

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING
VOTING AND NON-VOTING AGENDA**

March 8, 2023

7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Auditorium.

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, March 8th 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

Product Presentation by Nosy

Refinancing update by John McShane, Boenning & Scattergood

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

Education and Technology

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey

1. Settlement Offer for Government Entity Claims against JUUL Labs, Inc.

It is recommended to approve the settlement in the class action lawsuit against JUUL Labs, Inc. as presented and to authorize execution of all necessary documents relating to the same.

2. Student Discipline 2022-2023-15

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #6785346363 relevant to a Middle School student, effective March 3, 2023.

3. Student Discipline 2022-2023-16

It is recommended to adopt the recommended discipline for student #8505853997 pursuant to a private disciplinary hearing held March 8, 2023.

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. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Ben Fiore from his position of Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, effective February 20, 2023, with regret.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

Education and Technology

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey

1. Category 2 E-Rate Funding

It is recommended to approve (using Category 2 E-Rate funding) the purchase of Wireless Access Points for State Street Elementary School and Ambridge Area Middle School. The total cost of the project is \$50,866.00. Pending Universal Service Administrative Company Schools and Library Divisions (USAC SLD) approval, the E-Rate program will pay approximately 80% (\$40,692.80) of the total cost. The Ambridge Area School District will pay approximately 20% (\$10,173.20) of the total cost.

2. Food Service Orientation

It is recommended Leigh Anne Holman attend the Orientation Part 2 to School Food Service Operations in Harrisburg, PA from May 3 through May 4th, 2023. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 531, Job Related Expenses. The total cost for will be approximately \$659.58.

3. Adventures in Education Club Field Trip

It is recommended that Larry Knopsnyder, an American Cultures Teacher at the High School, be authorized to take 10th-grade students in the Adventures in Education Club to St. Augustine, Florida from November 6-9, 2023. There will be no cost to the District, with the exception of the cost for the substitute teacher. Parents or guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances and TB testing.

4. Geneva College Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between Geneva College Department of Communication Disorders and the Ambridge Area School District for the purpose of a Geneva College student's field and clinical experiences for the fall of 2023.

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 \$1,284,421.19 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,933,004.69 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$55,989.08 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$137,777.01 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for March 2023.

4. Proposed 2023-2024 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Budget

It is recommended the 2023-2024 Beaver Valley Intermediate unit General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,608,913.00 be approved. It is further recommended the Board President and Secretary be authorized to execute the DECO-779 Resolution form concerning the BVIU budget.

5. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation of \$1,000.00 from Mentoring Partnership in honor of Zappula Lewis's selection as a member of the Inaugural Steelers All-Peer Team! The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift.

6. Gifts in Kind

It is recommended to accept the donation of a Gaga Pit for Economy Elementary Playground from the Economy Elementary PTA. The donor has received no goods or services in return for this gift.

Athletics and Public Relations

Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules and Legislative

Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Fischer

1. Policy 204 – Attendance –Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third 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