

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:49 p.m.

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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

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)

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 Comment

IX. 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.

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 signors 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, which reflects no increase.

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.

*No increase in the cost.

7. Technology Support Agreement

It is recommended to approve a three year agreement with Communications Consulting, Inc. be approved as presented. The performance period will run from July 2021 through June 2024 for the total cost of \$292,500.00, at no additional cost to the District. This includes full-time (5 days per week), subject to Solicitor review.

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, which reflects no increase.

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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first 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 2021mail 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****X. Sunshine Law**

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 12th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Litigation or threatened litigation matters

XI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 7:56 p.m. Mrs. Kehoe moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Angus. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary