

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Voting and Non-Voting meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

I. Call to Order: Mrs. Romasco called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Auditorium.

II. Flag salute-please rise: Mrs. Romasco asked all present to rise and for the students to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Economy Elementary Students

III. Notice: Mrs. Mueller 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
 Mr. Matthew Zatchey, Treasurer
 Mr. John Carpenter
 Mr. Thomas Cephas
 Mrs. Cathy Fischer
 Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe
 Mrs. Kelly Smith

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, October 12th to discuss:

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

VI. Correspondence

No Correspondence

VII. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

Amended item 12 under Personnel and Salary Schedule and Labor Relations to read at a salary of \$47,671.00 (Step 1 Master).

Mrs. Smith moved to accept the amendment, seconded by Miss Fitsko. All in favor.

VIII. Recognition/Presentation

IX. 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.

No Comments

X. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING

Personnel and Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mr. Cephas and Mrs. Smith

***ALL NEW HIRES, PENDING RECEIPT OF SATISFACTORY AND CURRENT CLEARANCES, SATISFACTORY DRUG SCREENING, TB TESTING, RESPONSES BY CURRENT/FORMER EMPLOYERS TO ACT 168 SCREENING, AND PDE CERTIFICATIONS IF APPLICABLE.**

1. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended the following individuals who has applied for the specified posted positions for the 2022-2023 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.

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Chess Club	Greg Helsel	\$ 470.00
Black Student Union Club	Carlyn Humphries, Co-Sponsor	235.00
	Tameki Tarver, Co-Sponsor	235.00
<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
National Junior Honor Society	Amy Braund	\$ 650.00

2. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Brittany Cejer from her position as a Highland Elementary School Learning Support/Autistic Support Teacher 3-5, effective September 27, 2022, with regret. The District reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) days statutory period or until relieved of duties, whichever occurs first.

3. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Kristina Mroz from her position as a Highland Elementary School Emotional Support/Learning Support Teacher K-2, effective October 3, 2022, with regret.

4. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Melissa Asaro from her position as a Pre-K Para-Professional at Highland Elementary, effective October 10, 2022, with regret.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Ann Mooney from her position as a Para-Professional at Economy Elementary, effective October 28, 2022, with regret.

6. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to the retirement of Teresa Brewer from her position as an Ambridge Area High School Learning Support/Emotional Support/Autistic Support/Life Skills/Transition/Special Education Teacher, effective October 25, 2022, with regret.

7. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to the retirement of Meg Rabold from her position as an Athletic/Transportation Secretary at the high school, effective October 12, 2022, with regret.

8. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to the retirement of Jane Gaydos from her position as a custodian, effective November 30, 2022, with regret.

9. Cafeteria Food Service Monitors

It is recommended to ratify the following individuals as Food Service Monitors, as per the terms of the non-bargaining unit, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

Jeanette Kostelich, Highland Elementary
Kevin O'Keefe, Middle School

10. Mentor Teacher

It is recommended to approve the following mentor teacher assignment for the 2022-2023 school year, be approved as per the negotiated agreement:

Mentor Teacher
Steven Perciavalle

New Teacher
Alexander Jewell

11. 2022-2023 Winter/Spring Coach

It is recommended the following individuals be approved to fill the designated winter/spring coaching positions for the 2022-2023 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 coaches to hold winter/spring sports as normal.

<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Anthony Phan, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
 <u>Girls Basketball</u>	 <u>Stipend</u>
Craig Wiltrek, Middle School Coach	\$1,750.00
 <u>Boys Basketball</u>	
Anthony Phan, Middle School Coach	\$1,750.00
 <u>Cheer</u>	 <u>Stipend</u>
Lydia Bable, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

12. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Kathryn Couch, as an Ambridge Area High School Guidance Counselor at a salary of \$47,681.00 (Step 1, Master), as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEE/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, and PDE certifications if applicable.

13. Field Observation

It is recommended to approve Laurie Calnea, a Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit student, to complete her ten (10) hours of field observation for an ESL Certification Program at Economy Elementary, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Laurie Calnea will be placed with Kim Springer.

Mr. Carpenter moved to accept items 1-13 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Smith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)**Education and Technology****Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey**1. Pennsylvania Education Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C)

It is recommended Foster Crawford be approved to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference. The event is being held from February 12th through February 15th, 2023 at Pocono Manor, PA. The purpose of this conference is to provide quality programs focused on technology in the educational field. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 331 Job Related Expenses. The total cost for the employee will be approximately \$1,000.00.

2. MP Security Solutions

It is recommended to approve the proposal of MP Security Solutions to provide security monitoring for a period of one (1) year from November 1, 2022 through November 1, 2023 at a cost of \$6,480.00 and it is furthermore recommended to approve MP Security Solutions to upgrade equipment and install the monitoring system at a cost of \$10,950.48. This total cost has been budgeted in the 2022-2023 technology budget, **pending solicitor review**.

3. Student Discipline 2022-2023-05

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #6525266092 relevant to a High School student, effective October 7, 2022.

4. Allegheny Intermediate Unit

It is recommended to approve the Title I Non-Public School Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The AIU will provide remedial reading and math instructional services in line with the Title I Program that educates the Ambridge Area School District's non-public students. This will be at a cost of \$7,294.00, to be paid out of the Title I funds.

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 \$2,135,766.77 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,288,981.39 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$___ and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$48,918.00 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for October 2022.

4. Repository

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

- a) 649 Merchant Street, Ambridge PA Tax Parcel 10-002-0531.000, for the bid amount of \$2,048.00 to Steinberg Holdings, LLC.
- b) 435 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA Tax Parcel 09-002-0127.000-01-1, for the bid of \$1,617.00 to Steinburg Holding, LLC.

5. Tractor Purchase

It is recommended to approve the purchase of a 2022 New Holland Workmaster Tractor from Vernon Dell Tractor in Prospect, PA in the amount of \$17,190.16. The bid for the tractor was made through the State Bidding process (Co-Stars). This is to replace the current tractor, which cannot be fixed. The tractor is used for snow removal, loading salt, lawn duties, and upkeep of the baseball field.

6. Award of Bids

It is recommended to accept the bid proposal from The A.G. Mauro Company in the amount of \$45,970.00 to replace approximately 100 door locks throughout the district. **Pending the approval of the PCCD School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grant.**

7. Maintenance Agreement

It is recommended to renew a two (2) year Maintenance Agreement with Penn Power Systems at an annual amount of \$3,525.00 to perform regularly scheduled maintenance and inspections of the emergency power generator systems effective September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024. The services will occur at all district buildings, **pending solicitor review.**

8. CMS Controls HVAC Service

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year agreement with CMS Controls to provide HVAC maintenance, at a total cost of \$4,800.00, **pending solicitor review.** This is at a lower cost than the previous vendor.

9. Electric Booster Heater

It is recommended to approve the purchase of a replacement electric booster heater from Curran Taylor, in the amount of \$6,454.00 for Highland Elementary cafeteria.

Athletics and Public Relations

Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko

1. Arbiter Pay

It is recommended to approve a three (3) year Arbiter Pay License Subscription at a total cost of \$8,535.00. Arbiter Pay is an efficient digital payment solution for 1099 workers in high school and higher education sports and scholastic events.

Steering and Rules and Legislative**Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Fischer****1. Beaver County Career & Technology Joint Operating Committee**

It is recommended that Mary Jo Kehoe be appointed as the representative and Amy Fitsko be appointed as the alternate representative to serve a three-year term as representatives on the Beaver County Career and Technology Joint Operating Committee that will expire on December 31, 2025.

XII. President's Address

Nothing to report.

XIII. Superintendent's Report

Thanked all for their patients with the busing situation. Rhodes has made improvements but if you are having busing issues you can let your principals know, contact Rhodes or call Mrs. Eyth. Dr. Pasquerilla is hopeful things are moving in the right direction.

Dr. Pasquerilla gave a shout-out to all of the fall sports, it was a great season and to all of the students who showcased their senior projects with pink-out nights.

XIV. Solicitor's Report

Nothing to 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. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour.

Shaun Duguay, Ambridge, PA

- Has a 7th grader who has had a 10-day suspension twice and was told they would send packets home with the sibling, that was never done and there were no assignments on Schoology.
- Also upset that he never received an answer on the bullying of his son.
- He stated he belongs to Premier Youth Center and he would like the district to work with them to help the students getting suspended. They have a program has a curriculum for the "mindset of a leader".
- Asked that the district be the change for these students.
- Suggested in-school suspension for students.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Mrs. Romasco moved to adjourn the meeting and return to executive session, seconded by Mrs. Smith. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Mrs. June Mueller
Board Secretary**