

# AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Meeting

### AGENDA

September 16, 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, September 16, 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, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **VI. Correspondence**

**VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of:** August 12<sup>th</sup> Meet and Discuss Voting, August 12<sup>th</sup> Meet and Discuss, August 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, August 24<sup>th</sup> Reconvened Board Meeting

**VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated:** August 2020

#### **IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

#### **X. Recognition/Presentation**

#### **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**

**Mrs. Manganello**

#### 1. BVIU 2020-2021 Special Education Programs and Services

It is recommended the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit shall provide Special Education Programs and Services on behalf of the Ambridge Area School District for the 2020-2021 year. The cost for service will be based on enrollment of students in the BVIU Special Education Programs and Services, as presented.

#### 2. Technology Purchase

It is recommended to authorize the purchase of new technology equipment and licenses (laptops) via state contracted pricing through direct purchase for the 2020-2021 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$60,000.00 for equipment and ancillary devices.

### **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 \$1,723,260.69 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,080,637.28 be paid.

#### 2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$11,137.08 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$11,620.57 paid.

#### 3. Capital Project Expenditures

It is recommended that \$38,377.32, be paid from the Capital Projects Fund 39.

#### 4. Resolution 2020-2021-03 – Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2020-2021-03 approving the requested tax exoneration in the amount of \$1,092.05 for 284 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Ambridge, PA 15003, a property recently acquired by the Ambridge Historic District Economic Development Corporation, a 501(c)(3) entity, for the preservation of a historic Harmonist house structure.

#### 5. BVIU 2020-2021 IDEA Allocation

It is recommended to accept the 2020-2021 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Allocation to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$379,876.00.

6. Repository

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

- a) 540 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 10-002-0910.000, for the bid amount of \$1,668.00 to Thomas and Adrianna Cephas.
- b) 325 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 09-002-0225.000, for the bid amount of \$1,687.00 to Thomas and Adrianna Cephas.

7. Resolution 2020-2021-04 Incurrence of General Obligation Debt

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2020-2021-04, prepared by bond counsel, authorizing the issuance of two series of General Obligation Bonds, to fund the redemption of all or portions of the School District's General Obligation Bonds Series of 2015 and General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2017, in order to achieve debt service savings, all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

8. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation from Tenaris Global Services of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of mathematics for the Trades text books. The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift. The item is valued at \$2,000.00.

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Mr. Angus**

1. Crossing Guards

It is recommended to ratify the approval of the crossing guards being placed at locations throughout the Ambridge Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year as listed below:

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

**Athletics**

**Mr. Campalongo**

**Public Relations**

**Mr. Metz**

**Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

**Legislative**

**Ms. Young**

**Salary, Schedule and Labor Relations**

**Mrs. Curtis**

1. PSBA Officer Elections

It is recommended the Board Secretary be directed to cast the vote of the Ambridge Area School Board for election of the following PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2020:

- President-elect     David Hein, Parkland School District (Lehigh Co.)
- Vice President     Daniel O’Keefe, Northgate School District (Allegheny Co.)
- Treasurer           Michael Gossert, Cumberland Valley School District (Cumberland Co.)
- Insurance Trust    Marsha Pleta, Washington School District (Washington Co.)

**Personnel**

**Mr. Angus**

1. 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>Middle School Girls Basketball Coaches</u>	<u>Stipends</u>
a) Lisa Fox	\$1,750.00
b) Lethera Harrison	\$1,750.00
2) <u>Middle School Cheer Coach</u>	
a) Emily O’Malley	\$1,350.00

2. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #526 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning August 31, 2020, not to exceed 12 weeks.

3. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #395 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning August 31, 2020, not to exceed 12 weeks.

4. FMLA

It is recommend to ratify employee #2430 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 535, Family and Medical Leave beginning September 4, 2020, not to exceed 12 weeks.

5. Intermittent FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #504 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave, not to exceed 12 weeks.

6. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Joanna Lastoria, a cafeteria worker, effective August 13, 2020, with regret.

7. Posted Positions Resignation

It is recommended to accept the resignation of the following, with regret:

- a) Joanne Gonzalez, Secondary Math Department Head
- b) Susan Manuppelli, Elementary Special Education Department Head
- c) Stacey Brock, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Department Head
- d) Joanne Gonzalez, Sophomore Club Sponsor
- e) Shad Greco, PA Math League Club Sponsor

8. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2019-2020 school year be approved at the salary designated in the negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances and drug screening:

<u>DEPARTMENT HEADS</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
<u>K-12:</u>		
Applied Science and Technology	Ben Holmes	\$1,365.00
Business	Terry George	\$1,365.00

9. District Physician Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Dr. Jeffrey Hein to provide school physician services for the 2020-2021 school year, at a total cost of \$3,500.00. Furthermore, it is recommended to retroactively approve the stipend to be paid to Dr. Jeffrey Hein for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school year, as presented.

10. Homebound Instructor

It is recommended to approve Patricia Weale as a Homebound Instructor for an Ambridge Area Middle School Student, as per the collective bargaining agreement.

11. Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

It is recommended to approve Nikki Santiago as the Varsity Girls' Basketball Head Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. She will receive a stipend of \$8,000.00, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

12. Para-Professionals (Teaching-Assistants)

It is recommended to retroactively hire the following individuals as Para-Educators (Teaching Assistants), as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA/NEA), pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Erica Czachowski, High School

**XIII. Solicitor's Report**

**XIV. Superintendent's Report**

**XV. Motion to Adjourn**