

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

May 19, 2021

7:00 P.M.

High School Gymnasium

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 19, 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, May 19th 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: April 14th Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting, April 14th Non-Voting Meeting, April 21st Board Meeting

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

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Dr. Pasquerilla- would like to recognize the 2020-2021 Retirees

Joanne Gonzalez, a Teacher at the High School - 35 Years of Service
Erin Malatesta, a Teacher at Economy Elementary - 34 Years of Service
Grace DeBona, a Teacher at the High School - 34 Years of Service
Marianne Rupik, an Elementary School Librarian- 29 Years of Service
Randy Mercadante, a Teacher at the High School - 28 Years of Service
Nancy Boswell, a Teacher at Economy Elementary – 28 Years of Service
Lisabeth Peters, a Teacher at State Street Elementary – 28 Years of Service
Susan Somerville, a Teacher at Economy Elementary – 26 Years of Service
Terry George, a Teacher at the High School – 24 Years of Service
Jennifer Grabski, a Teacher at the High School – 22 Years of Service
Bonnie Jacquell, a Teacher at Economy Elementary – 22 Years of Service
Marie Dewar, a Teacher at the High School – 21 Years of Service
Kathy Meder, School Nurse at Economy Elementary – 24 Years of Service

Mr. Campalongo – would like to recognize the Varsity Football Head Coach

Welcome Coach Sherman McBride!

Dr. Pasquerilla – Pandemic Coordinator Re-Opening Committee Presentation

XI. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only)

At this time, DISTRICT RESIDENTS may come forward to comment on agenda items only. Each person must state their first and last name and address prior to speaking. Each resident will be allowed three minutes and can speak only once. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour. Although not required, board members desiring to address questions or concerns may do so after the residents' comments/questions or at the conclusion of the committee reports. There will still be an opportunity for residents to comment on any business relevant to the Ambridge Area School District under Old and New Business at the end of the meeting.

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Manganello

1. Slippery Rock University Affiliation Agreement, Department of Nursing

It is recommended to approve a five (5) year Affiliation Agreement, Department of Nursing between Slippery Rock University and the Ambridge Area School District.

2. Student Discipline

It is recommended to ratify discipline agreement 2020-2021-04 relevant to a Middle School student, effective April 30, 2021.

3. Settlement Agreement

It is recommended to approve the settlement agreement between the District and student 2021-1. It is further recommended to authorize the Administration to take all steps in accordance therewith.

4. Flexible Instructional Days (FID)

It is recommended to approve Flexible Instructional Days as an alternate form of instruction in place of a day otherwise cancelled due to an emergency. PDE will count these days as a full day of school.

5. Participation in the Ambridge Area School District Graduation Ceremony

It is recommended that the following JROTC cadet, who participated in the District's JROTC Program, be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony. The Cadet will not be receiving a diploma from the District.

Justin Baker – Rochester School District

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 \$1,357,185.70 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,276,063.93 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$63,855.93 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$46,450.85 be paid.

3. Resolution 2020-2021-8

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2020-2021-8, to authorize signers on the District PNC Bank account.

4. Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)

It is recommended to approve the renewal dues for the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) All-Access Package for a total cost of \$2,480.00, at no additional cost to the District.

5. Rescind

It is recommended to rescind Board action taken at the October 21, 2020 Board Meeting, Item 5c under Finance and Budget, approving sale of repository property.

6. Student/Athletic Insurance

- a) It is recommended that United States Fire Insurance Company (PSBA endorsed) be approved for **voluntary** student insurance coverage for the 2021-2022 school term beginning August 1, 2021. Goodwin & Gruber Agency will act as the insurance broker. The medical limits are \$250,000.00 with a one-year period. The rate for school-time coverage is \$22.50 and \$90.00 for 24-hour coverage.
- b) It is recommended that United States Fire Insurance Company be approved for student **athletic** coverage at a cost of \$10,915.00 to insure interscholastic athletes, band, and cheerleaders. The medical limit for sports is \$1,000,000.00 with a two-year benefit period. Plan 1 which pays all medical expenses “Usual & Customary” will be used. The premium includes a field trip endorsement for all one-day field trips (in Pennsylvania) for coverage up to \$2,500.00 per student.

*At the same cost as last year.

7. Technology Support Agreement

It is recommended to approve a three-year agreement with Communications Consulting, Inc. The performance period will run from July 2021 through June 2024 for the total cost of \$292,500.00, which is the same three-year cost as the previous three-year contract, pending final review of the Solicitor.

8. Ambulance Service

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Non-Profit Emergency Services of Beaver County, Medic Rescue, for a period of one year commencing on July 1, 2021, at an annual fee of \$3,400.00, at the same cost to the District as last year.

9. Proposed Final Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year

It is recommended to approve the Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year with Expenditures of \$50,671,927.00.

10. Services Agreement Reinstatement

It is recommended to approve the Third Party Administrative Services Agreement Reinstatement for continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by the Omni Group for the 2021-2022 school year as per the Fee Schedule for 2021-202, as the same cost to the District as last year.

11. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended a grant awarded in the amount of \$25,000.00 be accepted from The Project Lead Way Grant. This grant is to be used to provide professional development and equipment to our Technology Education and STEAM Programs. The Middle School was allotted \$10,000.00 and the elementary schools were allotted \$5,000.00 each. Thank you to Scott Setzenfand, Kristin Holmes and Nicole Darroch for being instrumental in securing this grant.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

Athletics

Mr. Campalong

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 137.1 – *Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students*, to approve participation in the district’s extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a home education program who meets all the conditions stated in Board Policies 122, 123 and 137.

2. Policy 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 150 – *Title I – Comparability of Services* to direct each district school building receiving Title I funds to use state and local funds to provide services that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services in those schools in the district that do not receive Title I funds.

3. Policy 340 – Responsibility for Student Welfare – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 340 – *Responsibility for Student Welfare* to ensure appropriate oversight of and responsibility for student welfare by administrative, professional and support employees.

4. Policy 707 – Use of Facilities – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 707 - *Use of Facilities* to make school facilities available to individuals and community groups without discrimination and in accordance with this policy, provided the use does not interfere with the education program of the schools. This policy establishes conditions, restrictions and procedures for the use of school facilities for non-school sponsored purposes.

5. Policy 810.1 School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to revise School Board Policy 810.1 - *School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers* to recognize that an employee must be fit to operate a school bus and commercial motor vehicle to ensure the health and safety of students being transported.

6. Policy 810.3 – School Vehicle Drivers – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 810.3 – *School Vehicle Drivers* to recognize that an employee must be fit to operate a school vehicle to ensure the health and safety of students being transported.

7. Policy 832 Educational Equity – Final Reading

It is recommended, as a final reading, to adopt School Board Policy 832 – *Educational Equity* to prioritize the principle of educational equity through the fair and just allocation of resources, opportunities and treatment of students based upon each individual student's needs.

8. Policy 246 School Wellness – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to revise School Board Policy 246 – *School Wellness* to recognize that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth, development and readiness to learn.

Legislative

Ms. Young

1. Board of School Directors of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Mail Ballot

It is recommended the 2021 mail ballot be cast for the 2021-2022 Board of School Directors of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. The term of the Board of School Directors of the BVIU elected by this ballot shall be for three (3) years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024 as provided in the School Code.

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Rachel Wetzel, a Food Service Worker at the Middle School, effective April 26, 2021, with regret.

2. Substitute Cafeteria/Food Service Assistant

It is recommended Rachel Wetzel be hired as a substitute cafeteria/food service assistant, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

3. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Rob Van Rheenen, the Varsity Boys' Soccer Head Coach, effective May 13, 2021, with regret.

4. Food Service Worker

It is recommended to approve Lisa Loskoch as a Food Service Assistant at Economy Elementary, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

5. Practicum Hours

It is recommended to approve Bethany Hokenbrough, a Slippery Rock University Student enrolled in the School Nurse Certification Program to complete 100 practicum hours virtually (in-person, if possible) at the Middle School for the fall 2021 semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

6. Extended School Year Services

- a. It is recommended the following teachers be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday July 12, 2021 through Thursday, July 15, 2021 and Monday July 19, 2021 through Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Jamie Wellman
Melissa Thomas
Steve Hrvatin

- b. It is recommended the following speech teacher be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday July 12, 2021 through Thursday, July 15, 2021 and Monday July 19, 2021 through Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Marie Buck

- c. It is recommended the following nurse be approved to provide Extended School Year and Summer School services to students from Monday July 12, 2021 through Thursday, July 15, 2021 and Monday July 19, 2021 through Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement. The school nurse will be responsible for billing ACCESS:

Sharon Kilmer

- d. It is recommended the following para-educators be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday July 12, 2021 through Thursday, July 15, 2021 and Monday July 19, 2021 through Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Molly Bell
Kim Bichey
Marcie Shaffer
Lisa Patton

7. Slippery Rock University Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following Slippery Rock University students, for student teaching for the 2021 fall semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

- a) Sarah Wells, High School – to be placed with Kent Withrow
- b) Victoria Hartman, High School – to be placed with Georgia Barlamas

8. Geneva College Student Teacher

It is recommended to approve Peyton Schell, a Geneva College student, for student teaching for the 2021 fall semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Peyton will be placed with Jodi Musser.

9. Employee Agreement

It is recommended to approve the employee agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Nicholas Snyder. The agreement will commence on July 1, 2021 and expire on June 30, 2024.

10. Credit Recovery

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals as instructors for monitoring the Credit Recovery course work asynchronously. The Credit Recovery Program will be for grades 9-12 and will operate from Friday, May 7th through Monday, June 14th. The fees paid by the student will cover all costs affiliated with the program.

Karen DeMarco, Biology
Terri Moon Kutzavich, Chemistry
Greg Helsel, English
Jennifer Phillips, English
Shad Greco, Math
Jodi Musser, Math
Paul Hladio, Science
Christina Briola, Social Studies

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Superintendent's Report

XV. Old and New Business

It is now time for old and new business. Any DISTRICT RESIDENT who desires to comment on any business relevant to the Ambridge Area School District should now come forward. Each person must state their first and last name and address prior to speaking. Each person will be allowed three minutes and can speak only once.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn