

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Gymnasium on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

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

The Meet and Discuss Voting Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, August 11, 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 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
 Dr. 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. Sunshine Law

Mrs. Mueller reading the following:

The Board of School Directors held Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, August 11th to discuss:

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

VI. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

VII. Recognition/Presentation

Dr. Pasquerilla – Implementation of the Safety Plan

- Dr. Pasquerilla and the school board reviewed the school health and safety plan, which is subject to change.

- Elementary Level
 - Special classes will continue to be held in the classroom
 - Teachers will rotate classroom rather than students rotating classrooms
 - P.E. will be held outside if possible, will have students exercise and play individually, no team games played in gym
 - Holiday parties will use pre-packaged treats
 - Field Trips and Assemblies will be held in small group settings or virtual
- Secondary Level
 - Allow the use of P.E. equipment
 - Concession stands for high school sports will be open as normal
 - Field Trips and Assemblies will be held in small group settings or virtual
- Principals will do a presentation for the Board in September to revisit and plan for specials and field trips.
- Stay with safety plan and continue to contact trace
- If both students masked they will not be contacted traced
- If vaccinated the student will not be quarantined unless they are symptomatic

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.

Kelly Romasco, Economy Borough

- Verified that if both students masked and one has COVID the other will not be quarantined unless symptomatic
 - Dr. Pasquerilla verified this
- Asked if students are quarantined can they work virtually
 - Students will be allowed to work remote if they are quarantined

IX. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING

Personnel

Mr. Angus

1. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Nicolette Petroval as an Ambridge Area High School Math Teacher, at a salary of \$46,101.00(Step 1 Bachelor +24), 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.

2. 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>
Junior Class	Jennifer Philips	\$1,075.00
	Casey Neel	\$1,075.00
Senior Class	Jennifer Phillips	\$1,550.00
Adventures in Education	Larry Knopsnyder	\$ 470.00

3. 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>BUILDING HEADS</u>		
Middle School	Brad Olenic	\$1,450.00
Middle School	Chris Ceratti	\$1,450.00

4. Extended School Year Services

It is recommended to ratify the approval of Melissa Holcomb 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.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of David Koebler from his position as the Boys Varsity Head Soccer Coach, effective August 4, 2021, with regret. It is furthermore recommended to approve David Koebler as a Boys Varsity Volunteer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year, with no remuneration.

6. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Beth Begis from her position as Food Service Worker, effective August 9, 2021, with regret.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Rhonda Scheidemantel from her position as Food Service Worker, effective August 6, 2021, with regret.

8. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Karen Brecht from her position as School Social Worker, effective August 11, 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.

9. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Michelle Famoso from her position as Middle School Learning Support and Emotional Support Teacher All Grades, effective August 11, 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.

10. School Resource Officer Agreement Revised

It is recommended to amend the approval of agreement between the Ambridge Police Department and the Ambridge Area School District to reflect the pay rate of \$30.19 per hour toward the salary of the School Resource Officer.

11. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended to rescind the approval of Kent Withrow as Yearbook Sponsor and it is furthermore recommended to approve Kent Withrow and Matt Hladio as Co-Sponsors of the Yearbook to split the stipend of 1,245.00.

12. 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>Girls Golf</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Terry George, Assistant Coach	\$1,050.00
b) Scott DeVinney, Volunteer	No Remuneration
2) <u>Girls Tennis</u>	
c) Ryan Racioppo, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
3) <u>Girls Soccer</u>	
a) Gianna Sinatra, Middle School	\$1,350.00

Mr. Angus made a motion to accept items 1-12, seconded by Mr. Metz. Vote in favor was unanimous.

Buildings and Grounds**Mr. Angus****1. Purchase of a Boiler at Economy Elementary Cafeteria**

It is recommended the cafeteria funds be used to purchase a boiler for Economy Elementary cafeteria from Rayburg Appliance in the amount of \$8,986.90. Three price quotations were considered and the lowest qualified bid is being presented.

Mr. Angus made a motion to accept item 1, seconded by Mr. Campalong. Vote in favor was unanimous.

X. Superintendent's Report

- The staff is planning and preparing for the upcoming school year and is excited for a successful school year.

XI. Solicitor's Report

Nothing to report

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.

No Comments

XIII. Motion to Adjourn the Voting Meeting

At approximately 7:47 p.m. Mr. Angus made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Kehoe. All in favor.

RECONVENE THE MEET AND DISCUSS

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**