

Minutes for the Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

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

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, is now called to order.

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

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
 Mr. Matthew Zatchey, Treasurer
 Mr. John Carpenter
 Mr. Thomas Cephas
 Mrs. Cathy Fischer
 Mr. Robert Keber
 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
 Ms. Michelle Gannon, Solicitor
 Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary

V. Sunshine Law: Mrs. Mueller read the following:

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, November 16th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- 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

No correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Meet and Discuss Voting and Non-Voting, and Wednesday, October 19, 2022 Board meeting.

Miss Fitsko moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Keber. All in favor.

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated: October 2022

Mrs. Fischer moved to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Miss Fitsko. All in favor

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Congratulations to Ms. Janice Zupsic, Ed.D.

On September 17, 2022, Dr. Janice Zupsic successfully defended her dissertation. Upon completion, Dr. Zupsic was awarded an Ed.D. in Leadership and Administration from Point Park University.

Congratulations on a job well done Dr. Zupsic!

High School September Student of the Month

- 12th- Delores Quinteros Ruiz
- 11th- Nate Thomas
- 10th- Savanna Jones
- 9th- Cooper Scheidemantle

High School September Extra Effort

- 12th- Nyh’Juan Ross
- 11th- Alec Fustich
- 10th- Blaize Kolar
- 9th- Ariana Avolio-Mason

High School October Student of the Month

- 12th- Grace Buchanan
- 11th- Ava Timmons
- 10th- Lauren Kelly
- 9th- Ariana Avolio-Mason

High School October Extra Effort

- 12th- Jasmin Schneider
- 11th- Riley Fallecker
- 10th- Richard Roarke
- 9th- Lana Holcomb

Recognition of The Wilson Group

The Board of Education and Dr. Pasquerilla would like to thank The Wilson Group for their generous donation and scholarship made to the district.

The Wilson Group made a donation of \$13,000.00 to be used for repairs to the baseball field.

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 comment.

XI. Committee Reports**Education and Technology****Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey****1. McGraw Hill 2020 WonderWorks**

It is recommended to approve the adoption of the McGraw Hill 2020 WonderWorks Reading Intervention materials for students with disabilities. The total cost will be \$11,769.78 paid through ESSERS funding.

2. Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of the Unified Club at the High School with the sponsor to be paid a stipend of \$470.00.

*The Unified Club falls under the umbrella of the Special Olympics. The goal of the club is to support the inclusion of all students with an emphasis on students with disabilities. It promotes positive relationships between typical peers and peers with disabilities as the club members meet to develop school-wide activities such as dances, sporting events, and other fun activities as well as spearhead campaigns such as "Spread the Word to End the Word".

3. Slippery Rock University Affiliation Agreement

It is recommended to approve a five-year affiliation agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Slippery Rock University, at no cost to the District.

4. Slippery Rock University Counselor Internship Agreement

It is recommended to approve a Counselor Internship Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Slippery Rock University, at no cost to the District.

5. BVIU 2022-2023 IDEA Allocation

It is recommended to accept the 2022-2023 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Allocation to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$414,171.00.

6. BVIU 2022-2023 Allocation of Federal 619-IDEA B Funds

It is recommended to accept the 2022-2023 Allocation of Federal 616-IDEA B Funds to the Ambridge Area School District, in the amount of \$8,806.00.

7. Infinite Campus

It is recommended to approve Infinite Campus to replace our current Student Information Systems software, Tyler Technologies, beginning the 2023-2024 school year. With a one-time set-up cost of \$8,149.45 with a first year cost of \$23,249.85.

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

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 \$947,036.05 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,332,845.78 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$100,573.92 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$56,305.55 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for November 2022.

4. Preliminary Budget Resolution

It is recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 6 in accordance with preliminary budget requirements as set forth in Section 311 of Act 1 regarding the district's election not to increase any tax for the support of the Ambridge Area School District for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate that exceeds the index of 5.5% as calculated by the PA Department of Education.

5. Omni Approved Vendors

It is recommended to add Canella Financial Group as a service provider for the Ambridge Area School District's 403(b) plan administered by the Omni Group.

Mr. Carpenter moved to accept items 1-5, seconded by Mr. Keber. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Athletics and Public Relations

Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko

1. W.P.I.A.L

It is recommended to approve Marena Baker and Elizabeth Hoge to represent the Ambridge Area School District as independent W.P.I.A.L. gymnasts. The Board further authorized Terri Gazda to serve as their coach at all practices and meets.

Mr. Zatchey moved to accept item 1, seconded by Mrs. Fischer. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Steering and Rules and Legislative

Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Fischer

1. Reorganization Meeting

It is recommended the Reorganization Meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

2. December Board Meetings

It is recommended the monthly Meet and Discuss Meeting and Board Meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, immediately following the Reorganization Meeting.

3. Policy 263.1 – Threat Assessment – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading to adopt School Board Policy 236.1– *Threat Assessment* for legal liability purposes; school entities are required to establish procedures for implementation of 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-E regarding threat assessment.

4. Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and response – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading to revise School Board Policy 805– *Emergency Preparedness* for legal liability purposes; school entities are required to establish procedures for responding to reports from the Safe2Say Something program.

5. Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading to revise School Board Policy 805.2– *School Security Personnel* for legal liability and auditing purposes.

6. Policy 916 – Volunteers – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading to revise School Board Policy 916– *Volunteers* to enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing volunteers and their participation in the activities of the district.

7. Articles of Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Beaver County Career and Technology Articles of Agreement to approve the revised by-laws for the operation of the school under the School Code.

Mrs. Kehoe moved to accept items 1-7, seconded by Mrs. Fischer. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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. Slippery Rock University Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve the following Slippery Rock University student teachers, for student teaching at Economy Elementary for the 2023 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Madison Slowinski is to be placed with Lynn Hartle and Kelly Bischak

Mackenzie Uber is to be placed with Carrie Malinich

Kayli Newman is to be placed with Tammy Kennedy

2. Slippery Rock University Student Internship

It is recommended to approve Tori Naugle, a Slippery Rock University student, for school intern placement at the high school for the 2023 winter/spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Tori will be placed with Chelsea Benedict.

3. Field Observation

It is recommended to approve the following Slippery Rock University students to complete their field observation in music education for the 2022-2023 winter/spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. The students will be placed with Todd Hartman and Stephen Rodgers.

Noah White

Christian Shroul

4. Field Observation

It is recommended to approve Sarah Bioni, a PennWest California University student complete her field observation to complete her master's in Applied Behavior Analysis, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Sarah will be placed with Hannah Jozwiak.

5. Geneva College Student Teachers

It is recommended to approve Nick Ehko, a Geneva College student teacher, for student teaching at the high school for the 2023 spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Nick will be placed with Jodi Musser.

6. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended the following individuals who have 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>
Unified Club	Ashley Schmidt, Co-Sponsor	\$235.00
	Anna Rubaker, Co-Sponsor	\$235.00

7. Tutoring

It is recommended to approve the following teachers for tutoring at all grade levels to address the learning gaps due to COVID-19. The Tutoring Program will meet a maximum of two days a week. The teachers will be paid 1.5 hours per day at the contracted rate. This is funded through the ESSERS III grant.

High School
Glenn Freed, Math

8. 2022-2023 Volleyball Open Gym

It is recommended the following individuals be approved as volunteers for the Boys and Girls Volleyball Open Gym for grades 5 – 6, with no remuneration, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Jennifer Ax
Glenn Freed
Denise Smith
Adina Ferragonio

9. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to the retirement of Natalie Semonik from her position as a Para-Professional at the High School, effective November 18, 2022, with regret.

10. Attendance Secretary

It is recommended to approve Maria Kotula as the Attendance Secretary, as per the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association – ESPA/PSEA-NEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

11. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Erin Hein, as an Ambridge Area High School Biology Teacher at a salary of \$47,681.00 (Step 1, Master), effective January 3, 2023, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

Mr. Cephas moved to accept 1-11, seconded by Mrs. Smith. The vote in favor was unanimous.

XII. President's Address

Nothing to report.

XIII. Solicitor's Report

Ms. Gannon reported the district to join in a class action against Juul, at no cost to the district.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pasquerilla congratulated Dr. Zupsic on all of her hard work and success. Dr. Pasquerilla also thanked the Wilson Group and Mr. Crawford for helping to make the transfer to the new copiers a smooth transition. Switching to the Wilson Group is a saving every month and it will go to good use for the students.

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.

No comment.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

At 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Fischer. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. June Mueller

