

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**January 19, 2022**

**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, January 19, 2022, is now called to order.

**II. Flag salute-please rise**

**Highland Elementary Students**

Rhys Kittrell  
Yasmine Avia-Gbedu  
Ryan Sweitzer  
LaRhiya Bacon  
Alena Strong  
Micheal Kirby  
Camarra Clemons

**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, January 19<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, December 8<sup>th</sup> Reorganization Meeting, Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting, and Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

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

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

**X. Recognition/Presentation**

**The Board of Directors would like to recognize the District's Holiday Greeting Card, Winners**

Yasmine Avia-Gbedu, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Highland Elementary  
Mia Paganie, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Economy Elementary  
Alena Strong, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Highland Elementary

**The Board of Directors would like to recognize the following student:**

Adrianna Seltz, 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Economy Elementary.

Adrianna and her family raised \$1,300.00, through bake sales, and donated the money for cancer research.

We are so pleased with Adrianna's accomplishment!

**Bonnie Diver – Hair Peace Charities**

**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**

**Education and Technology**

**Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey**

**Point of Information**

The board would like to recognize the dedication of all of the staff and administrators who are doing their best to keep our kids safe, engaged, and in school. The time they are giving to our district does not go unnoticed.

1. 2022-2023 Proposed School Calendar

It is recommended the Proposed 2022-2023 School Year Calendar be approved, as presented.

2. Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference

It is recommended Bethann Eyth be approved to attend the PASBO Annual Conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA on March 8-11, 2022. The conference has a line-up of educational sessions that will address critical school finance issues. The registration fee for Mrs. Eyth to attend is paid for by a scholarship received.

3. Pittsburgh Technology College Articulation Agreement

It is recommended to approve an articulation agreement between Ambridge Area School District and Pittsburgh Technology College (PTC) to provide secondary students with a continuum of education without unnecessary duplication of instruction.

4. Boy Scouts of America Den Leaders

It is recommended to approve the Boy Scouts of America Den Leaders to come in and give “Prepared for Life” lessons to our high school students, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, as applicable.

5. Technology Purchase

It is recommended to authorize the purchase of 29 new technology equipment and licenses (laptops) at an approximate cost of \$18,507.80, via state-contracted pricing through direct purchase for our high school students with disabilities to give them more accessibility through technology. This will be paid for by the ESSERS ATSI 2.5% Grant and is at no cost to the district.

6. Student Agreement 2021-2022-12

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #8684297946 relevant to a middle school student, effective January 7, 2022.

7. Student Agreement 2021-2022-13

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #2598140024 relevant to a middle school student, effective January 5, 2022.

**Finance and Budget and Building and Grounds**

**Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Keber**

**Point of Information**

The board would like to recognize the hard work that the maintenance department achieved in keeping our facilities clear and open for school after the snowstorm.

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,716,596.46 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,267,931.62 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$50,335.62 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$52,248.92 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for January 2022.

4. 2020-2021 Final Auditor's Report

It is recommended to accept the 2020-2021 final auditor's report.

5. Proposed Preliminary Budget

It is recommended the Administration be directed to have a proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection by January 19, 2022, and further, the Administration take all steps necessary to apply for Act 1 exceptions including making the preliminary budget available, making all submissions to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and compliance with all advertising requirements including giving notice as required by Act 1 of the District's intention to adopt a budget that includes exceptions and publishing notice of intent to file for exceptions.

6. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation from the Beaver County Committee for the Veteran's Day Parade, with appreciation. The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift. The donation was in the amount of \$300.00 to each of the following for their participation in the 2021 Veteran's Day Parade:

- Ambridge High School Marching Band
- Ambridge High School MCJROTC

7. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the exoneration and the abatement of taxes for Parcel No. 64-002.0803.000 for the period of 2007 up through and including 2019. Purchased by Grant and Betsy Miller from the Beaver County Repository and the Board of Commissioners authorized the sale on April 21, 2001. The owners, Grant and Betsy Miller shall be responsible for all taxes for tax years 2020, 2021, and each year after.

**Athletics and Public Relations**

**Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko**

1. Overnight Tournament Participation Request

It is recommended to approve the high school Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team to attend the following overnight tournaments:

Northeastern High School, Manchester, PA – April 2, 2022

**Steering and Rules and Legislative**

**Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Fischer**

1. Masking

It is recommended to approve that when 4% of the building's students and staff test positive within a 14-day rolling window, that building would be required to mask, including guests and indoor sports spectators, with the exception of lunch periods, athletes participating in their sport, and physical education classes. This will stay in effect until that building's positive case numbers fall below 3%.

2. COVID-19 Dashboard

It is recommended to approve the creation of a dashboard posted on the district's website with the number of all positive cases by building in a 14-day rolling window to be posted each day by 3:00 p.m.

3. Water Fountains

It is recommended to re-open water fountains in all buildings.

4. Quarantine and Isolations

It is recommended the district follows the CDC COVID quarantine and isolations guidelines.

**Personnel and Salary Schedule and Labor Relations**

**Mr. Cephas and Mrs. Smith**

1. 2021-2022 Musical Staffing

It is recommended to approve the following musical staffing position 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:

Music Director	Robert Armstrong	1,800.00
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2. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #1950 taking an intermediate leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning January 11, 2022, not to exceed 12 weeks.

3. Slippery Rock University Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve Gabby Mayer, a Slippery Rock University student teacher, for student teaching at Economy Elementary for the 2022 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Gabby will be placed with Jen Shannon and Carrie Malinich.

4. Cafeteria Food Service Assistant/Substitute Non-Bargaining Unit Employee

It is recommended to hire Darlene Lang 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.

**XIII. President's Address**

**XIV. Solicitor's Report**

**XV. Superintendent's Report**

**XVI. 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.

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn**