

**Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.**

**I. Call to Order – Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 p.m.**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday October 13, 2021. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Auditorium.

**II. Flag salute-please rise – Mrs. Fischer asked all present to rise for the flag-salute.**

**III. Notice. Mrs. Fischer read the following:** 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  
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. Rebecca DeMase, Substitute Board Secretary

**V. Correspondence**  
**No comments**

**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. Comprehensive Plan

It is recommended to approve the Ambridge Area School District Comprehensive Plan after the 28 days of public display. The Plan is on display for public review at the Administration Office and online on our website.

2. Economy Elementary Before and After School Child Care

It is recommended to adjust the hours of the before school child care to accommodate parents and students. The recommended hours are 6:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and the current hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

**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 \$2,773,583.27 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,253,109.82 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$62,162.90 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$55,498.34 be paid.

3. Repository

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

- a) 525 Glenwood Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 10-003-0328.000, for the bid amount of \$2,955.00 to Michael Cowan.
- b) 1622 Church Street, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 12-005-0327.000, for the bid amount of \$1,311.00 to Michael and Barbara Knecht.
- c) 1008 11<sup>th</sup> Street Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 12-004-0702.000, for the bid amount of \$1,841.00 to Dale Management, LLC.

4. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the request for real estate tax exoneration for 2021 and prior years for Parcel No. 10-002-0937.00, 316 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Ambridge, PA purchased by KA Merchant Property, LLC.

5. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept the Emergency Connectivity Fund in the approximate amount of \$140,000.00, from the Universal Service Administrative Company. The funds will be used for students who cannot afford internet services and also to purchase approximately 350 new iPads to replace the used ones. Mrs. Lori Heim was instrumental in securing this grant.

6. Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption

It is recommended to approve a Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption for property located at 162 Jordan Street, South Heights, PA 15081 ("Property") effective July 1, 2021, subject to State Veterans' Commission continued certification of eligibility and continued use as the Applicant's homestead.

**Buildings and Grounds**

**Mr. Angus**

**Athletics**

**Mr. Campalong**

**Public Relations**

**Mr. Metz**

1. Library Contributions

It is recommended to approve the distribution of budgeted allotments for 2021-2022 school year as follows:

Baden Memorial Library      \$4,250.00

Laughlin Memorial Library    \$5,250.00

**Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

1. Policy 006 – Local Board Procedures – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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 2021, which requires public notice of board business by posting agendas of open board meetings with the intent to facilitate transparency.

3. Policy 146.1 – Trauma Informed Approach – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 146.1 – *Trauma Informed Approach*, to ensure coordination among teams for implementation of trauma-informed approach, to include the district's threat assessment team.

4. Policy 218.2 – *Terroristic Threats* – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 218.2 – *Terroristic Threats*, to ensure coordination of handling terroristic threats with the threat assessment team, including assessment of the student, communication and disposition of the threat.

5. Policy 247 *Hazing* – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 247 – *Hazing*, to include a statement directing staff to report the student to the threat assessment team in cases where the behavior of a student indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others.

6. Policy 249 – *Bullying/Cyberbullying* – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 249 – *Bullying/Cyberbullying* to include a statement directing staff to report the student to the threat assessment team in cases where the behavior of a student indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others.

7. Policy 252 – *Dating Violence* – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to revise School Board Policy 252 – *Dating Violence* to include a statement directing staff to report the student to the threat assessment team in cases where the behavior of a student indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others.

**Legislative**

**Ms. Young**

1. PSBA Officer Elections

It is recommended the Board Secretary be directed to cast the vote of the Ambridge Area School Board for election of the following PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2021:

President-elect     \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President     \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Trust     \_\_\_\_\_

Section Advisor     \_\_\_\_\_

**Salary, Schedule and Labor Relations**

**Mrs. Curtis**

**X. Sunshine Law**

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss:

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

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**

**At approximately 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Young. All in favor.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**June Mueller  
Board Secretary**