

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 8:42 p.m.

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday September 8, 2021. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Auditorium.

II. Flag salute-please rise: Mrs. Fischer asked all present to stand for flag salute at the Meet and Discuss Voting meeting

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 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.

IX. Committee Reports**Education and Technology****Dr. Manganello**1. Smile Program

It is recommended to amend the approval of the Smile Program, approved at the August 18th Board meeting, to note that the mobile dentist will be offered to all elementary buildings.

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 \$1,470,728.12 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$947,885.59 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$7,822.84 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$12,595.53 be paid.

3. PA-Educator

It is recommended to approve the contract of service between the Ambridge Area School District and Pennsylvania Educators' Clearinghouse, (PA-Educator.net) for the 2021-2022 school year at a cost of \$2,175.00.

4. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept the 2021-2022 Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts expansion grant in the total amount of \$175,000.00, from the Office of Child Development and Early Learning. The funds will be used to expand the number of slots to serve eligible children by opening an additional Pre-K classroom at Economy Elementary. Mrs. Jo Ann Hoover was instrumental in securing this grant.

5. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve a tax exoneration regarding collection of Real Estate Tax for the years of 2013 through 2020 relevant to Tax Parcel #09-002-0511.000, 330 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge PA 15003 to be purchased by Jasmire Owens, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exoneration for the same years.

6. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve a tax exoneration regarding collection of Real Estate Tax for 2016 relevant to Tax Parcel #60-185-0297.001, 2 Orchard Drive, Baden, PA 15005 to be purchased by Bradley Garrone, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exoneration for the same years.

Buildings and Grounds**Mr. Angus**1. Western PA Natural Gas Consortium

It is recommended to approve a three (3) year extension agreement with Direct Energy Business Marketing through WPA Natural Gas Consortium at an 18% savings. The three year extension will commence on September 1, 2022 and end August 31, 2025.

2. Trane U.S. Inc.

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year service agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Trane U.S. Inc. to provide HVAC maintenance, at a total cost of \$6,707.00, pending solicitor review.

3. ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation

It is recommended to approve a three (3) year maintenance agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation for service and maintenance of elevators in district buildings beginning in October 1, 2021, at a cost of \$1,600.00 per month. This is at a discounted price.

Athletics**Mr. Campalong****Public Relations****Mr. Metz****Steering and Rules****Mrs. Kehoe**1. Policy 006 – Local Board Procedures – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 006 – *Local Board Procedures*, to assist with compliance with Sunshine Act Amendments, Act 65 of 2021, which requires public notice of board business by posting agendas of open board meetings with the intent to facilitate transparency.

2. Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update School Board Policy 903 – *Public Participation in Board Meetings*, to assist with the compliance with the Sunshine Act Amendments, Act 65 of 202, which requires public notice of board business by posting agendas of open board meetings with the intent to facilitate transparency.

Legislative

Ms. Young

X. Sunshine Law
Nothing to report

XI. Motion to Adjourn

At 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Curtis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Manganello. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary