

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

August 18, 2021

7:00 P.M.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, is now called to order.

II. Flag salute-please rise

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

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, August 11th and August 18th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Information, strategy and/or negotiation session relating to the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement
- Considering the purchase or lease of real estate
- Matters subject to attorney client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Litigation or threatened litigation matters
- Sensitive public safety issues
- Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: July 21st Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: June 2021 and July 2021

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/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

Dr. Manganello

1. Smile Program

It is recommended the Smile Program, the Mobile Dentist for Highland Elementary School, be approved for the 2021-2022 school year. The program offers dental care to students in need at low or no cost to the parent. The team provides the care on-site, at school, and sends reports home with the child. The district does not incur any expense or liability, provided the school year allows and is able to hold as normal.

2. Mission Vision Service

It is recommended the Mission Vision Program for Highland Elementary School be approved for the 2021-2022 school year. The program provides free vision screenings and glasses to students who need but cannot afford them. The district does not incur any expense or liability, provided the school year allows and is able to hold as normal.

3. Duquesne University Clinical Affiliation Agreement, School of Psychology Program

It is recommended to approve a one-year Clinical Affiliation Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Duquesne University, pending solicitor review.

4. Voltus, Inc. Peak Saver Agreement

It is recommended to approve a five (5) year Peak Saver Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Voltus, Inc. to provide services to reduce and/or eliminate electricity demand charges.

5. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant in the total amount of \$20,800.00, awarded to Highland Elementary School from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Division of Food and Nutrition. This award is to provide free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. Janet Gaffney and the Food Service Group were instrumental in securing the grant.

6. Alternative Education/Private Academic Services Agreement

It is recommended to approve the purchase of (8) eight Alternative Education seats through the CLASS Academy Program for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$10,500.00 per seat and it is furthermore recommended to approve the purchase of (5) Private Academic seats for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$14,200.00 per seat.

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 \$1,103,836.75 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,030,979.97 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$15,730.40 be paid.

3. Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)

It is recommended to approve the renewal membership for the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) for a total cost of \$11,080.21. This is at no increase in cost.

4. Repository

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

- a) 316 6th Street, Ambridge Land Plan, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 10-002-0937.000, for the bid amount of \$455.45 to Ambridge Borough.
- b) 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0143.000, for the bid amount of \$1,948.00 to Christopher Bucuren.
- c) 3506 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, PA Tax Parcel 60-185-0127.000 for the bid amount of \$2,618.00 to Christopher Bucuren.

5. Resolution 2021-2022-02 – Exchange of Instruments

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2021-2022-02 authorizing the exchange of one (1) E Flat Clarinet valued at approximately \$300 for two (2) B Flat Clarinets in good condition and one (1) electric guitar with an approximate lot value of \$300 by and between Marie Dewar and the District. The District also accepts the donation of a snare drum and splash cymbal from Ms. Dewar with the District's thanks.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

1. Crossing Guards

It is recommended that crossing guards be placed at locations throughout the Ambridge Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year as listed below:

- 10th Street and Duss Avenue
- 5th Street and Duss Avenue
- 6th Street and Duss Avenue
- 8th Street and Duss Avenue
- 15th Street and Church Street

Athletics

Mr. Campalong

Public Relations

Mr. Metz

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislative

Ms. Young

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Physician

It is recommended Dr. Jeffrey Hein be approved to serve as the District Physician 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.

2. Dentist

It is recommended Dr. Michael A. Harris be approved to serve as the District Dentist 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.

3. Rhodes Transit Bus Drivers / Aides / Substitutes

It is recommended to approve the individuals listed as operators, attendants, and maintenance for Rhodes Transit, Inc. 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.

Appendix A

4. Cafeteria Food Service Assistants/Substitutes Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

It is recommended to hire the following individuals listed as Food Service Assistants/Substitutes non-bargaining unit employees 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.

Robert Barr
Lisa Loskoch

5. Para-Professionals (Teaching Assistants)

It is recommended to approve the following individuals as Para-Professionals (Teaching Assistants) at the High School, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA/NEA), pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Naomi Harris, Highland Elementary
Ann Mooney, Economy Elementary

6. WQED After School Program

It is recommended to approve the following teachers for the WQED After School Program. The program will run two hours a night for approximately five sessions (with an additional three hours of training), at a date to be determined. The teachers will be paid at the contracted rate.

State Street Elementary
Caitlin Bajgier

Economy Elementary
Kristin Holmes

Highland Elementary
Nicole Darroch

7. Duquesne University Psychology Interns

It is recommended to approve the following Duquesne University practicum students, enrolled in the School Psychology Program, to complete 551 practicum hours for 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Heather Roesinger, to be placed with Dr. Tiffany Miller and Dr. Rebecca Keenan
Joseph Jones, to be placed with Dr. Tiffany Miller and Dr. Rebecca Keenan

8. Permanent Contracts

It is recommended the following professional employees, who have completed three years of satisfactory service in the Ambridge Area School District as of the effective date designated, be given permanent professional contracts:

Greg Becker	July 18, 2021
Patricia Fronk	August 15, 2021
Madison Smith	September 19, 2021
Marian Puet	September 19, 2021

9. Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve Rachel Ralston, a California University student for student teaching for the 2021-2022 fall semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Rachel will be placed with Tammy Kennedy.

10. Common Assessment Authors

It is recommended to approve the following individuals to serve as the Common Assessment Authors for the 2021-2022 school year. Teachers will be compensated at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement. Not to exceed 15 hours to development three (3) common assessments.

Suzanne McKenzie, 4th Grade Math
Michelle Wilson, 5th Grade ELA
Michelle Wilson, 5th Grade Math
Christina Briola, 6th Grade ELA
Lauren Mawhinney 6th Grade Math
Brenna Wandel, 7th Grade ELA
Ashley Simpson, 7th Grade Math
Amy Fedorek, 8th Grade ELA
Glenn Freed, 8th Grade Math
Jodi Musser, Algebra
Greg Helsel, Literature
Karen DeMarco, Biology

11. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Noel Santini from her position as Ambridge Area High School Guidance Counselor, effective August 12, 2021, with regret. The District reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) days statutory period or until the position is filled whichever occurs first.

12. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Rebecca Keenan from her position as a School Psychologist, effective August 17, 2021, with regret. The District reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) days statutory period or until the position is filled whichever occurs first.

13. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Matt Hladio from his positions of Para-Professional at the High School, High School Yearbook Co-Sponsor, and Senior High Play Director, effective August 18, 2021, with regret.

14. Technology Integrators

It is recommended to approve the following individual to serve as the Technology Integrator in their assigned building for the 2021-2022 school year, to be paid a stipend of \$1,200.00, as per the collective bargaining agreement:

State Street
Caitlin Bajgier

15. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2021-2022 school year be approved at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement, provided the school year allows and sponsors are able to hold activities as normal.

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Silhouette	Veronica Simunick	\$2,100.00
Gay-Straight Alliance Club	Marian Puet	470.00
Science Club	Eric Harbison	470.00

16. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

It is recommended the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2021-2022 school year be approved at the salary designated in the negotiated agreement:

<u>DEPARTMENT HEADS</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
<u>K-12:</u>		
Physical Education	Jeff Modrovich	\$1,365.00

17. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Ben Fiore from his position as Girls Varsity Head Soccer Coach, effective August 19, 2021, with regret.

18. 2021-2022 Fall Coaches

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals to fill the designated fall coaching position for the fall 2021-2022 school years 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>Stipend</u>
a) Varsity Head Coach, Ben Fiore	\$4,300.00
2) <u>Middle School Boys Soccer</u>	
a) Assistant Coach, Gianna Sinatra	\$1,350.00

19. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Rachael Hughes as a Highland Elementary Learning Support/Emotional Support Teacher K-2, at a salary of \$45,671.00 (Step 1 Bachelor), effective August 24, 2021, 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.

20. Director of Business and Operations

It is recommend to hire Bethann Eyth as the Director of Business and Operations at a salary of \$64,000.00, effective September 7, 2021, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

21. Transportation Coordinator

It is recommended to hire Bethann Eyth as the Transportation Coordinator to be paid a stipend of \$6,000.00 annually, effective September 7, 2021, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

22. Mentor Teacher

23. Mentor Teachers

XIII. Solicitor’s Report

XIV. Superintendent’s Report

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.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn