

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA**

**January 13, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Virtual Meeting**

**I. Call to Order**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. virtually.

**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. Correspondence**

**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 comment will only be taken in written formats via email in advance of the meeting. Public comments received in advance will be circulated to the Board. All public comments regarding agenda items will be read during the meeting. All other comments will be summarized during the meeting. All comments must include the resident/property owner's name and address.

**IX. Committee Reports**

**Education and Technology**

**Mrs. Manganello**

**Point of Information**

The Ambridge Area School District is happy to announce that online Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Children turning five on or before September 1, 2021 are eligible to register for Kindergarten. We welcome all students living in Ambridge who meet the age qualification. The registration form can be found on the District website.

Please contact Cathy Hopkins at 724-266-2833, Extension 1273 or email [chopkins@ambridge.k12.pa.us](mailto:chopkins@ambridge.k12.pa.us) for any questions regarding the completion of the online registration form.

## **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 \$2,254,882.81 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,327,472.30 be paid.

### **2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries**

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$17,430.03 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$49,913.35 be paid.

### **3. Proposed Preliminary Budget**

It is recommended the Administration be directed to have a proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection by January 25, 2021 and further the Administration take all steps necessary to apply for Act 1 exceptions including making the preliminary budget available, making all submissions to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and compliance with all advertising requirements including giving notice as required by Act 1 of the District's intention to adopt a budget that includes exceptions and publishing notice of intent to file for exceptions.

### **4. Resolution 2020-2021-06**

It is recommended that Resolution 2020-2021-06, a Resolution extending the deadline for District Tax Collectors to file 2020-2021 returns with the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau, be adopted.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

**Mr. Angus**

## **Athletics**

**Mr. Campalong**

## **Public Relations**

**Mr. Metz**

## **Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

### **1. Policy 247 – Hazing – Third Reading**

It is recommended, as a third reading, to update School Board Policy 247 – *Hazing*, to maintain a safe, positive environment for students and staff that is free from hazing.

### **2. Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying – Third Reading**

It is recommended, as a third reading, to update School Board Policy 249 – *Bullying/Cyberbullying* – to provide a safe, positive learning environment for district students.

### **3. Policy 318 – Attendance and Tardiness – Third Reading**

It is recommended, as a third reading, to revise School Board Policy 318 – *Attendance and Tardiness* – to establish processes for staff to report unexpected absences, which shall be addressed in accordance with Board Policy and an applicable individual contract, collective agreement or Board resolution.

4. Policy 332 – Working Periods – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to adopt School Board Policy 332 – *Working Periods* – to make modifications to the school calendar and the school schedule as necessary to meet the instructional and health and safety needs of students and staff.

5. Policy 335 – Family and Medical Leave – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to adopt School Board Policy 335 - *Family and Medical Leave* – to provide eligible administrative, professional and support employees with unpaid leaves of absence in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act.

6. Policy 907 – School Visitors – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to revise School Board Policy 907 – *School Visitors* - to ensure order in the schools and to protect students and employees.

**Legislative**

**Ms. Young**

**Salary, Schedule and Labor Relations**

**Mrs. Curtis**

**X. Sunshine Law**

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 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

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**