

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, June 3, 2021.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

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: 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
Mrs. Kathleen Curtis
Mrs. Denise Manganello
Mr. William Metz
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 Executive Session(s) on Thursday, June 3rd to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws

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 Giordani
- 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)

- Jeremiah Giordani

12th 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 Stickles- 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) Mrs. Fischer read the following statement:

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.

Jen Garrison, Economy, Parent - Spoke in support of the TSA program and keeping TSA courses

Josh Peters, 2019 Graduate and former TSA student – Spoke in support of the TSA program and keeping the TSA courses. Josh is currently studying Advertising at Slippery Rock University.

Jordan DeWeese, 2020 Graduate and former TSA student – Spoke in support of the TSA program and keeping the TSA courses. Jordan is currently studying Environmental Engineering at Pitt University.

Madeline Smith, 2020 Graduate and former TSA student – Spoke in support of the TSA program and keeping the TSA courses. Madeline is currently majoring in Graphic Design.

Gayle Clear, Baden, Parent – Spoke in support of TSA program and keeping TSA courses

Matt Bachelors, 2015 Graduate and former TSA student – Spoke in support of the TSA program and keeping the TSA courses. Matt is a graduate from Robert Morris University with a Bachelor in Chemical Engineer and a secondary in Biomedical Engineer. Matt works at an engineering medical device manufacturer, Becton Dickinson in Zelienople, PA.

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 7th Grade
6. Ambridge Area Middle School Reading Teacher (Middle School 7th Grade Reading/Advanced Reading)
7. Ambridge Area Middle School Reading Teacher (2011-2012 Junior High Reading)
8. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher
9. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade Math Teacher
10. Ambridge Area Middle School 6th Grade Science Teacher
11. Ambridge Area Middle School English/Reading 6th 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 (7th/8th 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 \$1,200.00, 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 AAEEA/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

Mr. Angus moved to accept items 1-12, seconded by Mr. Metz. Mrs. Manganello and Ms. Young voted against item #2. Vote in favor of items 1, and 3-12 was unanimous.

X. Superintendent's Report**XI. Solicitor's Report**

Dr. Pasquerilla congratulated the students that were rec tonight very proud of all of their accomplishments, very thankful for our students and staff for an excellent school year, as we come toward the end of the year. Very excited for graduation and all of the end of year events.

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.

Lisa Patton, Economy, Parent - concerns with the classroom sizes of the Economy Elementary 5th grade class.

Melinda Arlof, Economy, Parent – concerns with the number of teacher curtailments and classroom sizes.

Jackie Stranko, Economy, Parent of a former and current TSA student- Spoke in support the Tech Ed positons at the high school and keeping TSA courses. Mrs. Stranko's older son is currently an apprentice in the Steamfitters Union and her younger son took Woodshop class and is expressing an interest in carpentry and safety fields.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn the Voting Meeting

At approximately 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Kehoe moved to adjourn. All in favor

RECONVENE THE MEET AND DISCUSS

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**