baden Borough.

4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the Borough of Ambridge’s request dated August 6, 2024, to exonerate delinquent 2024 school taxes pursuant to the Pennsylvania Property Donation Statute for the following tax parcels, with the condition that should either property sell in the future to a non-tax exempt entity, a pro-rata share of the proceeds will be remitted to the District, less the Borough’s direct costs of acquisition.

- a) Tax Parcel 12-006-0101-010, 0 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA
- b) Tax Parcel 12-006-0101-002, 1401 New Economy Drive, Ambridge, PA

Building and Grounds

Mr. Metz

1. Economy Elementary HVAC Units

It is recommended to accept a proposal from Building Control Systems, Inc. to replace and program two existing Trane Rooftop Units at Economy Elementary. This is at a total cost of \$36,420.00 through the State bidding process (Co-Stars).

2. Riding Floor Scrubber

It is recommended to accept a proposal from Castle Maintenance Products for a Riding Floor Scrubber for the high school. This is at a total cost of \$10,995.00 through the State bidding process (Co-Stars).

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislation

Miss Fitsko

1. PSBA Officer Elections

It is recommended the Board Secretary be directed to cast the vote of the Ambridge Area School Board for the election of the following PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2025:

- President-elect Sabrina Backer, Franklin Area School District
- Vice President Matt Vannoy, Sharon City School District
- Western Zone Kristy Bolte
- Insurance Trust Nathan Mains
 Richard Frerichs
 William LaCoff

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mr. Kovacevic

Personnel

Ms. Young

***ALL NEW HIRES, PENDING RECEIPT OF SATISFACTORY AND CURRENT CLEARANCES, SATISFACTORY DRUG SCREENING, TB TESTING, RESPONSES BY CURRENT/FORMER EMPLOYERS TO ACT 168 SCREENING, AND PDE CERTIFICATIONS IF APPLICABLE.**

1. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2024-2025 school year be approved at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement, provided the school year allows and sponsors can hold activities as normal.

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Senior High School Play Director	Jessica Patterson	\$2,050.00
JR Drill Team	Emily Gregory	\$1,200.00
Thespian Club	Jessica Patterson	\$ 470.00
Ecology Club	Pamela Green	\$ 470.00

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
MathCounts	Noah Rinker	\$1,100.00
TSA Club	Scott Setzenfand	\$ 470.00
Newspaper	Amy Braund	\$ 470.00
Student Council	Sara Yannessa	\$ 470.00

2. Clubs / Activities Co-Sponsor Ratification

It is recommended to ratify Pamela Green as an additional co-sponsor, in addition to Ben Holmes and Kristen Holmes who were previously approved, for the Technology Student Association (TSA) Club. The stipend should be split as follows:

- Pamela Green - \$450.00
- Ben Holmes – \$450.00
- Kristin Holmes - \$450.00

3. Salary Increase

It is recommended the Cafeteria Non-Contractual Workers hourly pay rate be increased, effective September 19, 2024, as follows:

<u>Current Pay Rate per Hour</u>	<u>Proposed Pay Rate per Hour</u>
Starting rate at \$10.00	Starting rate to increase to \$11.00
Middle rate at \$10.25	Middle rate to increase to \$11.25
Top rate at \$10.40	Top rate is to increase to \$11.40

4. Paraprofessional

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals as a Paraprofessionals as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA/NEA), pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Anton Deluca, Middle School, effective date September 16, 2024

Sayra Frausto-Marquez, Highland Elementary, effective date September 17, 2024

5. Credit Recovery

It is recommended that the following individual be approved as instructor for the Credit Recovery Program at the high school. Teachers will be paid as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Pamela Green – Science

6. 2024-2025 Musical Staffing

It is recommended to approve the following musical staffing positions for the 2024-2025 musical at the designated stipend, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Play Director	Jessica Patterson	\$3,000.00
Music Director	Robert Armstrong	\$1,800.00
Assistant Director	Andrea Cary	\$1,200.00
Producer	Todd Hartman	\$1,500.00
Choreographer	Elyse Perciavalle	\$1,200.00
Technical Director	Jacob Craig	\$1,200.00

7. Retirement

It is recommended to accept the resignation of Tammy Zalewsky, due to her retirement from the position of a 5.25 hour cafeteria cook at the high school, effective September 20, 2024, with regret.

XII. President’s Report

XIII. Solicitor’s Report

XIV. Superintendent’s Report

XV. Old and New Business

It is now time for old and new business. Any DISTRICT RESIDENT who desires to comment on any business relevant to the Ambridge Area School District should now come forward. Each person must state their first and last name and address prior to speaking. Each person will be allowed three minutes and can speak only once.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn