

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, is now called to order.

II. Flag Salute-Please rise: Mrs. Fischer asked all present to rise for the flag salute.**III. Notice: Mrs. Fischer read the following statement:** 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
Mr. Chuck Campalong
Mrs. Kathleen Curtis
Mrs. Denise Manganello
Mr. William Metz
Ms. Valerie Pedigo
Ms. Valerie Young

Others Present

Dr. Joseph W. Pasquerilla, Superintendent
Mr. Barry J. King, Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. Leonard Corazzi, Interim Business Manger
Ms. Megan Turnbull, Solicitor
Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary

V. Sunshine Law: Mrs. Mueller read the following:

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, April 21st to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Information, strategy and/or negotiation session relating to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws

VI. Correspondence
No Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: March 10th Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting, March 10th Non-Voting Meeting, March 17th Board Meeting

Mrs. Angus moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Kehoe. All in favor.

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

Mrs. Kehoe moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mrs. Cutis. All in favor.

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

None

X. Recognition/Presentation

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.

No Public Comment

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Manganello

1. Adelphoi Education Services Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to provide special educational services on behalf of the Ambridge Area School District for 2021-2022, **subject to final solicitor review and revision.**

Mrs. Manganello moved to accept item 1, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. Vote in favor was unanimous.

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 \$2,991,159.22 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,348,171.81 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$47,463.28 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$46,691.55 be paid.

3. BCWAN Consortium

It is recommended Ambridge Area School District participate in the BCWAN Consortium for Telecommunications and Internet Access Services. Pricing is through the Beaver County Intermediate Unit, which is approximately \$3,900.00. The District has participated in this Consortium in the past.

4. Discovery Education 2021-2022 Agreement Pricing Letter of Intent

It is recommended Ambridge Area School District participate in the Discovery Education agreement for the 2021-2022 school term at a cost of \$1.49 per student.

5. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept a grant awarded in the amount of \$77,888.00 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD).

6. 2021-2022 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget

It is recommended to approve the 2021-2022 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget for \$6,234,249.00. It is further recommended the Board President and Board Secretary be authorized to execute the BCCTC Resolution form.

7. Repository

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

- a) 391 Prospect Street, Baden, PA 15005 Tax Parcel 13-005-0318.000, for the bid amount of \$181.90 to Baden Borough.

8. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended the Board approve the request for Real Estate Tax exoneration for the following properties:

- a) Lot, Valley Road, Ambridge, PA 15003 Real Estate Tax exoneration for the 2020-2021 tax year and prior, purchased by Harmony Township.
- b) 2 Orchard Drive, Baden, PA 15005 Real Estate Tax exoneration for 2017 through 2020 tax year, purchased by Bradley Garrone.
- c) 391 Prospect Street, Baden, PA 15005 Real Estate Tax exoneration for 2013 through 2021 tax year, purchased by Baden Borough.

9. Resolution 2020-2021-07

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2020-2021-07, withdrawing the Midland Borough School District from membership in the Beaver County Career and Technology Center.

10. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation for State Street Elementary from Mr. Chad O'Brien and his non-profit organization, Give Back A Backpack in the amount of \$1,500.00. This donation is to be used to purchase picnic tables and boards so the children can assemble in the gym and spring time outside. The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift.

Ms. Pedigo moved to accept items 1-10, seconded by Mrs. Manganello. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Buildings and Grounds**Mr. Angus**

Nothing to report.

Athletics**Mr. Campalong**1. Cheerleading Mat

It is recommended to purchase a 9 panel cheerleading mat from Dollamur Sports Surfaces at a cost of \$8,350.00.

Mr. Campalong moved to accept item 1, seconded by Mr. Campalong. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Relations**Mr. Metz**

Nothing to report.

Steering and Rules**Mrs. Kehoe**1. Policy 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second 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 Polices 122, 123 and 137.

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

It is recommended, as a second 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 – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second 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 – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second 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 – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second 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 832 Educational Equity – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second 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.

7. Policy 810.3 – School Vehicle Drivers – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second 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.

Mrs. Kehoe moved to accept items 1-7, seconded by Mr. Angus. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Legislative**Ms. Young**

Nothing to report.

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations**Mrs. Curtis**

Nothing to report.

Personnel**Mr. Angus**1. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #1786 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning March 26, 2021, not to exceed 12 weeks.

2. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #702 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning March 29, 2021, not to exceed 12 weeks.

3. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #2732 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave beginning March 24, 2021, not to exceed 12 weeks.

4. Geneva College Student Teacher

It is recommended to approve Angelia Duncan, a Geneva College student teacher, for the 2022 spring semester at State Street Elementary, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Angelia will be placed with Gretchen Clinger.

5. Field Placement

It is recommended to approve Noah Kendall, a California University student, to complete observation hours at State Street Elementary virtually, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Noah will be placed with Lauren Tierney.

6. Uncompensated Leave

It is recommended to ratify Employee #2837 taking 6 days unpaid leave, February 25th – 26th; March 5th, 12th, 18th, and 22nd. Unpaid leave is only approved once during an employee's tenure.

Mr. Angus moved to accept items 1-6, seconded by Ms. Young. Vote in favor was unanimous.

XIII. Solicitor's Report

Ms. Turnbull reminded the Board members to turn in their financial statements.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pasquerilla thanked the community, parents, and the students who have been working diligently this year, it has been a unique school year and trying to do our very best to provide the education, sports, arts all the opportunities we can provide, thank you for your patience. Dr. Pasquerilla stated he has a really good feeling about opening up and letting folks have the flexibility. He thanked the Board for that flexibility because it has allowed parents to make decisions as they feel comfortable.

XV. Old and New Business: Mrs. Fischer read the following statement:

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.

No public comments

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 7:13 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Curtis. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**