

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
January 15, 2020

7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 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. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors or the Ambridge Area School District, and are solely that of the speaker. The Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker.

IV. Roll Call

V. Sunshine Law

Section 708 of the Sunshine Law permits agencies to hold executive sessions to discuss employment and personnel matters, labor relations and arbitration matters, purchase or lease of real estate up to the time an option or agreement is obtained, litigation or potential litigation, legal matters subject to Attorney Client Privilege and other agency business which if discussed in public would violate lawful privilege or would violate confidentiality laws.

The Board of School Directors held Executive Sessions on Wednesday, January 8th and Wednesday, January 15th to discuss:

- 1) Employment and Personnel Matters
- 2) Salary Schedule and Labor Relations
- 3) Matters subject to Attorney Client Privilege
- 4) Litigation Matters

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: December 4th Reorganization Meeting, December 4th Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting, December 11th Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: November, 2019 and December, 2019

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Board President's Report

XI. Recognition/Presentation

Dr. Welter would like to recognize the District's Holiday Greeting Card Winners

Alice Smedley, 2nd Grade, State Street Elementary
Morgan Hartman, 4th Grade, Economy Elementary
Alena Strong, 3rd Grade, Highland Elementary

Mrs. Fischer would like to recognize the following students:

Jason Simms, 8th Grader, for being recommended and participating in US Club Soccer id2 Training Camp in Chula Vista, CA

A comprehensive national scouting and recommendation program is used to form a pool from which top players are invited to attend an id2 Training Camp. At the camp, players work with some of the nation's best coaches, play with and against some of the nation's best players in their age group, and are scouted by on-site U.S. Soccer staff. In addition to on-field sessions, the camps feature guest speakers, lectures/classroom sessions and other offerings, which make for a multi-faceted learning experience.

Angelena Glover, 10th Grader, for being the first competitor to participate in the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) program. Angelena has also been instrumental in the institution of our Black Student Union Club (BSU). She will hold the office of President. We are pleased to announce that Ambridge will host the NAACP ACT-SO Competition here in April.

Jaden Hubbard, 12th Grader, for her winning entry in the Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee.

School Board Candidate Presentations and Question and Answer

John Carpenter
Randy Dawson
Elizabeth Hawkins
Bill Metz
Kelly Romasco
Tom Rutan
Valerie Young
Mitch Yanyanin

Presentation by Doug McCausland – Financial Update 2020

XII. 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’ comment/question 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.

XIII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Ms. Trimbur

Points of Information

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held February 10-12, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the following locations:

February 10	Highland Elementary
February 11	Economy Elementary
February 12	State St. Elementary

Evening appointments available:

- March 3 – from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center
- March 10 – from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center

Please call Cathy Hopkins at 724-266-2833, Ext. 1273 to schedule an appointment.

BCAEC Band Day 2020

The Beaver County Arts Educators Consortium is proud to sponsor annual Band Day on Friday, March 13, 2020. Hosting this event will be Ambridge Area’s BCAEC steering committee representative, Todd Hartman. The event will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the High School Bridger Theatre and music suite. Clinicians from the River City Brass Band, Slippery Rock University, and other professional freelance musicians will conduct masterclasses for high school woodwind, brass, and percussion students from BCAEC member districts. The BCAEC will be responsible for all expenditures associated with this event.

Education and Technology

Ms. Trimbur

1. High School Course of Studies

It is recommended to ratify the approval of the 2019-2020 Ambridge Area High School Course of Studies Book.

2. JROTC Field Trip

It is recommended to approve MSgt. Thomas G. Short, III, Marine Corps JROTC Instructor, be authorized to take the JROTC unit to Parris Island, South Carolina for their annual Citizenship Development trip from February 24th through February 28th, 2020. The purpose of this trip is to build teamwork, enhance the camaraderie amongst the cadets, to develop leadership skills and to increase unit cohesion. The aforementioned training is educational and in compliance with the required curriculum. The JROTC unit will incur the expense related to this trip. All expenses will be obtained through fundraising. Parents and/or guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

3. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2019-2020-09 relevant to a Middle School student, effective December 12, 2019.

4. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2019-2020-10 relevant to a High School student, effective December 12, 2019.

5. Grand Canyon University Affiliation Agreement

It is recommended the Ambridge Area School District enter into an affiliation agreement with Grand Canyon University, at no cost to the District.

6. Grand Canyon University Student Teacher

It is recommended to approve, Nicoletta Elolo, a student from Grand Canyon University, for student teaching at Economy Elementary School for the 2019-2020 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Nicoletta will be placed with Lisa Kovach.

7. Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of the Black Student Union Club at the High School. The club is an organization to promote the African American, Caribbean, and African culture and awareness at the High School and the surrounding community.

The purpose is to...

Provide social and academic support and awareness for Students of the Associated Student Body

Promote excellence in the classroom and the community

Develop strong successful leaders of the future that go onto college and become successful

Promote the equal rights of black students as well as all minorities

8. Reinstatement of the Forensics Club

It is recommended to approve the reinstatement of the Ambridge Area High School Forensics Club. Forensics is a cross between a mock trial and a speech and debate club where students prepare and perform formal presentations to compete against students from other school districts. Currently, the minimum students required (15) are signed up and interested in participating.

9. JROTC

It is recommended that the tuition share for Non-District Students enrolled in the JROTC Program for the 2020-2021 be reduced as follows:

- From \$474.00 per class to \$200.00
- From \$3,591.00 all day Leadership Academy to \$2,000.00
- From \$6,257.00 Special Education Leadership Academy to \$6,000.00
- Transportation to be paid by the student's home district

Finance and Budget

Ms. Pedigo

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,373,252.89 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,384,878.42 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$65,319.30 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$51,355.39 be paid.

3. Capital Project Expenditures

It is recommended \$4,754.50 be paid from the Capital Projects Fund 39.

4. Special Counsel

It is recommended that Special Counsel, Law Offices of Taylor & Alsko be paid \$1,675.00.

5. Repository

It is recommended the Board approve the Sale of Property from the Beaver County Repository of Unsold Property for the following properties:

- a) 649 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 10-002-0531.000, for the bid amount of \$1,913.00 to Gist Catering Inc.
- b) 540 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 10-002-0910.000, for the bid amount of \$1,623.00 to Gist Catering Inc.

6. BVIU 2019-2020 IDEA Allocation

It is recommended to accept the 2019-2020 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Allocation to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$377,479.00.

7. BVIU 2019-2020 Allocation of Federal 619-IDEA B Funds

It is recommended to accept the 2019-2020 Allocation of Federal 616-IDEA B Funds to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$4,490.00.

8. Precision Substitute Teacher Services

It is recommended to increase the salary for a Substitute Teacher from \$95.00 to \$120.00 per day.

Buildings and Grounds

Open

Athletics

Ms. Trimbur

1. Boys' Volleyball Team Overnight Tournament Participation Request

It is recommended to approve the high school Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team to attend the following overnight tournaments:

Northeastern High School, Manchester, PA – March 28, 2020

Central York High School, York, PA – April 18, 2020

2. Boys' Wrestling Team Overnight Tournament Participation Request

It is recommended to approve the high school Boys' Wrestling Team to attend the following overnight tournament:

West Branch High School, Morrisdale, PA – January 25, 2020

Public Relations

Ms. Gill

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 137 – Home Education Programs – Final

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 137 – *Home Education Programs*, to comply with state law and regulations.

2. Policy 203-1 – HIV Infection – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise Policy 203.1 – *HIV Infection*, to provide a safe, healthy environment for students and employees.

3. Policy 251 – Homeless Students – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise Policy 251 – *Homeless Students*, to recognize the need to promptly identify homeless children and youths within the District, facilitate their immediate enrollment and eliminate existing barriers to their attendance and education, in compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

4. Policy 255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt Policy 255 – *Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care*, to ensure the educational stability of children in foster care and to collaborate with the local children and youth agency and other school districts.

Legislative

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Resolution 2019-2020-05 – Beaver County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC) Voting Delegate Appointment Resolution

It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-05 and approve the appointment of Keith Bielby and L. Douglas McCausland, as representatives for Ambridge Area School District, to the Tax Collection Committee for Beaver County.

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Open

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Joyce Apple, a cafeteria worker at Economy Elementary, effective December 20, 2019, with regret.

2. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Marissa Niaros, a Long-Term Substitute at State Street Elementary, effective January 8, 2020, with regret.

3. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Ramon West, a Para-Professional at Highland Elementary, effective January 15, 2020, with regret.

4. Long-Term Substitute

It is recommended Sydney Kaercher be approved as a Long-Term Substitute at Economy Elementary, at a rate of 70% Step 1 Bachelors, \$29,954.00, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, retroactive to August 23, 2019.

5. Long-Term Substitute

It is recommended Taylor Marshall be approved as a Long-Term Substitute at State Street Elementary, at a rate of 70% Step 1 Bachelors, \$29,954.00, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, effective and pro-rated for January 7, 2020.

6. Long-Term Substitute

It is recommended Heaven Brown be approved as a Long-Term Substitute at Highland Elementary, at a rate of 70% Step 1 Bachelors, \$29,954.00, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, retroactive to August 23, 2019.

7. FMLA

It is recommended to approve employee #2323 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning around January 5, 2020, not to exceed 12 weeks.

8. 2019-2020 Musical Positions

It is recommended the following be approved for the 2019-2020 Musical positions at the designated stipend, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Liz Ambrose, Music Director -	\$1,800.00
Lawrence Karl, Choreographer-	\$1,500.00
Elyse Mylan, Volunteer Choreographer -	No Remuneration

9. Para-Educator (Teaching Assistant)

It is recommended the following individual be hired to fill a Para-Educator position (Teaching Assistant) as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA-NEA) negotiated agreement pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Shelton Hilliard, Highland Elementary
Keenan Baker, Highland Elementary

XIX. Solicitor's Report

XV. Superintendent's Report

XVI. 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.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn