

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:23 p.m.**
The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
- II. Flag Salute-Please rise: Mrs. Fischer asked all present to rise for the flag salute.**
- 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**
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
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.

IX. 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 the 2021-2022, **subject to final solicitor review and revision.**

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. 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, Freedom, PA 15042 Real Estate Tax exoneration for 2017 through 2020 tax year, purchased by Bradley Garrone.

8. 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.

9. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation from Mr. Chad O’Brien and his non-profit organization, Give Back 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.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

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.

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

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

It is recommended, as a first 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 – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first 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

It is recommended, as a first 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 – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first 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 – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first 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 – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first 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 – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first 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.

Legislative

Ms. Young

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

X. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, April 14th 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

XI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 7:35 p.m. Mrs. Fischer moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**