

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Media Center on Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

I. Call to Order Mr. Angus called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

II. Flag Salute-Please rise Mr. Angus asked all present to rise for he flag salute

III. Notice. Mr. Angus read the following: 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

An attendance roll call was taken. The following Board members were present:

Scott Angus, President
Terry Mylan, Vice President
Cathy Fischer
Mary Jo Kehoe
Kimberly Locher

Others Present:
Dr. Jo Welter, Superintendent
Megan Turnbull, Solicitor
Doug McCausland, Director of Operations
June Mueller, Board Secretary

V. Correspondence

VI. Student/Teacher Recognition

VII. Presentations

Dr. Welter – 2018-2019 Goal Accomplishments and 2019-2020 District Goals

VIII. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only). Mr. Angus read the following:

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.

Comments:

Kasi Deviney, Economy Borough

Expressed concerns with support for the average student and Middle School behavior

Dr. Welter responded – A2i/NMSI helps all levels of student needs

- The District has hired an Assistant Principal for the Middle School

IX. Committee Reports**Education and Technology****Mrs. Pedigo**1. Administrative Goals

It is recommended to approve the Ambridge Area School District goals for the 2019-2020 school year.

2. Alternative Education Agreement

It is recommended to purchase (18) eighteen seats for the Alternative Education Services through the CLASS Academy Program be approved for the 2019-2020 school year at an approximate cost of \$170,000.00.

*Additional seats are being purchased to reduce the overall cost of outside placements. Costs are up because of increased requirements of the District's current AEDY program.

Comments: Mrs. Mylan asked for more information

Dr. Welter responded – this is to accommodate the new rules and regulations for AEDY from PDE at a lesser cost for the District.

3. Student Assistance Program (SAP)

It is recommended to approve a Letter of Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and The Prevention Network for both parties to provide services for the Student Assistance Program.

4. Clubs and Activities Fee

It is recommended to rescind the \$5.00 clubs and activities fee for all students.

Finance and Budget**Mr. Sas**1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$1,039,911.54 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,095,716.74 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$6,780.69 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$12,478.26 be paid.

3. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the Tax Exemption Certification for a Disabled Military Veteran regarding Parcel 13-004-0104-000, 347 State Street, Baden, PA, 15005.

4. Repository Settlement

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

- a) 937 Beaver Road., Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 11-006-0725.000, for the bid amount of \$2,068.00 to Roger and Jacque Brown.

5. Bank Depositor

It is recommended to approve Dollar Bank as the new Bank Depositor for the District.

Comments: Mr. McCausland evaluated five financial institutes before final recommendation

6. PA-Educator

It is recommended to approve the contract of service between the Ambridge Area School District and Pennsylvania Educators' Clearinghouse, (PA-Educator.net) for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$2,175.00.

Buildings and Grounds**Mr. Kowal**1. Award of Bid

It is recommended to approve the bid tabulation from T.A. Robinson Asphalt Paving, Inc. for paving, curbs and drainage at Economy Elementary School.

Comment: Mr. McCausland - project was budgeted for in the Capital Projects Fund

2. Crossing Guards

It is recommended that crossing guards be placed at locations throughout the Ambridge Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year as listed below:

High School / then 10th & Lenz Avenue
 11th Street and Merchant Street
 1st Street and Valley Road
 5th Street and Duss Avenue
 High School / then 8th & Duss Avenue
 6th Street and Duss Avenue
 Harmony Road and State Street-Baden

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Mrs. Mylan

Points of Information

Please be aware that there is a Back to School Kick Off Event scheduled for Monday, August 19th from noon to 2:00. Free hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza will be served. Local businesses and services will be available for your convenience and bounce houses and obstacle courses will be available for children on the football field. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the newly renovated bridge at the close of the event.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 27th. A Bridger Blast will be sent to all families as a reminder and with the start and end times of school.

Lastly, Kindergarten Camp is in its' second week at State Street Elementary. If you haven't registered your child for Kindergarten, please do so as soon as possible with Cathy Hopkins at the high school. The registration packet can be found on our website.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 716– Integrated Pest Management – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to update School Board Policy 716– *Integrated Pest Management* – to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

2. Policy 209.1 – Pediculosis – First Reading

It is recommend, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 209.1-*Pediculosis* – to provide guidelines for the prevention and control of head lice in students.

3. 913.1 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 913.1 – *Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals* – to utilize the district as a means to engage the school community in activities and/or to distribute or post non-school materials.

Legislative

Mrs. Kehoe

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

The Board will not return to take any legislative action.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

At 8:15 PM, Mrs. Locher made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Mylan. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

June Mueller
School Board Secretary