

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held virtually via ZOOM on Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:26 p.m.

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. virtually.

II. Flag Salute-Please rise: Mrs. Fischer asked all present to 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 Young

Others Present

- Dr. Joseph W. Pasquerilla, Superintendent
- Mr. Barry J. King, Assistant to the Superintendent
- Ms. Megan Turnbull, Solicitor
- Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary

V. Correspondence

No 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.

No Comments

IX. Committee Reports**Education and Technology****Mrs. Manganello**1. Western Psychiatric Hospital Services Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Western Psychiatric Hospital for the 2021-2022 school year, **subject to Solicitor review**.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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 \$1,628,047.79 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. 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.

5. 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.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

Athletics

Mr. Campalong

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

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

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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

X. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 10th 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

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Young. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**