

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

July 15, 2020

Subject to Change

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, July 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.

IV. Roll Call

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held Executive Sessions on Wednesday, July 15th 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
- Salary Schedule and Labor Relations
- Legal Advice

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: June 10th Meet and Discuss Meeting and June 17th Board Meeting

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

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Mr. Barry King – presentation of the School Reopening Plan

XI. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only)

In light of the state declared disaster emergency, the Board has adopted modified public meeting and public comment processes, consistent with the Sunshine Law. These modified rules have been published in a newspaper of general circulation and on the District’s website. Public comments received in advance of this virtual meeting by the Board Secretary will now be read.

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Ms. Trimbur

1. Pennsylvania Department of Education School Reopening Health and Safety Plan

It is recommended to approve the District’s School Reopening Health and Safety Plan for the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Resolution Declaring Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency

It is recommended to approve the Resolution 2020-2021-1 declaring the Covid-19 pandemic an emergency and authorizing the Superintendent to develop alternate instructional plans to employ in-person, virtual and distance learning as the Superintendent deems appropriate in accordance with 24 P.S. 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

3. Flexibly Instructional Days (FID)

It is recommended to approve Flexibly Instructional Days as an alternate form of instruction in place of a day otherwise cancelled due to an emergency. PDE will count these days as a full day of school.

4. Student Handbooks

- a. It is recommended to adopt the High School Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.
- b. It is recommended to adopt the Middle School Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.
- c. It is recommended to adopt the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.

5. Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Outreach Program

It is recommended to approve the service agreement with Western Pennsylvania School for the Blind Outreach Program for the 2020-2021 school year.

6. Prevention Network

It is recommended to approve the agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Prevention Network for the 2020-2021 school year. This will include two Prevention Network Specialists, five (5) days per week, split between Highland Elementary School, Middle School and Ambridge Area High School at an annual contracted amount of \$87,000.00.

7. Alternative Education Agreement

It is recommended to approve the purchase of (18) eighteen seats for the Alternative Education Services through the CLASS Academy Program for the 2020-2021 school year at an approximate cost of \$191,000.00.

8. The Watson Institute

It is recommended to approve The Watson Institute Service Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year.

9. Remote Learning with Seesaw

It is recommended to approve the purchase of application Seesaw for students in grades K-3 to provide learning management system for the primary levels. Not to exceed \$4,500.00.

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 \$1,692,137.10 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,498,521.67 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$9,835.02 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$34,896.63 paid.

3. Account Fund 81 – Student Activity

It is recommended \$13,904.55 be paid from the account fund 81 – Student Activity.

4. Resolution 2020-2021-2 eGrants Electronic Signature

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2020-2021-2 to consent to the use of electronic signature by the Superintendent to electronically sign all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It is further recommended to authorize the Board Secretary to execute the resolution.

5. Storage Area Network (SAN)

It is recommended to approve the purchase of a Storage Area Network (SAN), which is an integral required part of the network. The total cost of the new SAN is \$45,815.61, with a 3 year warranty.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

1. Change Order for Economy Repaving Project

It is recommended to approve deduct change order GC-1 from HHSDR Architects, for the Economy Paving Project in the savings amount of (\$101,291.05).

Athletics

Mr. Campalong

Public Relations

Open

1. Library Contributions

It is recommended to approve the distribution of budgeted allotments for 2020-2021 school year as follows:

Baden Memorial Library	\$4,250.00
Laughlin Memorial Library	\$5,250.00

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 249 – Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying – First Reading

It is recommended, to waive the second and third readings of School Board Policy 249 – *Anti-Bullying/Cyberbullying*, and update on the first reading. Policy 249 is to provide all students and employees with the right to a safe and civil educational environment, free from harassment or bullying.

2. Policy 815 – Responsible Computer, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Use – First and Final Reading

It is recommended, to waive the second and third readings of School Board Policy 815 – *Responsible Computer, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Use*, and revise on the first reading. Policy 815 is to provide access to information, to aid in research and collaborations, to foster the educational mission of the District, and to carry out the legitimate business and operations of the District.

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 Local 248 Ambridge Area School Employees AFSCME-AFL-CIO relating to vacation hour increments.

2. 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 limiting Pre-K teachers’ movement between buildings and staying in their current building assignment when possible due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2020-2021 school year be approved at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Band 1st Assistant	Devin Householder	\$4,200.00
Majorette/Drill Team	Melissa Jones	3,200.00
Steel Drum Director	Todd Hartman	3,000.00
Finance Director	Mary Marasco	3,100.00
Silhouette	Veronica Simunick	2,100.00
Junior Class	Casey Neel	1,075.00
	Jennifer Phillips	1,075.00
Senior Class	Jennifer Phillips	1,550.00
Yearbook	Mathew Hladio	1,245.00
	Kent Withrow	1,245.00
Interact Club	Christina Briola	1,150.00
Sophomore Class	Joanne Gonzalez	1,150.00
Mock Trial Team	Christina Briola	675.00
	Kim Racioppo	675.00
Technology Student Association – TSA	Ben Holmes	450.00
	Jason Roos	450.00
	Pam Wiegand-Green	450.00
Documentary Film Club	Ben Holmes	450.00
	Randy Mercadante	450.00
National Honor Society	Noel Santini	950.00
Ecology Club	Pam Wiegand-Green	235.00
	Jason Roos	235.00
Student Council	Chelsea Benedict	470.00

Language Clubs		
Italian Club	Davide Sciulli	470.00
AATV AM Announcements Club	Ben Holmes	235.00
	Jason Roos	235.00
PA Math League	Shad Greco	470.00
Robotics Club	Ben Holmes	235.00
	Jason Roos	235.00
Stage Crew	Todd Hartman	470.00
Forensics Club	Todd Hartman	470.00
Video Production Club	Ben Holmes	470.00
Teen Leadership Club	Kim Bogati	470.00

ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)

SALARY

MathCounts	Ashley Simpson	\$ 550.00
	Glenn Freed	550.00
National Honor Society	Brenna Wandel	650.00
Art Club	Jennifer Ax	470.00
Science Explorers Club	Don Ayers	470.00
Newspaper	Amy Braund	470.00
Drama Club	Devin Householder	470.00
Forensics Club	Todd Hartman	470.00
Student Council	Gregory Mell	470.00
Yearbook	Devin Householder	470.00

2. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

It is recommended the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2020-2021 school year be approved at the salary designated in the negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances and drug screening:

DEPARTMENT HEADS

SALARY

Elementary:

Kindergarten	Tammy Kennedy	\$1,365.00
First Grade	Lisa Kovach	1,365.00
Third Grade	Brenda Antoline	1,365.00
Fourth Grade	Erin Malatesta	1,365.00
Fifth Grade	Stacey Brock	1,365.00
Sixth Grade	Amy Bruand	1,365.00

Secondary:

English	Greg Helsel	1,365.00
Math	Joanne Gonzalez	1,365.00
Social Studies	Grace Debona	1,365.00
Science	Karen DeMarco	1,365.00
Special Education	Teresa Brewer	1,365.00

K-12:

Physical Education	Jeffrey Modrovich	\$1,365.00
Library	Marianne Rupik	1,365.00
Reading	Greta Bible	1,365.00
Fine Arts	Todd Hartman	1,365.00
Guidance	Noel Santini	1,365.00
Applied Science and Technology	Ben Holmes	1,365.00
Business	Terry George	1,365.00
Foreign Language	Davide Sciulli	1,365.00

BUILDING HEADS

Middle School	Brad Olenic	1,450.00
Middle School	Christeen Ceratti	1,450.00
Economy Elementary	Sean Beighley	1,450.00
Highland Elementary	Lauren Metz	1,450.00
State Street Elementary	Kimberly Roppa	1,450.00

3. 2020-2021 Band Camp Positions

It is recommended to approve the following band camp positions for the 2020-2021 summer band camp at the designated stipend, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Assistant Percussion Instructor	Matt Hladio	\$ 700.00
Auxiliary Percussion Instructor/Wind Instructor	Katrina Levendoski	\$2,000.00
Color Guard Choreographer	Emily Gregory	\$ 500.00
Wind Instructor/Staff Arranger	Kevin Newton	\$2,000.00
Wind Instructor	Emily Zbrzezny	\$ 300.00
Wind Instructor	Robert Jarsulic	\$ 300.00

4. 2020-2021 Musical Staffing

It is recommended to approve the following musical staffing positions for the 2020-2021 musical at the designated stipend, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Play Director	Jessica Patterson	\$3,000.00
Music Director	Liz Ambrose	\$1,800.00
Choreographer	Elyse Perciavalle	\$1,200.00
Teacher Sponsor	TBD	\$2,050.00
Assistant Director	TBD	\$1,200.00

5. Slippery Rock University Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following Slippery Rock University students, for student teaching for the 2020 fall semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

- a) Blaise Fatter, to be placed with Grace DeBona, High School Teacher
- b) Miranda Lasher, to be placed with Ashley Simpson, Middle School Teacher
- c) Maria Kim, to be placed with Jackie Cosky, Economy Elementary
- d) Stephanie Tame, to be placed with Tammy Kennedy and LaRita Stewart, Economy Elementary

6. Geneva College Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following Geneva College students, for student teaching for the 2020 fall semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Julianna will be placed with Carrie Malinich and Juliana Ronto.

- a) Julianna Ronto, to be placed with Carrie Malinich, Economy Elementary
- b) Abbey Duco, to be placed with Chelsea Benedict, High School

7. School Resource Officer Agreement Renewal

It is recommended to renew an agreement between The Ambridge Police Department and the Ambridge Area School District to provide one uniformed School Resource Officer (SRO) at the High School at a rate of \$29.31 per hour toward the salary of the SRO, as the wages for the SRO increased by 3% per the Ambridge Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. This agreement shall expire on June 30, 2021, as presented.

8. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Mr. John Booher, Assistant Principal at the High School, effective August 15, 2020, with regret.

9. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Michelle Murray, a teacher at the Middle School, effective August 18, 2020, with regret.

10. Resignation

It is recommended to accept the resignation of Jodi Gill, an Ambridge Area School District School Director, with regret.

11. 2020-2021 Fall Coach

It is recommended the following individuals be approved to fill the designated fall coaching positions for the 2020-2021 school year at a salary as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

1) <u>Girls Golf</u>	<u>Stipends</u>
a) Head Coach, Larry Knopsnyder	\$4,300.00
b) Assistant Coach, Terry George	\$1,050.00
2) <u>Girls Volleyball</u>	
a) Head Coach, Timothy Buresh	\$4,300.00

12. Director of Business and Operations

It is recommended to ratify Keith Bielby as the Director of Business and Operations at an annual salary of \$90,000.00, effective July 1, 2020. Further, it is recommended to approve the employee agreement.

13. Appointments

It is recommended to approve the following appointments for Keith Bielby:

- a) District’s Safety Officer
- b) Safe2Say Primary Contact
- c) Right-to-Know Open Records Officer
- d) Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) Primary Contact

14. Recall of Temporary Professional Employee

It is recommended to recall Kara Blumling into the teaching position at the Middle School, as per the terms of the collective bargaining unit.

15. Mentor Teacher

It is recommended to ratify the following mentor teacher assignment for the 2019-2020 school year, be approved as per the negotiated agreement:

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>	
Paul Hrvatin	Christine Fishel	Learning Support

16. Extended School Year Services (ESY)

It is recommended to ratify Marie Buck as the speech therapist to provide Extended School Year virtual Services to students from Monday, July 13th through Thursday, July 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement.

17. Technology Integrators

It is recommended to approve the following individuals to serve as the Technology Integrators in their assigned buildings for the 2020-2021 school year, to be paid a stipend of \$1,200.00, as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Middle School

Glenn Freed
Ashley Simpson
Amy Braund

High School

Michelle Hapich
Christina Briola
Kent Withrow

Economy

Melissa Ramer

Highland

Nicole Darroch

State Street

Lauren Tierney
Caitlin Bajgier

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XV. Motion to Adjourn