

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**February 12, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

**High School Media Center**

**I. Call to Order**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Media Center.

**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. Correspondence**

**VI. Student/Teacher Recognition**

**VII. Presentations**

**VIII. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only).**

The Meet and Discuss Meetings are open to the public. At this time, DISTRICT RESIDENTS may come forward to comment or ask questions on agenda items only. 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 during this half-hour period. There will be no discussion during this time, but any board member or administrator desiring to address questions or concerns may do so at the conclusion of the committee reports.

**IX. Committee Reports**

**Education and Technology**

**Ms. Trimbur**

1. Revised 2019-2020 School Year Calendar

It is recommended to approve the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar. The following change is due to inclement weather and a school cancellation on Friday, February 7, 2020, will be reflected on the revised calendar as follows:

March 9, 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> Snow Make-Up Day) – School will be in session (FULL Day)

2. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify a discipline agreement 2019-2020-11 relevant to a High School student, effective January 15, 2020.

3. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify a discipline agreement 2019-2020-12 relevant to a High School student, effective January 29, 2020.

4. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify a discipline agreement 2019-2020-13 relevant to a High School student, effective February 6, 2020.

5. Field Trip

It is recommended to approve Marie Dewar, Band Instructor, be authorized to take the High School Marching Band to Cedar Point to perform. The students will miss one instructional day of school. This is not an overnight stay and there is no cost to the District. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

6. Field Trip

It is recommended that Anthony Amadio, a Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School, be authorized to take the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies students to Gettysburg, PA and Hershey, PA from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The bus will depart from the Middle School on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 P.M. and return on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> around 8:30 P.M. The trip will cost \$350.00 per student and will cover all expenses. There will be no cost to the district. Parents 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.

7. Field Trip

It is recommended that Ben Holmes, Jason Roos, Pam Green and Scott Setzenfand be authorized to take the Technology Student Association (TSA) to Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA to attend the Pennsylvania TSA State Leadership Conference, from April 15-18, 2020, in which students will compete in a wide variety of technology and S.T.E.M. related areas. Students who attend PA TSA States will be reimbursed as per Board Policy 240 (50% of travel cost or \$250.00 per student, whichever is less) for a maximum total of \$3,000.00. Mr. Holmes will be reimbursed as per the collective bargaining agreement.

8. Cyber School

It is recommended that the four (4) year Cyber Servicicers Agreement with Seneca Valley School District be approved for the implementation of the Ambridge Area School District Cyber Academy effective for the 2020-2021 school term through the 2024-2025 school years.

## **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 \$1,503,840.71 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,369,179.77 be paid.

### 2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$83,590.83 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$48,090.79 be paid.

### 3. Account Fund 81 – Student Activity

It is recommended \$24,888.87 be paid from the account fund 81 – Student Activity.

### 4. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for February, 2020.

### 5. Precision Substitute Teacher Services

It is recommended to approve the revised agreement with Precision Education, an affiliate of the Delta-T Group to provide substitute service.

### 6. Baden Academy Settlement Agreement

It is recommended to approve a settlement agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Baden Academy.

### 7. Repository

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

- a) Economy Street Extension, South Heights, PA Tax Parcel 51-001-0305.000, for the bid amount of \$1,632.00 to Tom Davic and Robyn Davic.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

**Mr. Angus**

### 1. ABM Building Solutions

It is recommended to approve ABM Building Solutions as the Management Services Company to conduct and Guaranteed Energy Savings Project with the Ambridge Area School District. Final scope of the project will be developed with the administration and approved by the Board of Directors. Cost of the project will be determined by final scope.

**Athletics**

**Mr. Campalong**

**Public Relations**

**Ms. Gill**

**Points of Information**

**Results of the Ambridge Area School District Superintendent Search Survey**

The Ambridge Area School Board offered the community the opportunity to provide comment on the qualities they wish to see in the District's next Superintendent. Over 200 individuals completed the survey. Data from the online survey determined the recommended list of priority attributes for a new superintendent of schools. The attributes most identified by the participants are: experience in Administration Management, School Finance, and Curriculum and Instruction, with the focus being on Safety, Leadership, Finance and Budget, and Curriculum.

Please visit the District Website, [www.ambridge.k12.pa.us](http://www.ambridge.k12.pa.us), to review the AASD Superintendent Search Survey Results.

**Hall of Honor**

Annually, Ambridge Area School District proudly recognizes graduates to induct into the Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor was established to commend those outstanding graduates for their accomplishments, successes, service to others and/or state and national awards. Documents to complete for the 2020 nominations will be available on the District website in early March.

**Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

1. Policy 113.2 – Behavior Support – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise Policy 113.2 – *Behavior Support*, to recognize that positive behavior support is an integral part of classroom management.

2. Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 227 – *Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia*, to recognize that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community.

3. Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 233 – *Suspension and Expulsion*, to recognize that exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most sever sanction that can be imposed on a student and one that cannot be imposed without due process.

4. Policy 626 – Procurement – Federal Programs – Attachment – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise the attachment for School Board Policy 626 – *Procurement-Federal Programs*, to integrate standard district purchasing procedure, in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy.

5. Policy 702.1 – Crowdfunding – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 702.1 – *Crowdfunding*, to recognize that crowdfunding has become an increasingly popular method by which school districts can procure funding for specific projects and/or programs.

6. Policy 808 – Food Services – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 808 – *Food Services*, to recognize that students require adequate, nourishing food and beverages in order to grow, learn and maintain good health. Students shall be provided with adequate space and time to eat meals during the school day.

7. Policy 836 – Social Media – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 836 – *Social Media*, to establish rules and guidance for the use of social media by students and employees.

**Legislative**

**Ms. Young**

**X. 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/will now hold an Executive Session to discuss:

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

The Board will not return to take any legislative action.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**