

**Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Voting & Non-Voting Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.**

**I. Call to Order: Mrs. Romasco called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Auditorium.

**II. Flag salute-please rise: Mrs. Romasco asked all present to rise.**

**State Street Students**

Jason Shakespeare

Alivia Hysong

Justin Hysong

Justin Hysong, a Kindergarten student, expressed to the School Board how much he loves his school, State Street Elementary.

**III. Notice: Mrs. Romasco read the following statement:** 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

Mrs. Cathy Fischer

Mr. Rob Keber

Mrs. Smith

Mr. Matt Zatchey

**Others Present**

Dr. Joseph W. Pasquerilla, Superintendent

Mr. Barry J. King, Assistant to the Superintendent

Mrs. Bethann Eyth, Director of Business and Operations

Ms. Megan Turnbull, Solicitor

Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary

**V. Sunshine Law**

**Mrs. Mueller read the following statement:**

The Board of School Directors held Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss:

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

**VI. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda**

**VII. Recognition/Presentation****Danielle Carpenter**

Danielle has two of her art pieces being shown at the Merrick Art Gallery for the “Beaver County High School Senior Art Competition. She was also awarded two considerable scholarships from Carlow University.

*Congratulations Danielle!!*

**Lily Carpenter**

Out of 5,000 applicants, 280 are invited into the US Naval Academy STEM Program. Congratulation to Lily for being accepted.

*Congratulations Lily!*

**Mr. Barry King – Presentation**

McGraw Hill Book Series

ELA K-6: 2020 Wonders

Mathematics K-5: 2018 My Math

**Mrs. Bethann Eyth – Budget Draft 3 Updates****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. 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.

Micah Kwolek, Student, Ambridge PA

- A high school basketball player for two years
- Showed support of Coach Puppich
- Believes that Coach Puppich could help the team reach new levels and consistency

Alec Fustich, Student, Ambridge, PA

- High school basketball player
- Showed support of Coach Puppich

**IX. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING****Education and Technology****Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey****1. Settlement Agreement**

It is recommended to approve the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement relating to Student No. 2022-01, by and between his Parent and the District, as presented.

**2. Student Agreement 2021-2022-16**

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #9375430626 relevant to a high school student, effective March 15, 2022.

**3. Student Agreement 2021-2022-17**

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #8133646898 relevant to a middle school student, effective March 22, 2022.

**4. Student Agreement 2021-2022-18**

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #2632243459 relevant to a high school student, effective March 16, 2022.

**5. Student Agreement 2021-2022-19**

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #9375430626 relevant to a high school student, effective March 24, 2022.

**6. Student Agreement 2021-2022-20**

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #4347371276 relevant to a high school student, effective March 31, 2022.

**7. Middle School Detention Program**

It is recommended to ratify the Ambridge Area Middle School Detention Program. The after-school program will be held every other week in two-hour increments as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. There will be a total of seven sessions for a total of 14 hours. The total cost will be \$710.360. All costs incurred will be paid from the high school detention school budget.

Mr. Zatchey moved to accept items 1-7, seconded by Miss Fitsko. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Personnel and Salary Schedule and Labor Relations****Mr. Cephas and Mrs. Smith**1. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors

It is recommended Kelly Romasco be appointed as the representative to serve, for a three-year term of office to commence July 1, 2022.

2. FMLA

It is recommended to approve employee #332 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave beginning March 14, 2022, not to exceed 12 weeks.

3. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Janet Gaffney, from her position as the Food Service Director, effective June 30, 2022, with regret.

4. Resignation

It is recommended to ratify the resignation of Karen DeMarco, from her position as the secondary Science Department Head, effective March 15, 2022, with regret.

5. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

It is recommended the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2021-2022 school year be approved at the salary designated in the negotiated agreement:

**DEPARTMENT HEADS****SALARY****Secondary**

Science

Georgia Barlamas (Co-Department Head)

\$189.58

Paul Hladio (Co-Department Head)

\$189.57

6. Middle School Detention Program

It is recommended to ratify Amy Braund as the Middle School Detention Program Supervisor. The detention program will be held for one two-hour session, every other week. Mrs. Braund will be compensated at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement.

7. 2021-2022 Spring Coaches

It is recommended to ratify 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) Softball

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| a) Thomas Smith, Volunteer Coach     | No Remuneration |
| b) Hannah Smith, Middle School Coach | \$1,350.00      |

2) Boys Tennis

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| a) Georgia Barlamas, Head Coach    | \$4,300.00 |
| b) Megan Racioppo, Assistant Coach | \$1,050.00 |

8. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended the following individual who have applied for the specified posted position 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 are able to hold activities as normal.

**ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)****SALARY**

JROTC Cadet Club	Lieutenant Colonel Jeffery Tisak	\$470.00
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9. School Resource Officer Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between The Ambridge Police Department and the Ambridge Area School District to provide one uniformed School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$20,266.24 for the SRO services from April 20, 2022, through June 2, 2022.

10. Food Service Worker

It is recommended to hire Ken Carlisle, Jr. to fill the Utility Position at the high school food service department 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.

11. Tutoring

It is recommended to ratify the following teachers for tutoring at all grade levels to address the learning gaps due to COVID 19. The teachers will be paid 1.5 hours per day at the contracted rate. This is funded through the ESSERS III grant.

Amy Wass, Highland Elementary  
 Jennifer Shannon, Highland Elementary  
 Thomas McKelvey, Highland Elementary

## 12. Common Assessment Authors

It is recommended to approve the following individuals to serve as the Common Assessment Authors for the 2021-2022 school year to develop three (3) common assessments. Teachers will be compensated at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Karen DeMarco, Science - to be paid 10 hours

Eric Harbison, Science – to be paid 5 hours

Mrs. Smith moved to accept items 1-12, seconded by Mr. Zatchey. The vote in favor was unanimous.

## X. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

### Education and Technology

**Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey**

#### 1. McGraw Hill

It is recommended to approve the adoption of the My Math math series, for grades K-5. The total cost will be \$92,714.15, for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years.

#### 2. McGraw Hill 2020 Wonders

It is recommended to approve the adoption of the McGraw Hill 2020 Wonders reading series, grades K-6. The total cost will be \$189,043.28, for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years.

#### 3. Transmath Intervention Materials

It is recommended to approve the purchase of Transmath Intervention materials focused on meeting the needs of students with disabilities in Learning Support Math classes' in grades 6-8 and Algebra 1A and 1B at the High School. The cost is \$15229.50 for resources and \$1800 for one day of training to be purchased using ESSER funds.

### Finance and Budget and Building and Grounds

**Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Keber**

#### 1. Proposed Final Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year

It is recommended to approve the Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year with Expenditures of \$53,121,066.00. The Proposed Final Budget is on display for public inspection at the Administration Office and online on our website.

#### 2. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$3,795,098.08 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,239,543.29 be paid.

3. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$64,177.92 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$49,769.05 be paid.

4. 2022-2023 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget

It is recommended to approve the 2022-2023 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget for \$6,445,645.00. It is further recommended the Board President and Board Secretary be authorized to execute the BCCTC Resolution form.

5. Service Agreement Renewal

It is recommended to renew the service agreement with Associated Occupational Therapy for the 2022-2023 school year with no increase in rates.

**Athletics and Public Relations**

**Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko**

**Steering and Rules and Legislative**

**Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Fischer**

**XI. President's Address**

Mrs. Romasco thanks Dr. Pasquerilla and Ms. Turnbull for their work on getting an SRO into the middle school.

Highlighted some of the Senior Important Dates – Senior Walk Day is May 25<sup>th</sup>

BCCTC graduation is May 27<sup>th</sup>

Announced that the June 3<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony will be held outside on Moe Rubenstein Stadium, pending weather, it would be held in the high school gymnasium with overflow in the auditorium.

Mrs. Romasco asked Mr. King to speak on the May 14<sup>th</sup> District-Wide Community Event.

- Mr. King announced this is a Title I family engagement day, there will be district sports tables set up, and food trucks such as Fritzy's Bistro and Brusters.

**XII. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Pasquerilla thanked the State Street students for coming.

Thanked Mr. King, Dr. Filipowski, teachers, principals and all who worked on the books. And happy to get to use some of the ESSERS funds.

Looking forward to spring sports and concerts.

**XIII. Solicitor's Report**

Ms. Turnbull reported she will have a document retention policy for next week to make minor changes to help with storage issues of the district. Also reminded the Board to complete and turn their Statement of Financials into the Board Secretary.

**XIV. 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. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour.

**XV. Motion to Adjourn**

At 8:25 p.m., Mrs. Romasco moved to adjourn, seconded