

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

**June 3, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

**High School Gymnasium**

**I. Call to Order**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Thursday, June 3, 2021. 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**

**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 Executive Session(s) on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda**

**VII. Recognition/Presentation**

**Mrs. Fischer will recognize the following students:**

**Jeremiah Giordani** – Congratulations to Jeremiah on his acceptance into an Ivy League School!

**AAEA Scholarship**

- Sofia Chickos
- Maura Devine
- Piper Dunlap
- Kyla Fitzgibbons
- Natalie Garrison
- Jeremiah Giordani
- Rachel Guthrie
- Matthew Kowalsky

### **Moe Rubenstein Scholarship**

- Ariyane Thomas

### **Sonic Lodge Scholarship**

- Emily Lyon
- Brady Eisel

### **Joe Zerilla Scholarship**

- Sofia Chickos
- Piper Dunlap
- Rachel Guthrie
- Jacob Kotula

### **1950's Scholarship Recipients**

- Piper Dunlap
- Natalie Garrison
- Gabby Milcoff
- Jeremiah Giordanni
- Johnathan Ciani
- Sarah Haymond
- Rachel Guthrie
- Brady Eisel
- Matthew Kowalsky
- Jacob Ernst
- Sofia Chickos
- Emily Lyon
- Amelia Freed
- Maura Devine
- Dinah Bailey

### **JROTC SCHOLARSHIP**

- Autumn Brickner
- Kensy Lopez

### **Western Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association (WPTLA)**

- Jerimiah Giordanni

### **12<sup>th</sup> grade Challenge Program Winners**

- Academic Excellence – Zoe Setzenfand
- Academic Improvement - Bre-Ana Dunkle
- Stem - Troy Jacob
- Perfect Attendance – Zaire Ellis
- Community Service – Emily Lyon

### **American Subcontractors Association of Western PA**

- Brandan Hare

**Pittsburgh Technical College**

- Troy Jacob
- Ben Wyar

**Independent order of the odd fellows scholarship**

- Dinah Bailey
- Kyla Fitzgibbons

**Stanley G. Powlikowski Scholarship**

- Johnathan Ciani
- Gabrielle Milcoff
- Jeremiah Giordani
- Emily Lyon
- Jacob Ernst

**Ambridge Area Football Alumni Scholarship**

- Auston Ludovici

**John and Theresa Ditz Wyllie Scholarship.**

- Amelia Freed
- Sarah Haymond

**Kyle Hochevar Scholarship**

- Sofia Chickos
- Amelia Freed
- Matthew Kowalsky

**Ambridge Area Support Staff Scholarship**

- Amelia Freed
- Maura Devine
- Brady Eisel
- Rachel Guthrie
- Jonathan Ciani

**Ambridge Area Support Staff Chris Peters Memorial Scholarship**

- Tyler Stickle- Chris Peters Memorial Scholarship

**BUPP Scholarship**

- Zoe Staley
- Ashley DeWeese

**Beaver County PUSH Scholarship**

- Jaycee Serak

**CCBC ACADEMY PROGRAMS**

- Jaycee Serak
- Elizabeth Baronio

**The Economy Women's club scholarship**

- Dinah Bailey

### **Virginia Griffith Scholarship**

- Piper Dunlap

### **George Wargetz Scholarship**

- Devon Pollock

### **Alyssa Mckee Scholarship**

- Meghan Preston

### **Lions club**

- Krysta Capone

### **The Hal Galupi Scholarship. – Sue Galupi**

- Rachel Guthrie

### **Additional Scholarships emailed from students:**

- 12,000 merit scholarship for commuting students at LaRoche – Emily Lyon
- Good Samaritan Christian Mothers scholarship – Gabrielle Millcoff
- Eagle Scouts with troop 498 - Xander Dowlin
- The National Buckeye Scholarship, Trustees Scholarship, and Biological Sciences Scholars Program at OSU, this program only takes 100 students each year and she is one of the 100 – Zoe Setzenfand
- SRU Merit Scholarship – Johnathan Ciani
- Pennsylvania Head Start Scholarship and the Westinghouse Nuclear Family scholarship, Eagle Scouts with troop 498 – Matt Kowalsky
- Kent State University President’s Achievement Award – Brady Eisel
- 2020 soccer scholarship award – Rachel Guthrie

### **Congratulations!!!**

## **VIII. 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.

## **IX. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING**

### **Personnel**

**Mr. Angus**

#### **1. 2021-2022 District Course and Section Adjustments**

A. It is recommended to hereby approve the following position curtailments at the close of the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Ambridge Area School High Math Teacher
2. Ambridge Area High School Technology Education Teacher

B. It is recommended to approve the creation of the following position for the 2021- 2022 school year:

1. Ambridge Area High School/Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher All Grade Levels
2. 2021-2022 District Course and Section Adjustments

A. It is recommended to hereby approve the following position curtailments at the close of the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Ambridge Area Middle School/Ambridge Area High School BCIT Teacher
2. Ambridge Area Middle School English Teacher (English Teacher at Junior High)
3. Ambridge Area Middle School English Teacher (English/Language Arts Teacher at the Junior High School)
4. Ambridge Area Middle School English Teacher (English Teaching Position Junior High School)
5. Ambridge Area Middle School Reading/English 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
6. Ambridge Area Middle School Reading Teacher (Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading/Advanced Reading)
7. Ambridge Area Middle School Reading Teacher (2011-2012 Junior High Reading)
8. Ambridge Area Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher
9. Ambridge Area Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher
10. Ambridge Area Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher
11. Ambridge Area Middle School English/Reading 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
12. Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher (Junior High Math)
13. Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher (Junior High Math)
14. Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher (Math Position Junior High School)
15. Ambridge Area Middle School (Mathematics Teacher at Junior High School)
16. Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher (Science Teacher at Junior High School)
17. Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher)
18. Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher (Science Teacher at the Junior High School)
19. Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher (Social Studies Teacher at Ambridge Area Junior High School)
20. Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher (Social Studies Teacher Ambridge Area Junior High School)
21. Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher (Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher)
22. Ambridge Area Middle School Music and Chorus Teacher (Music Teacher Ambridge Area Junior High)
23. Ambridge Area Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher (Physical Education/Health Teaching Position)
24. Ambridge Area Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher (Health/Physical Education at Junior High School)
25. Ambridge Area Middle School Exploratory Language Teacher (Exploratory Language at Junior High)
26. Ambridge Area Middle School and Ambridge Area High School Art Teacher
27. Ambridge Area Middle School Technology Education Teacher (Technology Education Teacher Middle School)
28. Ambridge Area Middle School BCIT Teacher (Junior High Computer Technology)
29. Ambridge Area Middle School Music and Band Teacher

30. Ambridge Area Middle School F&CS
31. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support Teacher (Learning Support Middle School)
32. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support Teacher (Learning Support Position Junior High)
33. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support Teacher (Learning Support Teacher at Junior High School)
34. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support Teacher (Special Education Teacher Middle School)
35. Ambridge Area Middle School Emotional Support Teacher (Emotional Support Teacher at Junior High)
36. Ambridge Area Middle School Emotional Support/ Life Skills Teacher (Emotional Support Teacher at Junior High)
37. Ambridge Area Middle School Guidance Counselor (Ambridge Area Junior High School Guidance Counselor)

B. It is recommended to approve the creation of the following positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels
2. Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels
3. Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels
4. Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels
5. Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels
6. Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels
7. Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher-All Grade Levels
8. Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher-All Grade Levels
9. Ambridge Area Middle School Math Teacher-All Grade Levels
10. Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher-All Grade Levels
11. Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher-All Grade Levels
12. Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher-All Grade Levels
13. Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher-All Grade Levels
14. Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher-All Grade Levels
15. Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher-All Grade Levels
16. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade All Subject Teacher
17. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade All Subject Teacher
18. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade All Subject Teacher
19. Ambridge Area Middle School Music Teacher-All Grade Levels
20. Ambridge Area Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher-All Grade Levels
21. Ambridge Area Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher-All Grade Levels
22. Ambridge Area Middle School Exploratory Language Teacher-All Grade Levels
23. Ambridge Area Middle School and Ambridge Area High School Art Teacher-All Grade Levels
24. Ambridge Area Middle School Technology Education-Teacher-All Grade Levels
25. Ambridge Area Middle School BCIT-Teacher-All Grade Levels
26. Ambridge Area Middle School Music-Teacher-All Grade Levels
27. Ambridge Area Middle School F&CS-All Grade Levels
28. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher-All Grade Levels
29. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher-All Grade Levels

30. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher-All Grade Levels
31. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher-All Grade Levels
32. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher-All Grade Levels
33. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support and Life Skills Teacher-All Grade Levels
34. Ambridge Area Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support and Life Skills Teacher-All Grade Levels
35. Ambridge Area Middle School Guidance Counselor-All Grade Levels

3. Ambridge Area School District Education Association

A. It is recommended to hereby approve the following position curtailments at the close of the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Economy Elementary/ Ambridge Area Middle School Art Teacher
2. Economy Elementary/Ambridge Area Middle School STEAM Teacher

B. It is recommended to approve the creation of the following positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

1. Economy Elementary/Middle School Art Teacher All Grade Levels
2. Economy Elementary/Ambridge Area Middle School STEAM Teacher All Grade Levels

4. Recall of Temporary Professional Employee

It is recommended to recall Cassidy Hruska into the teaching position: Ambridge Area Middle School ELA Teacher-All Grade Levels.

5. Recall of Temporary Professional Employee

It is recommended to recall Courtney Parisi into the teaching position: Economy Elementary Second Grade.

6. 2021-2022 Fall Coach

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals to fill the designated fall coaching positions for 2021-2022 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 fall sports as normal.

1. Football

- a) Doug Lewis, Volunteer Coach
- b) J.R. Dempsey, Volunteer Coach

Stipend

No Remuneration  
No Remuneration

7. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Kenneth Carlisle, a Head Custodian at Highland Elementary, effective July 7, 2021, with regret.

8. Retirement

It is recommended to ratify the resignation due to retirement of Ron Gonzalez, a Para Professional at the High School, effective May 21, 2021, with regret.

9. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Madison Smith, Learning and Autistic Support K-2 at Highland Elementary School, effective August 15, 2021, with regret.

10. Technology Integrators

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals to serve as the Technology Integrators in their assigned buildings for the 2020-2021 school term, to be paid a stipend of \$1,150.00, as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Economy Elementary  
Carrie Malinich

State Street Elementary  
Caitlin Bajgier

11. Long-Term Substitute

It is recommended to ratify Janeace Libby as a Long-Term Substitute at the Middle School, at a prorate of 70% Step 1 Bachelors, \$45,101.00, effective December 1, 2020, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEE/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

12. Extended School Year Services

- a. It is recommended the following 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:

Jen Shannon

**X. Superintendent's Report**

**XI. Solicitor's Report**

**XII. 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.



**XIII. Motion to Adjourn the Voting Meeting**

**RECONVENE THE MEET AND DISCUSS**