

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
May 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 13, 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.

IV. Roll Call

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held Executive Sessions on Monday, April 20th, Thursday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 13th 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

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: March Meet and Discuss Meeting, and April 15th Virtual Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: April, 2020

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Beaver County Career & Technology Center (CTC) Award Winners 2020

Future Business Leaders of America

Benjamin Wyar – 1st Place – Computer Applications

Caleb Terrick – 1st Place – Networking Concepts

Troy Jacob – 2nd Place – Networking Concepts

Austin Fustich – 3rd Place – Business Calculations

Fall Regionals

Austin Stokes – 5th Place – Nursery/Landscaping

Skills USA

Jacob Traupman – 2nd Place – Team Works

MathCounts Winners

The mission of MathCounts is to increase enthusiasm for and enhance achievement in middle school mathematics throughout the United States. With this goal in mind, the MathCounts Foundation administers a nationwide math enrichment, coaching, and competition program. Each year 500-plus local competitions and 57 state competitions are conducted throughout the United States. At the MathCounts Beaver County competition, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, on February 1, 2020 at Penn State – Beaver, five of our middle school students placed in the Top 10!

Camden Mawhinney, 8th grader – **1st place**

Cody Roper, 7th grader – **3rd place**

Chloe Castro, 8th grader – **8th place**

Anthony Speicher, 7th grader – **9th place**

Brayden Reeves, 8th grader – **10th place**

A team of four of our middle school students earned 2nd place! **Brayden Reeves** (8th grade), **Camden Mawhinney** (8th grade), **Aidyn Iorfido** (7th grade), and **Kylie Dreyer** (8th grade)

Camden Mawhinney and **Cody Roper**, were to represent the middle school, Beaver County, and the District at the State Competition in Harrisburg on March 13-14 2020, which was cancelled due to the pandemic.

23rd Annual Ambridge Area Middle School 7/8th Grade Science Fair

Top 5 Places

Brenna Gerle & Emma Wenum - 1st Place – Biodegradable Paper Plates

Camden Mawhinney – 2nd Place – Best Compost for Pea Plants

Sophie Beaudway & Brianna Smith – 3rd Place – Fears & How They Vary With Age

Honorable Mention

Heidi Setzenfand & Alayna Velasco – Where is Worst Air Quality in Beaver County?

Joshua Protulipac – Paper Clip Motor

Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Contest

The Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Youth and Community Awards was held on January 19, 2020 at the Center Stage Banquet Hall. The winners were as follows:

Grade 4

Molly Ann Cephas – Highland Elementary – **1st Place**

Lexee Herold – Economy Elementary - **2nd Place**

Grade 5

Benjamin Vukovcan – State Street Elementary – **2nd Place**

XI. 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.

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Ms. Trimbur

1. Adelphoi Education Services Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide special educational services on behalf of the Ambridge Area School District, **subject to final solicitor review and revision.**

2. Service Agreement Renewal

It is recommended the service agreement with Associated Occupational Therapy, Inc. be renewed for the 2020-2021 school year as per the Option 1 Fee Schedule.

3. Field Trip

It is recommended to rescind the Steel Drum Band field trip to Ocean City, MD from June 15 through June 19, 2020, approved at the October 16, 2019 Board meeting.

4. Field Trip

It is recommended to rescind the High School Marching Band field trip to Cedar Point, June 2, 2020, approved at the February 19, 2020 Board meeting.

5. Participation in the Ambridge Area School District Graduation Ceremony

It is recommended that the following JROTC cadets, who participated in the District's JROTC Program, be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. Cadets will not be receiving a diploma from the District.

Bradley Delon – Aliquippa School District
Eric Smith – Aliquippa School District
Logan Diegmiller – Rochester School 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 \$918,325.75 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,386,094.02 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$42,130.39 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$57,290.24 be paid.

3. Account Fund 81 – Student Activity

It is recommended \$635.75 be paid from the account fund 81 – Student Activity.

4. Proposed Final Budget for the 2020-2021 School Year

It is recommended to approve the Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year with revenues of \$49,345,128.00 and expenditures of \$ 51,698,249.00. This budget will utilize \$2,353,121.00 of fund balance in order to meet operational expenditures. The millage increase is zero mills.

5. Life and LTD Insurance

It is recommended to approve the appointment of Hillendale Associates, Inc. as the broker of record for life and long-term disability insurance and award the contracts for life and long-term disability insurance to American United Life, a One America Company effective July 1, 2020 at an estimated cost of \$19,713.00. (This represents an estimated savings of 25% or \$6,732.00 for these two policies.)

6. Resolution 2020-2021-7 Real Estate Tax Installment Payments for 2020-2021

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2020-2021-7, Real Estate Tax Installment Payments for 2020-2021 to authorize the collection and payment of school real estate property taxes in installments, excluding any interim or delinquent school real estate property taxes.

7. Technology Purchase

It is recommended to authorize the purchase of new technology equipment including iPads and laptops via state contracted pricing either through a lease or direct purchase for the 2020-2021 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$750,000.00 for equipment and ancillary devices. The district will utilize existing inventory and new purchases, with the overall goal being to move towards a one-to-one initiative for students.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

Athletics

Mr. Campalong

Public Relations

Open

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislative

Ms. Young

Salary, Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Mylan

1. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Association relating to high school duty period payments for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Act 93 Positions

A. It is recommended to eliminate the following positions, effective June 30, 2020:

1. Director of Pupil Services
2. Business Manager/Transportation/Security Director
3. Facilities Manager
4. Athletic Director

B. It is recommended to authorize the creation of the following positions for the 2020-2021 school year and open the same to qualified applicants:

1. Director of Special Education
2. Athletic and Transportation Director

2. 2020-2021 District Course and Section Adjustments Pursuant to 24 P.S. Section 11-1124(a)(1)

A. It is recommended to hereby approve the following curtailments at the close of the 2019-2020 school year:

1. Ambridge Area High School English Teacher
2. Ambridge Area High School Mathematics Teacher/Ambridge Area Middle School BCIT Teacher
3. Ambridge Area High School BCIT Teacher
4. Ambridge Area High School Librarian
5. Ambridge Area High School Nurse
6. Ambridge Area Middle School Sixth Grade Reading Teacher
7. Ambridge Area Middle School Sixth Grade English Teacher
8. Ambridge Area Middle School Sixth Grade Science/Social Studies Teacher
9. Economy Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
10. Economy Elementary Academic/Behavior Coach
11. Highland Elementary Academic/Behavior Coach
12. Highland Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
13. Highland Elementary First Grade Teacher
14. Highland Elementary Third Grade Teacher
15. Highland Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher
16. Highland Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher
17. State Street Elementary Academic/Behavior Coach

B. It is recommended to hereby approve the following alterations for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Ambridge Area High School BCIT/Ambridge Area Middle School BCIT
2. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade all subject areas
3. Highland Elementary Second Grade
4. Highland Elementary Academic Intervention Teacher
5. Highland Elementary Academic Intervention Teacher
6. State Street Elementary Academic Intervention Teacher

3. Classified Employees

It is recommended to authorize the creation of an Hourly Nurse for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. FMLA Leave

It is recommended to approve employee #2616 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave, retroactive May 5, 2020 not to exceed 12 weeks.

5. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Marian Dodsworth, a teacher at State Street Elementary, effective June 5, 2020, with regret.

6. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation, due to retirement, of Chris Petukauskas, a teacher at Highland Elementary, effective June 5, 2020, with regret.

7. Long-Term Disability

It is recommended to approve a PSERS long-term disability leave of absence for employee #1563 effective May 15, 2020 through May 15, 2021.

8. Boys' Basketball Coach

It is recommended to approve Eric Astorino, as the Varsity Boys' Basketball Head Coach, at a salary of \$6,000.00, for the 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

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