

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

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Romasco called the meeting to order at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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

II. Flag salute-please rise: Mrs. Romasco asked all present to rise for the flag salute.

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

Mrs. Kelly Romasco, President
Miss Amy Fitsko, Vice President
Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe, Treasurer
Mr. John Carpenter
Mrs. Cathy Fischer
Mr. Matt Zatchey

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

Dr. Pasquerilla gave an update on the SRO. Mrs. Fischer and I met with the Economy Mayor and Chief of Police and appeared that they were in favor of getting an Economy Police Officer in place as soon as possible. However, the Economy Council was not in favor of placing an officer in the school. At this point, we are hopeful of working something out with neighboring police departments to get someone in place as soon as possible.

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.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to add a voting item:

Added a voting item under Personnel to approve a winter coach:

1. 2021-2022 Winter Coach

It is recommended to approve the following individual to fill the designated winter coaching position 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>Cheer</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Caleigh Graziano, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

Mr. Carpenter moved to accept Item 1, an addendum to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Zatchey. All in favor.

Public Comment regarding the agenda item

- Desiree Conrad, Ambridge, PA
 - Asked that going forward that the Board has a public conversation regarding addendums to the agenda.
 - ✓ Dr. Pasquerilla this is not a voting agenda because of the newly appointed board members, however, this item was important to get this volunteer cheer coach in place to help with the cheer team as soon as possible and the Board agreed.

Public Comment

- Desiree Conrad, Ambridge, PA
 - Reminder to the newly appointed Board members they took an Oath to the Constitution
 - In regards to the SRO – pointed to the Bele framework that would find alternatives to on-campus police and metal detectors.
- Tracey Ebert, Baden, PA
 - Cheer Team Field Trip, asked if this would be voted on because it is time-sensitive.
 - ✓ Dr. Pasquerilla said the Board will have to review the item on reimbursement for the registration fee, which would be amended to read as such and voted on next week.

IX. Committee Reports

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 appointments available:

December 9 – from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the High School Media Center

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 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 10th through February 14th. 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.

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. Tax Exoneration

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

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

4. 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

Point of Information

As a point of information, the Board is soliciting interested candidates for three (3) Board of School Director vacancies through legal advertisement and internal posting with Board consideration at the December 15, 2021, Voting Meeting. Applications will be available on the District website beginning tomorrow.

Steering and Rules

Legislative

X. Sunshine Law

Mrs. Mueller read the following:

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Matters subject to attorney-client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Sensitive public safety issues

XI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 9:10 p.m., Mrs. Fischer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Carpenter. All in favor.