

Minutes for the Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, June 15, 2021

- I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.**
The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, is now called to order.
- II. Flag salute-please rise: Mrs. Fischer asked all present to rise for 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. Valeria 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. Sunshine Law**
Mrs. Mueller read the following statement:
- The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Tuesday, June 15th to discuss:
- Personnel matter(s)
 - Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- VI. Correspondence**
No Correspondence
- VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of:** May 12th Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting, May 12th Non-Voting Meeting, May 19th Board Meeting

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

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated: May 2021

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

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

Added item 2 under Building and Grounds

Mrs. Manganello moved to accept Item 2 under Building and Grounds, seconded by Mr. Campalong. All in favor

X. Recognition/Presentation

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

Kenneth Carlisle, a Custodian at Highland Elementary – 38 Years of Service

Ron Gonzalez, a Para-Professional at the High School – 6 Years of Service

Dr. Pasquerilla- would like to welcome the Director of Business and Operations

Welcome Mr. Sam Gold

Mr. Campalong – would like to welcome the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

Welcome Coach Jelan Miller

Mr. Campalong – would like to recognize the following Student Athletes

Please join us in congratulating the Ambridge High School Track and Field Student Athletes for finishing the season at the PIAA AAA State Championship.

Bethany Naughton, 8th Place

Valeria Young, 22nd Place

Bethany Naughton will continue her running career at Robert Morris University and Valeria Young will return to the Ambridge High School Track and Field Team as a senior.

Congratulations!!

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. Ambridge Area High School Course Selection

It is recommended to approve the revised Ambridge Area High School Course Selection Book.

2. Ambridge Area Middle School Course Selection

It is recommended to approve the revised Ambridge Area Middle School Course Selection Book.

3. Back to School

The first day of the 2021-2022 school year for students is Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The instructional day start and end times are:

Elementary	8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
Middle School	7:25 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.
High School	7:30 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.

Teachers return on Monday, August 16, 2021

Point of Information

Teacher Start and End Times:

Elementary:	7:50 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Middle School:	7:20 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
High School:	7:25 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4. Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1

It is recommended to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2021-2022 school year to develop alternate instructional plans to employ in-person, virtual and distance learning as the Superintendent deems appropriate in accordance with 24 P.S. 520.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

5. Pennsylvania Department of Education ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

It is recommended to approve the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

6. JROTC

It is recommended that the tuition share for Non-District Students enrolled in the JROTC Program are as follows:

- \$200.00 - per class
- \$2,000.00 - all day Leadership Academy
- \$6,000.00 - Special Education Leadership Academy
- Transportation to be paid by the student's home district

7. Revised 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

It is recommended to approve the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Mrs. Manganello moved to accept items 1-7, 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 \$2,406,629.42 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,768,156.71 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$51,721.37 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$56,864.40 be paid.

3. Final Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2021-2022-01 adopting the Final General Operating Fund Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$52,336,326.00. The millage increase is zero mills.

4. Resolution – Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion

It is recommended Resolution 2021-2022-02 implementing the Act 1 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion be adopted.

5. Insurance Coverage

It is recommended to approve the recommended insurance premiums and policies obtained through the District's broker, Arthur Gallagher, for the 2021-2022 school year at a total cost of \$303,835.00.

6. AmCom Xerox Company

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year agreement with AmCom for annual maintenance and support for the job routing solution, at a cost of \$2,397.00.

7. Device Protection Plan (Optional)

It is recommended to approve the Ambridge Area School District Device Protection Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. This plan will be optional for families.

8. Repository

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

- a) LOT Paradise Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0227.002, for the bid amount of \$1,407.50 to Kurt and Pilar Meyer.
- b) LOT 8th Street Ext., Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0808.000, for the bid amount of \$1,784.00 to Betsy Miller.
- c) LOT 8th Street Ext., Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0809.000, for the bid amount of \$1,784.00 to Betsy Miller.
- d) 1399 8th Street Ext., Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0803.000, for the bid amount of \$2,970.15 to Grant and Betsy Miller.

9. EduLink

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and EduLink for an annual license fee and support for the Act 48 Credit Keeper Client, at a cost of \$3,144.00.

10. Precision Substitute Teacher Services

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year extension agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Precision HR Solutions, Inc. The term of this agreement shall end on June 30, 2022.

Mrs. Pedigo moved to accept items 1-10, seconded by Mrs. Manganello. Ms. Pedigo voted against item #3. Vote in favor of items 1-2, and 4-10 was unanimous.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

- 1. Lease Agreement (pending necessary enrollment to run the program)

It is recommended to approve a four (4) year agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Wise Little Owl Preschool regarding the lease of a classroom at Economy Elementary School for the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, per the terms of the agreement.

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

- 2. Masking

It is recommended all District employees, students, and visitors will not have to wear masks after June 28, 2021, unless mandated by the state or the government.

Athletics

Mr. Campalongo

Nothing to report

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Nothing to report

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

- 1. Policy 246 School Wellness – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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.

Mrs. Kehoe moved accept item 1, seconded by Ms. Young. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Legislative

Ms. Young

Nothing to report

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

- 1. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the local Law Enforcement Authorities for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year.

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

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 Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher – All Grade Levels
2. Economy Elementary/Ambridge Area Middle School Speech/Language Therapist
3. Highland Elementary/Ambridge Area High School Speech/Language Therapist
4. Economy Elementary/State Street Elementary/Highland Elementary Speech/Language Therapist

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

1. Ambridge Area School District Speech/Language Therapist All Buildings
2. Ambridge Area School District Speech/Language Therapist All Buildings
3. Ambridge Area School District Speech/Language Therapist All Buildings

2. Director of Business and Operations

It is recommend to hire Sam Gold as the Director of Business and Operations at a salary of \$84,000.00, effective July 1, 2021, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

3. Transportation Coordinator Stipend

It is recommended to amend the Transportation Coordinator stipend to be \$6,000.00.

4. Transportation Coordinator

It is recommended to hire Sam Gold as the Transportation Coordinator to be paid a stipend of \$6,000.00 annually, effective July 1, 2021, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

5. Consultant Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Leonard Corazzi to provide the District with services that commensurate with the position of Director of Business and Operations. The term of this agreement shall end on June 30, 2022.

6. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

It is recommended to hire Jelan Miller as the Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach at a salary of \$6,000.00, for the 2021-2022 school year, 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 winter sports as normal.

7. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

It is recommended to hire Nikki Santiago as the Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach at a salary of \$8,000.00, for the 2021-2022 school year, 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 winter sports as normal.

8. Sub-Contracted Psychological Services

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and Dr. Kara McGoey, Private Psychologist, for sub-contracted psychological services, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. The operating period shall be from June 17, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The total cost shall not exceed \$6,500.00.

9. Summer School Program (Tentative upon student enrollment to ensure no cost to the District)

It is recommended the following teachers be approved to provide Summer School Program services to students from Tuesday June 15, 2021 through Monday, June 28, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 at the Ambridge Area High School. Teachers will be compensated at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Karen DeMarco, Biology
Jennifer Phillips, English
Shad Greco, Math
Christina Briola, Social Studies
Davide Sciulli, Substitute

10. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Cassidy Hruska from his position as an ELA teacher at the Ambridge Area Middle School, effective June 14, 2021, with regret.

11. Professional Employee

It is recommended Mara Bartholomew be approved as a Speech and Language Therapist at All Buildings, at a salary of \$46,581.00 (Step 1 Masters), as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

12. Rescind

It is recommended to rescind the approval of Marie Buck as the Extended School Year Speech Teacher, approved at the May 19, 2021 Board meeting.

*No district employee has bid on this position, therefore, the District will use AOT, Inc. to fill this ESY position.

13. 2021-2022 Fall Coaches

It is recommended the following individuals be approved to fill the designated fall coaching positions for the 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) <u>Boys Soccer</u>	<u>Stipends</u>
a) Varsity Head Coach, David Koebler	\$4,300.00

Mr. Angus moved to accept items 1-13, seconded by Mrs. Kehoe. Vote in favor was unanimous.

XIII. Solicitor's Report**XIV. Superintendent's Report**

Thank retirees, especially Kenny Carlisle for his hard work. And I would like to thank the entire district, meaning everyone, parents student staff board, it was difficult year and I am proud of work that we did and would like to thank everyone for working with us and doing the best we possibly could for our students and hopes that everyone has a good summer.

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.

Scott Setzenfand, Economy Resident and Teacher – spoke in support of Tech Ed and the importance of these courses and education for our students.

Christina Briola, Teacher – concerns with the new Vo-Tech Charter School that will open in Midland for the 2022-2023.

Adrianna Cephas, Ambridge, Parent – Would like to see more diversity within the district with our teachers and staff as a reflection to all children in the district so that students can see what they can be.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 7:42 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Young. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**