

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Voting Board meeting of the Ambridge Area school District held virtually via ZOOM on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

- I. Call to Order Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.**
The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020. This meeting is being held to take action that has come before the Board. All meetings have been advertised to permit legislative action as necessary.
- II. Flag Salute-Please rise Mrs. Fischer asked all present to rise for the flag salute**
- III. Notice: Mrs. Fischer read the following statement:** 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

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. Sunshine Law: Mrs. Mueller read the following statement:

The Board of School Directors held Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, September 9th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws

VI. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

VII. Presentation

Presentation by Mr. John McShane of Boenning & Scattergood Inc.

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.

No Comment

IX. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING**Personnel****Mr. Angus**1. Custodian

It is recommended to retroactively approve the following individuals as Custodian Workers within the District as per the terms of the Local 248 Ambridge Area School Employees, AFSCME – AFL – CIO negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Cody Gaus, High School
Jason Young, Middle School

2. 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.

Melissa Asaro, Highland Elementary
Rebecca Surenda, Middle School
Ruth Antonetty, Economy Elementary

3. Student Teachers

It is recommended to retroactively approve Kevin Donaldson, a Geneva College student, for student teaching at the High School 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. Mr. Donaldson will be placed with Christina Briola.

4. Termination

It is recommended to approve the termination of Employee #2684, effective September 9, 2020, subject to any procedural due process rights.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of James Maseth, a Para-Professional at the Middle School, effective September 9, 2020, with regret.

6. Sabbatical Leave

It is recommended to ratify employee #535 taking a sabbatical leave for the 2020-2021 school year pursuant to the Pennsylvania School Code and Board Policy 438, Sabbatical Leave.

Mr. Angus moved to accept items 1-6, seconded by Mrs. Manganello, Vote in favor was unanimous.

Finance and Budget

Ms. Pedigo

1. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to restate and ratify the Board's tax exoneration of June 20, 2018 of tax parcel 13-003-0660, 668 Jefferson Street, Baden, PA 15005 ("Property") for tax years 2009 through 2017 and authorize the additional tax exoneration of the Property for 2018 Real Estate Tax for the purpose of blight remediation and intergovernmental cooperation with Baden Borough.

Ms. Pedigo moved to accept item 1, seconded by Mr. Angus. Vote in favor was unanimous.

X. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pas take a moment to thank the Administration, Technology, Custodians, Maintenance, Secretaries, Cafeteria Workers, Paras, and the Teaching Staff, who worked diligently to work above and beyond to get us up and running. The Parents, Community and Students for working together and being flexible and patience. I thank each and every person that makes up the Ambridge Area School District community! We will continue to do the best we can and improve. I appreciate everyone's dedication.

XI. Solicitor's Report

XII. Motion to Adjourn the Voting Meeting

At approximately 7:17 p.m. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to end the meeting and reconvene to the Meet and Discuss, seconded by Mr. Angus. All in favor.

RECONVENE THE MEET AND DISCUSS

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**