

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

February 16, 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, February 16, 2022, is now called to order.

II. Flag salute-please rise

State Street Elementary 5th Grade Student Council

Caden Caler

Zoe Fabrizio

Auriah Anderson

Braden Vukovcan

Angel Brendle

Middle School National Junior Honor Society

Janna Rusnak, 8th Grade

Abby Smith, 8th Grade

Mikalah Wetzel, 8th Grade

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III. Roll Call

IV. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, February 16th 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

V. Correspondence

VI. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of Wednesday, January 9th Meet and Discuss Non-Voting Meeting, Wednesday, January 9th Meet and Discuss Voting Meeting, and Wednesday, January 19th Board Meeting.

VII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: January 2022

VIII. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

IX. Recognition/Presentation

GFWC Woman's Club Literature State Street Student Winners

Congratulation to the following General Federation of Women's Club (GFWC) Literature Winners of Category Two for Grades 3-5

Ella Stimmel
Caden Caler
Deana Trautman
Zackary Bayer
Jaycenn Davis-Arnold
Leighahna Kachinski

*Ella will be moving to the State Level

The Art Division 1 Grades 1-2

Mila Berry
Holly Bell
Mason Blazier

Division 2 Grades 3-5

Milayna Potts
Caramia Cravotta
Alice Smedley
Abigail Dobich

*Mila Berry and Milayna Potts will go on to the District Level

Congratulations to all!

Student of the Month – High School

September Students of the Month

12th- Elliot Powell
11th- Micah Kwolek
10th- Heidi Setzenfand
9th- Saellyah Paolino

October Students of the Month

12th- Tyler Holman
11th- Emilie Clouse
10th- Emily Gray
9th- Maddy Palmer

November Students of the Month

12th- Abee Clear
11th- Zappula Lewis
10th- Alora Edwards
9th- Kailyn Turko

December Students of the Month

12th- Jenna Bechtold
11th- Brooklyn Colon
10th- Preston Korol
9th- Anewdys Rivera Rivera

Students of the Month

12th - Haley Faltenovich
11th- Alex Aciento
10th- Mason Lewis
9th- Cody Roper

September Extra Effort

12th- Thomas Stowers
11th- Leila Ruckert
10th- Zach Bucka
9th- Amiracle Emerson Harmon

October Extra Effort

12th- Alexis Hitchens
11th- Christian Earle
10th- Joseph Janicki
9th- Kaitlyn Derochers

November Extra Effort

12th- None submitted
11th- Alyssa Kress
10th- Josh Horvath
9th- Savannah Jones

December Extra Effort

12th- Taraea Macon
11th- Jaida Kinter
10th- Aivah Wright
9th- Angelina Betters

January Extra Effort

12th- Dolores Ruiz Quinteros
11th- Julia Bennett
11th- Evan Scheib
10th- Kenoray Ronczka

Student of the Month – Middle School

January Student of the Month

8th – Jazlyn Martinez

7th – Daron Cox

6th – Morgan Hartman

January Extra Effort

8th – Hannah Thear

7th – Ja’Zelle McIntosh

6th – Payton Lytle

Student of the Month – Economy Elementary

January Student of the Month

5th – Alexander Pompeo

X. 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.

XI. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey

1. BVIU 2021-2022 IDEA Allocation

It is recommended to accept the 2021-2022 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Allocation to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$496,252.40 and it is furthermore recommended to accept the additional amount of \$21,257.93 from ARP IDEA.

2. BVIU 2021-2022 619-IDEA B Funds

It is recommended to accept the 2021-2022 Section 6196 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Allocation to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$9,666.00, for children ages three through five.

3. K-12 Guidance Plan (339)

It is recommended to approve the submission of the K-12 Guidance Plan (339) to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Plan was vetted through the Act 339 Advisory Council that included all stakeholders.

4. Act 91 Slippery Rock University Policy

It is recommended to approve the Act 91 Substitute Teaching for Student Teachers Policy to allow Slippery Rock University student teachers to act as substitute teachers during their student teaching semester.

Finance and Budget and Building and Grounds

Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Keber

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,702,874.81 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,209,556.84 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$57,310.11 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$42,117.73 be paid.

3. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve the request by the Borough of Baden for the real estate tax exoneration for the years 2011 through 2016 for Parcel No. 13-003-0608.000, 672 State Street, Baden, PA. To be purchased by Eichhorn Enterprises.

4. Repository

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

- a) 672 State Street, Baden, PA Tax Parcel 13-003-0608.000, for the bid amount of \$1,865.00 to Eichhorn Enterprises.

5. BCWAN Consortium

It is recommended the Ambridge Area School District should participate in the BCWAN Consortium for Telecommunications and Internet Access Services. Pricing through the Beaver County Intermediate Unit, is approximate \$1,596.93 per month beginning July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2022. The District has participated in this Consortium in the past.

Athletics and Public Relations

Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko

1. Baseball Batting Cage

It is recommended to approve the Ambridge Baseball Booster Organization to construct a batting cage at the School Street baseball field, at no initial cost to the district.

1. Policy 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 137.1 – *Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students*, to approve participation in the district's extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs by a student enrolled in a home education program who meets all the conditions stated in Board policy.

2. Policy 150 – Title 1 Comparability of Services – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to revise School Board Policy 150 – *Title 1 Comparability of Services*, to remove the language “Method of Determination” based on changes to the online tool used to create the Comparability Assurance Form for submission to the PA Department of Education, Division of Federal Programs.

3. Policy 800.1 – Electronic Signatures/Records – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading, to adopt School Board Policy 800.1 – *Electronic Signature/Records*, to outline guidelines for the use and acceptance of electronic signatures and records in connection with school entity programs and operations, as well as electronic recordkeeping requirements for compliance with state and federal laws and regulations and the school entity's Records Management Plan.

1. Slippery Rock University Field Placements

It is recommended to approve the following Slippery Rock University students, to complete observations hours within the Ambridge Area School District, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Elaina Toth, to be placed at the high school with Greg Helsel
Alyssa Machtley, to be placed at the high school with Christina Briola`
Ethan Smith, to be placed at the high school with Kim Bogati
Jake Ernst to be placed at the high school with Chris Yannessa
Sabina Whitney to be placed at the high school with Chris Yannessa
Trevor Morrison, to be placed at the high school with Larry Knopsnyder
Lukas Lepley, to be placed at the high school with Larry Knopsnyder
Kayla Werner, to be placed at the high school with Kent Withrow
Taylor Smith, to be placed at the high school with Michelle Hapich
John Gargas III, to be placed at the high school with Eric Harbison
Haylee Fleishman, to be placed at the middle school with Ashley Simpson
Nicholas Blake, to be placed at the middle school with Carl Baker
Anthony Malloy, to be placed at the middle school with Carl Baker
Kailey Burke, to be placed at the middle school with Ken Grafton
Annabelle Chipps, to be placed at the middle school with Amy Braund
Gracey Buckley, to be placed at the middle school with Brenna Wandel
Elizabeth Szczerbiak, to be placed at the middle school with Steven Perciavalle

Grace Bewty, to be placed at the middle school with Amy Fedorek
 Jennifer Gillette, to be placed at the middle school with Amy Padgett
 Marley Hoffman, to be placed at the middle school with Lauren Mawhinney
 Sonny Yungwirth, to be placed at the middle school with Brad Olenic
 Blaise Kehl, to be placed at the middle school with Don Ayers
 Kasey Scheller, to be placed at the middle school with Jan Rusnak

2. Internship

It is recommended that the Board approve a School Psychology Intern for the 2022-2023 School Year. The intern will provide additional support for students through psychological counseling, assessment reporting, participating in Child Study teams and SWPBIS team, and other duties assigned by the supervising school psychologist. The contracted internship pays \$20,000.00 for the school year and is being paid for using ESSERS ARP 7% Set-Aside Funds.

3. 2021-2022 Spring Coaches

It is recommended to approve the following individuals to fill the designated spring coaching positions for the 2021-2022 school years 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 spring sports as normal.

1) <u>Boys Volleyball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Jason Benkowski, Varsity Assistant	\$2,400.00
b) Glenn Freed, Middle School Coach	\$2,050.00
c) Aaron Mueller, Middle School Assistant Coach	\$1,350.00
d) Aaron Mueller, Volunteer	No Remuneration
e) Josh Jones, Volunteer	No Remuneration
f) Lee Smith, Volunteer	No Remuneration
g) Cole Hopkins, Volunteer	No Remuneration
2) <u>Baseball</u>	
a) Jason Gerle, Assistant Coach (Split Stipend)	\$1,200.00
b) TBD, Assistant Coach (Split Stipend)	\$1,200.00
c) Michael Mellor, Middle School Coach	\$1,350.00
3) <u>Girls Lacrosse (Club)</u>	
a) Dave Ilko, Head Coach	No Remuneration
b) Vicky Freed, Assistant Coach	No Remuneration
4) <u>Track</u>	
a) Logan Erickson, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
b) Preston Moore, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

4. Resignation

It is recommended to accept the resignation due to the retirement of Judith Ozenich from her position as a food service worker at the high school, effective February 18, 2022, with regret.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Sam Rosatone, a hall monitor at the Middle School, effective February 25, 2022, with regret.

6. Para-Professionals (Teaching Assistants)

It is recommended to approve the following individual as Para-Professional (Teaching Assistant), as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA/NEA), pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Carlyn Humphries, High School

7. FMLA

It is recommended to ratify employee #1410 taking an intermediate leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning January 26, 2022, not to exceed 12 weeks.

XII. President's Address

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