

**\*\*\*In compliance with the August 31, 2021 order from the PA Department of Health, masks are required in all school buildings. Masks must be worn at all times by meeting participants.**

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**December 15, 2021**

**7:00 P.M.**

**High School Cafeteria**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, December 15, 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, December 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting and Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated:** November 2021

**IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

**X. Recognition/Presentation**

**Mrs. Romasco would like to recognize the following:**

**MLK Jr. Oratorical Contest**

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay/Oratorical Competition:

Jayda Palmer, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Economy Elementary – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Braden Vukovcan, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at State Street Elementary – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Mackenzie Sutton, a 10<sup>th</sup> grader who won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Division

**Student-Athletes**

Congratulations to our Bridger Football players who made the Class 3A Northwestern 6 All-Stars. The team's all-conference players are:

**First Team Offense**

Desmond Drew

D'Saun Harmon

Sedrick Seymour

**First Team Defense**

D'Saun Harmon

**Second Team Specialists**

Ryan Conover

**Honorable Mention**

Blaize Kolar

Stacy Jones

**Finalist for the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award**

The Pennsylvania Teacher of the year Program recognized Mrs. Nicole Darroch for her outstanding academic contributions to Pennsylvania's school-aged children.

Congratulations and thank you for all you do for our students!!

**School Board Candidate Presentations and Question and Answer**

Thomas Cephas

Robert Keber

Danielle Marek

Matthew Montell

Nadine Palichat

Kelly Smith

Valerie Young

**Mrs. Romasco will open the floor for nominations of appointees.**

**Mrs. Romasco – Discussion Points**

- District COVID Related Calls
- Creation of a School Safety Committee

**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**

Appointment of Board and Committee Representatives:

1. Appointment of Committee Chairs: **TABLED**

Education & Technology	_____
Finance & Budget	_____
Building and Grounds	_____
Athletics	_____
Public Relations	_____
Steering and Rules	_____
Legislative	_____
Salary Schedule and Labor Relations	_____
Personnel	_____

**Education and Technology**

**Point of Information - Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration**

Kindergarten Registration will be held on the following dates from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the following locations:

January 11	Economy Elementary
January 12	Highland Elementary
January 13	State Street Elementary

Evening appointment available:

February 8 – from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center

Please reach out to Cathy Hopkins at 724-266-2833, ext. 1273, via fax at 724-266-8459, or via email at [chopkins@ambridge.k12.pa.us](mailto:chopkins@ambridge.k12.pa.us) with any questions.

1. Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of the Ski Club at the High School with the sponsor to be paid a stipend of \$470.00. This club will be student-funded, excluding the payment of the sponsor.

2. Cheer Team Field Trip

It is recommended to approve the student attendance and application of the student discipline code for the high school varsity cheerleaders to travel to Walt Disney World to participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Association National High School Cheerleading Championship from February 10<sup>th</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>. All expenses will be obtained through fundraising. Parents and/or guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

3. Wrestling Field Trip

It is recommended to approve the student attendance and application of the student discipline code for the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Morrisdale, PA on January 28-29, 2022 to participate in the West Branch School District's wrestling tournament. No additional cost to the district.

4. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Robert Morris University to include the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition – RMU ELIT 1050.

5. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Central State University and the Ambridge Area School District for the purpose of field and clinical experiences for Central State University students.

6. Student Agreement 2021-2022-11

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #\_\_\_ relevant to a high school student, effective December 13, 2021.

**Finance and Budget**

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,880,194.23 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,348,147.58 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$76,476.53 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$50,098.37 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for December 2021.

#### 4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve a tax exoneration regarding the collection of Real Estate Tax for 2010 to present, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exonerations for the same years, relevant to the following properties:

- a) Tax Parcel 60-185-0143.000, 3475 Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, PA, and purchased by Christopher Bucuren.
- b) Tax Parcel 60-185-0127.003, Lot Conway Wallrose Road, Sewickley, PA, and purchase by Christopher Bucuren.

#### 5. Budget Transfer

It is recommended to approve a budget transfer of \$1,149.00 from New Equipment-Grades 7-8 to Repairs of Equipment-Grades 7-8, for repairs on the laser engraver at the Middle School.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

#### **Athletics**

#### **Public Relations**

#### **Steering and Rules**

#### **Legislative**

### **Salary Schedule and Labor Relations**

#### **Personnel**

##### Appointment of Committee Representatives

#### 1. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors - TABLED

It is recommended \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed as the representative to serve, with the term expiring June 30, 2022.

#### 2. Reorganization Ballot – TABLED

It is recommended to approve the 2021 ballots be cast for the 2022-2023 officers of the Beaver Valley Joint School Board, the Beaver Valley Joint School Committee, and The Beaver County Career & Technology Center Joint School Board. The term of office for this reorganization is a one-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

#### 3. Laughlin Memorial Free Library - TABLED

It is recommended that \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to serve as Ambridge Area School Board representatives for the Laughlin Memorial Library for the 2022 term.

4. Baden Memorial Library Appointment - ~~TABLED~~

It is recommended that \_\_\_\_\_ be appointed to the Baden Memorial Library Board of Directors for the 2022 term.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Rachel Shannon from her position as a Learning Support/Autistic Support All Grades at Highland Elementary, effective December 21, 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.

6. Credit Recovery

It is recommended to ratify Pamela Green as an instructor for the Credit Recovery Program at the Ambridge Area High School. Teachers will be paid as per the collective bargaining agreement.

7. 2021-2022 Winter Coach

It is recommended to approve the following individuals to fill the designated winter coaching positions for the 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 can hold winter sports as normal.

1) <u>Basketball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Keenan Baker, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
2) <u>Middle School Wrestling</u>	
a) Larry Knopsnyder, Coach	\$1,350.00
3) <u>Cheer Team</u>	
a) Aleski Kulesza, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
b) Nicole Baldwin, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

8. Student Teacher

It is recommended to approve Erica Brozich, a Slippery Rock student, for student teaching for the 2021-2022 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Erica will be placed with Shelly Traupman.

9. Field Observation

It is recommended to approve Sara Demilio, a Central State University student, to complete ten hours of observation in the kindergarten through third-grade classrooms at Economy Elementary for the 2021-2022 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

10. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended to ratify 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 can hold activities as normal.

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
National Honor Society	Greg Mell, Co-Sponsor	\$475.00
National Honor Society	Mia Gantz, Co-Sponsor	\$475.00

11. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #21 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning December 3, 2021, not to exceed 12 weeks.

12. Cafeteria Food Service Substitute Non-Bargaining Unit Employee

It is recommended to approve Lucina Vallecorsa as a Food Service Assistant/Substitute non-bargaining unit employee 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.

13. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Cody Gaus, a custodian at the High School, effective December 9, 2021, with regret.

14. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Glenn Copenhaver, a custodian at the High School, effective January 5, 2022, with regret.

15. Rescind

It is recommended to rescind the approval of the Homeless Liaison stipend of \$2,833.00 per year for 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 school years, approved at the October 20, 2021 Board meeting.

16. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Priscilla Shotter, a food service assistant at the Middle School, effective December 22, 2021, with regret.

17. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Darla Karas, a food service cook at Economy Elementary effective December 14, 2021, with regret.

18. Hall Monitor

It is recommended to hire the following individual as Hall Monitor 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.

Samuel Rosatone, Middle School

**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**