

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

March 17, 2021

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, March 17, 2021, 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 an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 17th 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: February 10th Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting, February 10th Non-Voting Meeting, February 17th Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: February 2021

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

MathCounts

On Friday and Saturday, February 5th and 6th, fourteen students from the Ambridge Area Middle School participated in the Beaver County MathCounts Competition held online through the Art of Problem Solving (AoPS) website. The Beaver County chapter is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. Coached by teachers Glenn Freed and Ashley Simpson.

The final results had Ambridge students holding 3 of the 5 spots to pass to the next level for the State Competition round. Congratulations and best of luck to Aidyn Iorfido, Cody Roper, and Anthony Speicher.

Dr. Pasquerilla – Pandemic Coordinator Re-Opening Committee 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 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.

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Manganello

1. Category 2 E-Rate Funding

It is recommended to approve (using Category 2 E-Rate funding) the purchase of Wireless Access Points for Economy Elementary School and Highland Elementary School. The total cost of the project is \$63,230.00. Pending Universal Service Administrative Company Schools and Library Divisions (USAC SLD) approval, the E-Rate program will pay approximately 80% (\$50,584.00) of the total cost. The Ambridge Area School District will pay approximately 20% (\$12,646.00) of the total cost.

2. Category 1 E-Rate Funding

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and GoNetSpeed to renew our current contract for a 1 GB fiber connection. The two-year (24 month) contract will cost the District \$400.00 per month. Category 1 E-Rate funding will cover 80% (320.00) of the monthly cost.

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$1,628,047.79 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,308,860.01 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$32,450.26 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$43,944.60 be paid.

3. Repository

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

- a) 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Freedom, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0143.000, for the bid amount of \$1,903.00 to Kendall Liggins.
- b) 525 Glenwood Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0143.000, for the bid amount of \$2,910.00 to Kendall Liggins
- c) 316 16th Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0143.000, for the bid amount of \$1,607.00 to Kendall Liggins
- d) 2 Orchard Drive, Baden, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0297.001, for the bid amount of \$2,700.59 to Take Hold PA Acquisition V LLC.

4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve tax exoneration regarding collection of Real Estate Tax for the following properties, for the years of 2020 through 2021, to be purchased by Harmony Township:

- a) Lot, Main Street, Ambridge, PA, Tax Parcel #64-003-0602.000
- b) Lot, Plum Street, Ambridge, PA, Tax Parcel #64-003-0613.000
- c) Lot, Economy Avenue, Ambridge, PA, Tax Parcel #64-003-0845.000

5. Proposed 2021-2022 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Budget

It is recommended the 2021-2022 Beaver Valley Intermediate unit General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,490,231.00 be approved. It is further recommended the Board President and Secretary be authorized to execute DECO-779 Resolution form concerning the BVIU budget.

6. Audit Engagement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood LLP for School District Financial and Real Estate Tax Collector Audits, at a cost of \$20,300.00 for the Year Ended June 30, 2021; \$20,600.00 for the Year Ended June 30, 2022; \$20,900.00 for the Year Ended June 30, 2023.

7. Service Agreement Renewal

It is recommended to renew the service agreement with Associated Occupational Therapy for the 2021-2022 school year, no increase in rates.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

Athletics

Mr. Campalongo

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Point of Information

Hall of Honor

Hall of Honor nominations are now being accepted. The District will accept applications until **April 30, 2021**. Selected recipients will be recognized at the Graduation Ceremony on June 11, 2021.

Applications forms may be obtained on the district's website at www.ambridge.k12.pa.us.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise 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.

2. Policy 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 113.1– *Discipline of Students with Disabilities*, to develop and implement Positive Behavior Support Plans and programs for students with disabilities who require specific interventions to address behaviors that interfere with learning.

3. Policy 113.2 – Behavior Support – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading to revise School Board Policy 113.2 – *Behavior Support*, to ensure students with disabilities shall be educated in the least restrictive environment in accordance with their Individualized Education Program.

4. Policy 113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading to adopt School Board Policy 113.4 – *Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information*, to protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information in the education records of students with disabilities.

5. Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 122 - *Extracurricular Activities*, to recognize the educational values inherent in student participation in extracurricular activities and supports the concept of student organizations.

6. Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 123 - *Interscholastic Athletics*, to recognize the value of a program of interscholastic athletics as an integral part of the total school experience for all district students.

7. Policy 123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 123.2 - *Sudden Cardiac Arrest*, to ensure the safety of students participating in the district’s athletic program.

8. Policy 218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 218.2 - *Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault*, to recognize the importance of a safe school environment for students who are victims of sexual assault.

9. Policy 252 – Dating Violence – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 252 – *Dating Violence*, to maintain a safe, positive learning environment for all students that is free from dating violence.

Legislative

Ms. Young

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Administrative Layoffs

It is recommended to hereby approve the following administrative layoffs, effective June 30, 2021, in order to realign the District’s administrative staff to meet its institutional and budgetary objectives for the 2021-2022 school year.

AASD Employee #2782

2. Rescind

It is recommended to rescind Brittany McKittrick as the Varsity Assistant Softball Coach, approved at the February 17, 2021 Board Meeting.

3. 2020-2021 Spring Coaches

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals to fill the designated spring 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, provided the school year allows and coaches are able to hold spring sports as normal.

	<u>Stipends</u>
1) <u>Baseball</u>	
a) Chris Conover, Assistant Coach	\$2,400.00
b) Mike Mellor, Middle School Coach	\$1,350.00
2) <u>Softball</u>	
a) James Huwar, Head Coach	\$4,300.00
b) Brittany McKittrick, Middle School Coach	\$2,050.00
c) Joe Georgakis, Volunteer	No Remuneration
d) Danielle Droz, Volunteer	No Remuneration
3) <u>Track</u>	
a) Nicole Laquatra, Assistant Coach	\$1,900.00
b) Logan Erickson, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
4) <u>Volleyball</u>	
a) Jason Benkowski, Assistant Coach	\$2,400.00
b) Jorge Bojorquez, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

4. 6th Grade Accelerated Mathematics Program

It is recommended to approve the following individuals as instructors for the 6th Grade Accelerated Mathematics Program. The program will run from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM every Tuesday and Thursday, June 15, 2021 through July 29, 2021. Instructors will be compensated as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Lauren Mawhinney, Facilitator
Ashley Simpson, Substitute

5. 2020-2021 Musical Staffing

It is recommended to ratify the following volunteers for the 2020-2021 musical at no remuneration, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Jared Davis	Toni Dunlap
Walker Martz	Kristi Indovina
Jean Fritsch	Jennifer Setzenfand
Scott Setzenfand	Nicole Pucci

6. Slippery Rock University Student Teacher

It is recommended to approve Alyson Williams, a Slippery Rock University student, for student teaching at Economy Elementary, for the 2021 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Alyson will be placed with Kelly Bischak.

7. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #2508 taking an unpaid leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning April 30, 2021, not to exceed 12 weeks.

8. Varsity Head Football Coach

It is recommended to approve Sherman McBride for a two-year agreement as the High School Head Football coach. The agreement will commence 2021-2022 school year and end 2022-2023 school year, with a stipend of \$9,000.00 per year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, **pending final review of the Solicitor.**

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XV. Motion to Adjourn