

**Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting meeting of the Ambridge Area school District held virtually via ZOOM on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.**

**I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 p.m.**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. virtually.

**II. Flag Salute-Please rise**

**III. Notice. Mrs. Fischer 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.

**IV. Roll Call**

Mrs. Cathy Fischer, President  
Mr. Scott Angus, Vice President  
Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe, Treasurer  
Mrs. Kathleen Curtis  
Mrs. Denise Manganello  
Mr. William Metz  
Ms. Valerie Pedigo  
Ms. Valerie Young

**Others President**

Dr. Joseph W. Pasquerilla, Superintendent  
Mr. Barry J. King, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Mr. Keith Bielby, Director of Business and Operations  
Ms. Megan Turnbull, Solicitor  
Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary

**V. Correspondence**

None

**VI. Student/Teacher Recognition**

**VII. Presentations**

**VIII. 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.

**IX. Committee Reports****Education and Technology****Mrs. Manganello****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 \$980,825.17 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,272,181.77 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$30,867.27 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$38,154.01 be paid.

3. Resolution 2020-2021-04 – BVIU Joint Purchasing Program

It is recommended to approve the Resolution to participate in the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's Joint Purchasing Program for the 2021-2022 school year, at no cost to the District. The program includes the categories of general, art, janitorial, athletic equipment, medical supplies, audio-visual and computer equipment and dual-purpose paper supplies.

**Buildings and Grounds****Mr. Angus****Athletics****Mr. Campalong****Public Relations****Mr. Metz****Steering and Rules****Mrs. Kehoe**1. Policy 146.1 – Trauma-Informed Approach – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 146.1 – *Trauma-Informed Approach*, to direct district staff to develop and implement a plan for trauma-informed approaches to education throughout the district.

2. Policy 203 – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 203 – *Immunizations and Communicable Diseases*, to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases.

3. 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 that the student's participation in health, safety and physical education courses meets the student's individual needs and that the learning potential of each student is not lessened by a remediable physical disability.

4. Policy 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products - Pupils

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 222 – *Tobacco and Vaping Products*, to prohibit student possession, use, purchase and sale of tobacco and vaping products, including Juuls and other electronic cigarettes.

5. Policy 314 – Physical Examination

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 314 – *Physical Examination*, prevent the transmission of communicable diseases in the school setting.

6. Policy 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products - Employees

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 323 – *Tobacco and Vaping Products*, to prohibit staff possession, use, purchase and sale of tobacco and vaping products, including Juuls and other electronic cigarettes.

7. Policy 335 Attachment – Family and Medical Leaves – The Families First Coronavirus Response Act

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 335 – *Family and Medical Leave* by adding Attachment – *The Families First Coronavirus Response Act*, to address the emergency leave entitlements, including the amount of and qualifying reasons for such leave, as established by the FFCRA through the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency intermittent leave provision.

8. Policy 805.2 - Identification Badges

It is recommended to renumber Policy 805.2 – *Identification Badges* to Policy 805.3, to line up with the numbering of PSBA. Policy 805.2 will now become *School Security Personnel*.

9. Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 805.2 – *School Security Personnel*, to coordinate the safety and security of the district students, staff, visitors and facilities.

10. Policy 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 824 – *Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries*, to direct that all adults shall be informed of conduct that is prohibited and disciplinary actions that may be applied for violation of Board policies, administrative regulations, rules and procedures.

11. Policy 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 103 - *Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students*, to provide an equal opportunity for all students to achieve their maximum potential through the programs and activities offered in the schools without discrimination on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, pregnancy or handicap/disability.

12. Policy 104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt School Board Policy 103 - *Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff*, to provide to all persons equal access to all categories of employment in this district regardless of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, genetic information, pregnancy or handicap/disability.

**Legislative**

**Ms. Young**

**Salary, Schedule and Labor Relations**

**Mrs. Curtis**

**X. Sunshine Law**

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday October 14, 2020 to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Considering the purchase or lease of real estate
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**

At approximately 8:40 p.m. Mr. Angus moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Young. All in favor.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mrs. June Mueller**  
**Board Secretary**