Minutes for the Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, July 21, 2021.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m.

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, is now called to order.

- 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

Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe, Treasurer

Mr. Chuck Campalong

Mrs. Kathleen Curtis

Mrs. Denise Manganello

Mr. William Metz

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 Wednesday, July 21st to discuss:

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

VI. Correspondence

No Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of: June 3rd Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting, June 3rd Non-Voting Meeting, June 15th Board Meeting

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

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: No Treasurer's Report until August's Board Meeting

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

Amendment to Item 30. 7) b) under Personnel

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to amend item 30. 7b under Personnel. Added item 34 under Personnel

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to add item 34 under Personnel.

Seconded by Mr. Metz. All in favor.

X. Recognition/Presentation

Mrs. Fischer will recognize the following Athletes and Coach:

Boys Volleyball Recognition 2020-2021 Season

The Ambridge Area School District would like to publically recognize the Ambridge Area Boys Volleyball team. The Board of School Directors and the Superintendent are extremely proud of the accomplishments of this team and their coaches. We would like to take the time to recognize the team, student athletes and their coaches who have worked so hard on their accomplishments.

2020-2021 Boys Volleyball Team:

- Overall record of 11-4
- Bronze Medal in the WPIAL
- 9th Place in the State PIAA

Individual Student Athletes:

- All-Section Teams:
 - o FIRST TEAM- Reed Fisher and Ronin Kittrell; SECOND TEAM Josh Hovan, Jake Kotula and Austin Merlina
- All-WPIAL Teams:
 - o FIRST TEAM- Reed Fisher and Ronin Kittrell; THIRD TEAM Josh Hovan

Head Coach Mr. Freed- 20 years of coaching service:

- Mr. Freed has been coaching Ambridge for the past 20 years. Mr. Freed started in 2001 as an Assistant Coach for Boys Volleyball and became the Head Coach for Boys Volleyball in 2011. Mr. Freed has coached the team to six WPIAL championships during his time as the head coach.
- In the past 20 years (not including COVID 2020), the boys volleyball team has earned 15 section championships, 20 WPIAL playoff appearances with 10 WPIAL championships, 16 PIAA playoff appearances with one PIAA state championship and eight additional top three finishes.

Congratulations to the volleyball team, Mr. Freed and his coaching staff for their accomplishments!

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.

No Comment

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Manganello

1. Special Education Out of District Placements

It is recommended to approve the following agreements with the Special Education out-of-district placements for the 2021-2022 school year, pending review of the Administrators and the Solicitor:

Bradley Center

St. Stephen's/Glade Run

Southwood Psychiatric Hospital

Holy Family Specialized Learning

New Horizon School

McGuire Memorial

Presley Ridge Day School

Presley Ridge School for the Deaf

Wesley Spectrum Academy

Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Outreach Program

- *Friendship Academy
- *Longmore Academy

The schools with asterisks (*) currently have no students from the district, but we do get transfer students from other districts that have already been placed in these schools.

2. Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (A-TSI)

It is recommended to approve the final A-TSI report for the 2020-2021 school year. This report acknowledges our student groups that face both academic and student success challenges. Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (A-TSI) interventions that will assist the high school in supporting students during the 2021-2022 school year to meet the thresholds for academic proficiency and academic growth.

Mrs. Manganello moved to accept items 1-2, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. Vote in favor was unanimous.

^{*}The Watson Institute WISCA

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 \$3,067,636.74 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,567,943.92 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$13.132.92 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$46,698.68 be paid.

3. Financial Services Agreement (FSA)

It is recommended to ratify a Financial Services Agreement (FSA) between the Ambridge Area School District and J. Martin & Associates, LLC. to assist with payroll processing. The terms of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2021.

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) Lot 8th Street Ext., Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0801.000, for the bid amount of \$1,408.60 to Betsy Miller.
- b) Lot 8th Street Ext., Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 64-002-0800-000, for the amount of \$1,410.20 to Betsy Miller.

5. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept the Kindness Grant award in the total amount of \$11,500.00, from the Choose Kindness Foundation. Economy Elementary received \$6,500.00 and State Street Elementary received \$5,000.00. This will be incorporated into the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program (SWPBIS). The Economy and State Street Elementary Staff were instrumental in obtaining this grant.

Mrs. Manganello moved to accept items 1-5, seconded by Mr. Metz. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

1. Producer Non-Filmed Location Agreement

It is recommended to ratify an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Mesquite Productions, LLC for the purpose of production parking, catering and holding space at the High School. The term of the agreement will commence on July 12, 2021 and end on July 21, 2021.

Mrs. Kehoe moved to accept items 1-5, seconded by Mr. Metz. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Athletics Mr. Campalong

Nothing to report.

Public Relations Mr. Metz

Nothing to report.

Steering and Rules Mrs. Kehoe

Nothing to report.

<u>Legislative</u> 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 Ambridge Area Education Association regarding overpayment of wages.

2. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to hereby approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Association regarding salary schedule and corresponding compensation.

3. Middle School Cross Country Coach

It is recommended to approve the creation of a Middle School Cross Country Coach, to be paid a stipend of \$1,850.00.

Mrs. Curtis moved to accept items 1-3, seconded by Mrs. Manganello. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Personnel Mr. Angus

1. 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.

ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)		SALARY
Band Director	Stephen Rodgers	\$ 8,000.00
Band 1 st Assistant	Todd Hartman	4,200.00
Band 2 nd Assistant	Jacob Pallo	3,450.00
Majorette/Drill Team	Riley Scherzer	3,200.00
Steel Drum Director	Todd Hartman	3,000.00
Senior High Play Director	Matt Hladio	2,050.00
Finance Director	Mary Marasco	3,100.00
Yearbook	Kent Withrow	1,245.00
Interact Club	Christina Briola	1,150.00
Mock Trial Team	Christina Briola	675.00
	Kimberly Racioppo	675.00
Ecology Club	Jason Roos	235.00
	Pamela Green	235.00
National Honor Society	Noel Santini	950.00
Italian Club	Davide Sciulli	470.00
PA Math League	Shad Greco	470.00
Video Production Club	Benjamin Holmes	470.00
Bible Club	Steven Hrvatin	470.00
Thespian Club	Jessica Patterson	470.00
Stage Crew	Todd Hartman	470.00
Forensics Club	Todd Hartman	470.00
ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)		SALARY
MathCounts	Glenn Freed	\$ 550.00
	Ashley Simpson	550.00
National Honor Society	Brenna Wandel	650.00
Art Club	Jennifer Ax	470.00
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:

DEPARTMENT HEADS		SALARY	
Elementary:			
Kindergarten	Tammy Kennedy	\$1,365.00	
First Grade	Lisa Kovach	1,365.00	
Second Grade	Lauren Tierney	1,365.00	

Third Grade	Brenda Antoline	1,365.00
Fourth Grade	Lauren Taormina	1,365.00
Fifth Grade	Carrie Keber	1,365.00
Special Education	Susan Manuppelli	1,365.00
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Secondary:		
English	Greg Helsel	1,365.00
Math	Kent Withrow	1,365.00
Social Studies	Chris Yannessa	1,365.00
Science	Karen DeMarco	1,365.00
Special Education	Teresa Brewer	1,365.00
<u>K-12:</u>		
Physical Education	TBD	\$1,365.00
Library	Michelle Wilson	1,365.00
Reading	Greta Bible	1,365.00
Business	Scott McMullen	1,365.00
Foreign Language	Davide Sciulli	1,365.00
Applied Science and Technology	Benjamin Holmes	1,365.00
Fine Arts	Todd Hartman	1,365.00
Guidance	Noel Santini	1,365.00
BUILDING HEADS		
Middle School	TBD	1,450.00
Middle School	TBD	1,450.00
Economy Elementary	Sean Beighley	1,450.00
Highland Elementary	Brandie Skonieczny	1,450.00
State Street Elementary	Kimberly Roppa	1,450.00

3. Activity/Club

It is recommended to rename the Documentary Film Club to be called Tech Production Club. It is furthermore recommended to approve Benjamin Holmes and Jason Roos as the club sponsors to be paid the following stipends:

Benjamin Holmes - \$450.00 Jason Roos - \$450.00

4. Activity/Club Sponsor

It is recommended to ratify Larry Knopsnyder as the club sponsor for Adventures in Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Laura Burns, a Principal at Highland Elementary, effective June 30, 2021, with regret.

6. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Marcy Adams, the Payroll Secretary, effective June 30, 2021, with regret.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Sam Gold, the Director of Business and Operations, effective June 18, 2021, with regret.

8. Interim Business Manager

It is recommended to approve Leonard Corazzi as the Interim Business Manager to provide the district with services commensurate with the position of Director of Business and Operations. The term of this agreement shall end when the position of Director of Business and Operations is filled.

9. Consultant Agreement

It is recommended to amend the consultant agreement with Leonard Corazzi to expire 12 months after the Director of Business and Operations is hired.

10. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Sam Gold, as the Transportation Coordinator, effective June 18, 2021.

11. Retirement

It is recommended to accept the resignation due to retirement of Chad Schweitzer, an Ambridge Area High School Social Studies Teacher, effective August 13, 2021, with regret.

12. Resignation

It is recommended to accept the resignation of Kenny Carlisle, as a custodian at the High School, effective August 13, 2021, with regret.

13. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Jelan Miller, the Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach, effective July 2, 2021, with regret.

14. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Rebbecca Surenda, a Para-Professional at the Middle School, effective July 11, 2021, with regret.

15. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Ruth Antonetty, a Para-Professional at Highland Elementary, effective July 1, 2021, with regret.

16. Highland Elementary Principal

It is recommended to ratify the appointment of Thomas McKelvey as the Principal of Highland Elementary School, effective July 1, 2021.

17. <u>Professional Employee</u>

It is recommended to approve Brittany Cejer as a Highland Elementary Learning Support/Autistic Support Grades 3-5, at a salary of \$45,671.00 (Bachelor Step 1), effective August 16, 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.

18. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Stephen Rodgers as an Ambridge Area High School Music Teacher, at a salary of \$46,581.00 (Master Step 1), effective August 16, 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.

19. <u>Highland Elementary Learning Support/Emotional Support K-2</u>

It is recommended to approve Gianna Sinatra as a Highland Elementary Learning Support/Emotional Support K-2, at a salary of \$45,671.00 (Bachelor Step 1), effective August 16, 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. Economy Elementary and Middle School ESL Teacher

It is recommended to approve Kimberly Springer as an Economy Elementary and Middle School ESL Teacher, at a salary of \$45,671.00 (Bachelor Step 1), effective August 16, 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.

21. School Nurse

It is recommended to hire Ashley Ananea as the Hourly School Nurse at Economy Elementary at an annual salary, effective August 16, 2021, as per the negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

22. <u>Technology Integrator</u>

It is recommended to ratify Tracy Rhode as a Technology Integrator for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

23. <u>Technology Integrators</u>

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

High School	Middle School	State Street Elementary
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Christina Briola Ashley Simpson Lauren Tierney

Kent Withrow Glenn Freed

Michelle Hapich

Economy Elementary Highland Elementary

Michelle Keczmer Kellee Gnipp

24. Salary Increase

It is recommended the Cafeteria Non-Contractual Workers hourly pay rate be increased, effective August 18, 2021, as follows:

Current Pay Rate per HourProposed Pay Rate per HourStarting rate at \$10.00Starting rate to remain at \$10.00Middle rate at \$10.18Middle rate to increase to \$10.25Top rate at \$10.25Top rate to increase to \$10.40

25. Mentor Teacher

It is recommended to ratify Kent Withrow as mentor teacher for Major Brian Trievel for the 2020-2021 school year, be approved as per the negotiated agreement.

26. Extended School Year Services

It is recommended to rescind the approval of Kim Bichey as a para-professional to provide Extended School Year Services (ESY), it is furthermore recommended to ratify the approval of Jennifer Kamzelski as a para-professional to provide ESY services 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.

27. 2021-2022 Musical Staffing

It is recommended to approve the following musical staffing positions for the 2021-2022 musical at the designated stipend, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Play Director	Jessica Patterson	\$3,000.00
Music Director	TBD	1,800.00
Choreographer	Elyse Perciavalle	1,200.00
Assistant Director	Hopi Myers-Arrigoni	1,200.00

28. Student Handbook

- a) It is recommended to approve the High School Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b) It is recommended to approve the Middle School Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.
- c) It is recommended to approve the Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year.

29. 2021-2022 Fall Coaches

It is recommended to rescind the approval of the following coaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Football

Felicia Mycyk, Middle School Coach Keith Olden, Middle School Volunteer Coach

30. 2021-2022 Fall Coaches

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals to fill the designated fall coaching positions 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)	Middle School Football	Stipend
	a) Keith Olden, Coach	\$3,350.00

	b) Felicia Mycyk, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
2)	Varsity Girls Soccer a) Ben Fiore, Head Coach b) Brittany Cejer, Assistant Coach	\$4,300.00 2,400.00
3)	Middle School Girls Soccer a) Scott Setzenfand, Coach	\$2,050.00
4)	Middle School Boys Soccer a) Don Ayers, Coach	\$2,050.00
5)	Girls/Boys Cross Country a) Denise Duncan, Varsity Head Coach b) Jill Creese, Middle School Coach	\$4,300.00 1,850.00
6)	Girls Golf a) Larry Knopsnyder, Head Coach,	\$4,300.00
7)	Boys Golfa) Chris Yannessa, Head Coachb) Terry George, Assistant Coach	\$4,300.00 1,050.00
8)	Varsity Girls Volleyballa) Timothy Buresh, Head Coachb) Ashley Kittrell, Assistant Coach	\$4,300.00 2,400.00
9)	Girls Tennis a) Georgia Barlamas, Head Coach, b) Megan Racioppio, Assistant Coach	\$4,300.00 1,050.00
10)	Varsity Cheerleadinga) Jenn Phillips, Head Coachb) Amanda Palshaw, Assistant Coach	\$4,300.00 1,950.00
11)	a) Emily O'Malley, Coach	\$1,350.00

31. Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following individuals for student teaching, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

- a) Julie Fagley, California University 2021 fall semester, to be placed with Greg Helsel
- b) Sarah Wells, Slippery Rock University 2021 fall semester, to be placed with Ken Withrow

c) Peyton Schell, Geneva College – 2022 spring semester, to be placed with Jodi Musser

32. School Resource Officer Agreement Renewal

It is recommended to renew an agreement between The Ambridge Police Department and the Ambridge Area School District to provide one uniformed School Resource Officer (SRO) at the High School at a rate of \$29.31 per hour toward the salary of the SRO, per the Ambridge Police Collective Bargaining Agreement. This agreement shall expire on June 30, 2022.

33. 2021-2022 Band Camp Positions

It is recommended to approve the following band camp positions for the 201-2022 summer band camp at the designated stipend, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Assistant Percussion Instructor	Matt Hladio	\$ 700.00
Auxiliary Percussion Instructor/Wind Instructor	Caleb Cress	\$2,000.00
Color Guard Choreographer	Emily Gregory	\$ 500.00
Wind Instructor/Staff Arranger	Hailey Burbage	\$2,000.00
Wind Instructor	Hailey Burbage	\$ 300.00
Wind Instructor	Robert Jarsulic	\$ 300.00
Volunteer	John Barnhart	No Remuneration
Volunteer	Elisabetta Pucci	No Remuneration

34. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

It is recommended to hire Ryan Hughes 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.

Mrs. Kehoe moved to accept items 1-34, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. Vote in favor was unanimous.

XIII. Solicitor's Report

There will be amendments to the Sunshine Law which will go into effect on August 30th, and Ms. Turnbull will work with the Superintendent and the Board Secretary to make those adjustments of the posting of the agenda.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pasquerilla congratulate Economy Elementary and State Street Elementary in securing the Kindness Grant in the total amount of &11,500.00. He is very excited about this opportunity.

Congratulated the Volleyball team and all the student athletes.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. McFee, Freedom, PA

- Looking for a resolution in regards to their child's expulsion
- ➤ Concerns with the Middle School and Bullying

Neither the Board nor the Administration cannot discuss student matters at a public meeting.

Mrs. Emily Maddox, Baden, PA

- ➤ Concerns with the mask wearing in schools
- ➤ Hopes that masking will be families choice and not a mandate
- > Data collection shows that masking is harmful for children
- > Thanked and is grateful for the Board and Administration for the decisions they had to make last school year

As of now the board has voted not mask requirement it will be up to the families unless this becomes a mandate from the CDC. However, the CDC has mandated masking on the buses.

Stacey Belcot, Economy Borough

> Concerns with the Middle School and Bullying after listening to Mrs. and Mr. McFee's comments and the safety of her own children

Mrs. Curtis spoke to her own personal experience and that her student did not see fights at school and was safe at school.

Mrs. Fischer spoke to her own past experience that her student did not experience these issues in Middle School and was safe at school.

Dr. Pasquerilla made a general statement for any parent that has a concern, they can contact administration with their concerns, and the staff will try to put an action plan into place to keep the students as safe as possible. We cannot say there will never be a bullying incident but what we can do is track incidents and look at prevention programs to try to improve and make sure there is presence in the hallways and have staff there to talk to the students about decisions making. Build a repport and be preventive as possible. There are a lot of good experiences at the Middle School. Appropriate discipline will be taken against bullying.

Mrs. Manganello with securing a grant with School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program (SWPBIS) will teach our students at an early age positive behavior and anti-bullying. Mrs. Manganello feels the district does a great job in going with the positive behavior support and pushing policy and procedure and teaching our children.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

At 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Manganello moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. June Mueller Board Secretary