

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING
VOTING AND NON-VOTING AGENDA
February 1, 2023**

7:00 p.m.

High School Cafeteria

I. Call to Order

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria.

II. Flag salute-please rise

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

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, February 1st 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

VI. Correspondence

VII. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

VIII. Recognition/Presentation

Audit Presentation – Mr. Peter Vancheri

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.

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. Highland Elementary School Principal

It is recommended to approve Stephanie Hull as the Principal at Highland Elementary School at a salary of \$89,500.00, as per the terms of the Act 93 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.

2. Sub-Contracted School Psychologist

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and Micalla Micus, a Private Psychologist, for sub-contracted psychological services. **Pending solicitor's review of the final agreement.**

3. Hall Monitor

It is recommended to hire the following individual as Hall Monitor as per the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, pending receipt of satisfactory and current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Vickie Certich, High School

Education and Technology

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey

1. Game Development in JavaScript

It is recommended to approve Game Development with Java Script as an additional elective opportunity for the 2023-2024 Course of Studies Book.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

Education and Technology

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey

1. Student Discipline 2022-2023-12

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #5755362378 relevant to a High School student, effective January 27, 2023.

2. Student Discipline 2022-2023-13

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #9442641298 relevant to a Middle School student, effective January 26, 2023.

3. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Secondary Social Studies

It is recommended to approve a five (5) year renewal of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Secondary Social Studies. The total cost of the series is \$125,730.00.

4. Houghton Mifflin Go Math

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year renewal of the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt math series, *Go Math!* grades 6-8, high school Algebra I and II, and high school geometry. The total cost of the series is \$39,143.87.

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 \$1,414,943.53 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,230,137.02 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 \$46,358.00 be paid.

3. Resolution 2022-2023-08

It is recommended that Resolution 2022-2023-08, a Resolution extending the deadline for District Tax Collectors to file 2022-2023 returns with the Beaver County Tax Claim Bureau, be adopted.

Athletics and Public Relations

Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko

Point of Information

Beaver County Band Festival

Ambridge Area High School will be hosting the 2023 Beaver County Band Festival on March 20th and 21st. This festival will consist of the best band students from each of the county school districts from grades 7-12. These students will be split into two bands, grades 7-9, and grades 10-12.

March 20th – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 21st – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 21st – Concert at 7:00 p.m.

This festival has not taken place since 2019 because of Covid. Ambridge is happy to help bring it back and give these band students a great experience.

1. Policy 204 – Attendance –First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading to update School Board Policy 204 – *Attendance* to require the attendance of all students during the days and hours that the school is in session, except that temporary student absences may be excused by authorized district staff in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations.

XII. President’s Address

XIII. Superintendent’s Report

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

XVI. Motion to Adjourn