

**Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Media Center on Wednesday, September 11, 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, September 11, 2019. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

**II. Flag Salute-Please rise: Mr. Angus asked all present to rise for the 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  
Valerie Pedigo, Treasurer  
Cathy Fischer  
Mary Jo Kehoe  
Kim Locher  
Jim Sas

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

**V. Correspondence NONE**

**VI. Student/Teacher Recognition**

**VII. Presentations**

**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.

Frank Presto, Self-Storage Units, Ambridge – wanted to address any questions the Board may have regarding item 4 under Finance and Budget

- Valerie Pedigo- What would be the revitalization to the community – how many jobs would it create – what would be the commitment to the community – Mr. Presto said the would use local contractors but only one job.
- Jim Sas – the Board will have to look at the resolution they passed to participate in LERTA and see if they are obligated to pass the item.

**IX. Committee Reports****Education and Technology****Mrs. Pedigo**1. Allegheny Intermediate Unit 2019-2020 Title I Non-Public School Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Title I Non-Public School Agreement to provide services to the non-public school students on behalf of the Ambridge Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$10,397.00 as a combined cost of all non-public students in Allegheny County.

2. Field Trip

It is recommended Marie Dewar, Band and Choir Teacher, be authorized to take The High School Band and Chamber Choir to New York City from March 11-14, 2020. The Band will perform at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. All expenses will be obtained through fundraising. Parents or guardian will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening and TB testing.

**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 \$1,068,307.19 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,073,716.13 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$56,428.37 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$11,613.84 be paid.

### 3. 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) 204 Peach Court, Lot 20, Sewickley, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0242.822, for the bid amount of \$1,537.00 to Orchard Estate.
- b) 303 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 09-002-0215.000, for the bid amount of \$1,735.00 to Geoffrey and Erin Mackey.
- c) 1015 Circleview Aly, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0628.000, for the bid amount of \$1,689.00 to Gerald Lowen.

### 4. Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Tax Abatement

It is recommended to approve the request for LERTA Abatement on the value of the improvements to Parcel No. 12-003-0100.000, 1201 New Economy Drive, Ambridge, PA 15003, at the following schedule: Year 1 – 100%, Year 2 – 100%, Year 3 – 75%, Year 4 – 50%, Year 5 – 25%, and Year 6 – 0%, as presented.

### 5. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation from Pastor Thomas Manning of the Allison Park Church, Ohio River Campus Branch of \$1,349.00 to the student lunch debt, with appreciation. The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift.

### Buildings and Grounds

**Mr. Kowal**

### Athletics

**Mrs. Fischer**

### Point of Information

100 Years of Football Celebration - Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

Homecoming Pep Rally – Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30PM

Homecoming Parade – Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:45PM

Homecoming Football Game – Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

Homecoming Dance – Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-10:00PM

### Public Relations

**Mrs. Mylan**

### Steering and Rules

**Mrs. Kehoe**

#### 1. Policy 209.1 – Pediculosis – Third Reading

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

2. Policy 913.1 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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.

3. Policy 204 – Attendance – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 204 – *Attendance* – to support a comprehensive approach to identify and address attendance issues.

4. Policy 208 – Withdrawal From School – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 208 – *Withdrawal From School* – to affirm the best interests of both students and the community that students are withdrawn from school according to the mandated protocols.

5. Policy 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 209 – *Health Examinations/Screenings* – to ensure all district students submit to health and dental examinations in order to protect the school community from the spread of communicable disease and to ensure the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.

6. Policy 808 – Food Services – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 808 – *Food Services* – to provide students with adequate, nourishing food and beverage in order to grow, learn and maintain good health.

7. Policy 719 – Memorials – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 719 – *Memorials* – to assist staff, students and families impacted by a death by providing guidelines for decision making regarding memorials and memorialization activities.

**Legislative**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

1. PSBA Officer Elections

The PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2019 consists of the following:

President-elect: Art Levinowitz, Upper Dublin School District (Montgomery Co.)

Vice President: David Hein, Parkland School District (Lehigh Co.)

Insurance Trust: Kathy K. Swope (Lewisburg School District)  
(Select Two) Mark B. Miller (Centennial School District)

Section 5 Advisor: Marsha Pleta, Washington School District (Washington Co.)

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

President-elect \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Trust \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

**X. Sunshine Law: Mrs. Mueller read the following:**

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 7:50 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made, vote in favor was unanimous.