

**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, May 10, 2023.**

**I. Call to Order: Mrs. Romasco called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.**

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

**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  
Mrs. Cathy Fischer  
Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe

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:**

The Board of School Directors held Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Added item #1 under Education and Technology as a legislative action**

Mr. Zatchey made a motion to add the addendum, seconded by Miss Fitsko. All in favor.

**VIII. Recognition/Presentation****Dr. Pasquerilla, GPA 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.

**X. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING****Education and Technology****Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey**1. Student Discipline 2022-2023-24

It is recommended to approve the adjudicated discipline agreement for student #3462463144 relevant to a High School student.

Miss Fitsko moved to approve item 1, seconded by Mr. Carpenter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)****Education and Technology****Mrs. Smith and Mr. Zatchey**2. Savvas Learning Company LLC PreK Curriculum

It is recommended to approve the purchase of the Savvas Learning Company PreK series *Three Cheers for PreK* and an eight (8) year digital license for each PreK classroom (a total of 5 classrooms). The total cost of the series is \$25,868.00. **To be paid for by the PreK Grant.**

3. Student Discipline 2022-2023-22

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #2616725142 relevant to a Middle School student, effective April 21, 2023.

4. Student Discipline 2022-2023-23

It is recommended to ratify the discipline agreement for student #4602323243 relevant to a Middle School student, effective May 1, 2023.

5. Settlement Agreement

It is recommended to approve the special education settlement agreement between the district and student #1447797035. It is further recommended to authorize the Administration to take all steps in accordance therewith.

**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 \$876,099.44 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,255,505.03 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$49,163.93 be paid.

3. Budget Transfers

It is recommended to approve budget transfers for May 2023.

4. Proposed Final Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year

It is recommended to approve the Proposed Final General Operating Fund Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year with Expenditures of \$54,617,806.00. The Proposed Final Budget is on display for public inspection at the Administration Office and online on our website.

5. Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)

It is recommended to approve the renewal dues for the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) membership for a total cost of \$13,948.02, at no increase in cost to the District.

6. Student/Athletic Insurance

a) It is recommended that the United States Fire Insurance Company (PSBA endorsed) be approved for **voluntary** student insurance coverage for the 2023-2024 school year beginning August 1, 2023. Goodwin & Gruber Agency will act as the insurance broker. The medical limits are \$250,000.00 with a one-year period. The rate for school-time coverage is \$22.50 and \$90.00 for 24-hour coverage.

- b) It is recommended that United States Fire Insurance Company be approved for student **athletic** coverage at a cost of \$10,915.00 to insure interscholastic athletes, band, and cheerleaders. The medical limit for sports is \$1,000,000.00 with a two-year benefit period. Plan 1 which pays all medical expenses “Usual & Customary” will be used. The premium includes a field trip endorsement for all one-day field trips (in Pennsylvania) for coverage up to \$2,500.00 per student.

\*This is at no increase in cost.

7. Ambulance Service

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Non-Profit Emergency Services of Beaver County, Medic Rescue, for a period of one year commencing on July 1, 2023, at an annual fee of \$3,500.00, at no increase in cost.

Athletics and Public Relations

**Mr. Zatchey and Miss Fitsko**

Steering and Rules and Legislative

**Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Fischer**

1. Policy 830 – Data Storage – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to adopt School Board Policy 830 – *Data Storage* for the purpose of secure management of the district’s electronic data to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the data for all district users.

2. Policy 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to update School Board Policy 011 – *Principles for Governance and Leadership* to ensure the language is reflective of current needs and practices.

3. Policy 200 – Enrollment of Students – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to adopt School Board Policy 200 – *Enrollment of Students* to ensure the enrollment of school-age students eligible to attend district schools, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, Board policy and administrative regulations.

4. Policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to update School Board Policy 202 – *Eligibility of Nonresident Students* to expand requirements for immediate enrollment to include students experiencing foster care and other forms of educational instability.

5. Policy 217 – Graduation – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to update School Board Policy 217 – *Graduation* to include provisions regarding graduation requirements and annual reporting of graduation information and data. A section was also added to the policy to address support for the graduation of students experiencing educational instability.

6. Policy 221 – Dress and Grooming – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to update School Board Policy 221 – *Dress and Grooming* to waive penalties related to a delay in student compliance with board policy and school rules for dress and grooming due to a student’s educational instability, students experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability has been added to the policy.

7. Policy 251– Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading to update School Board Policy 251 – *Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability* to ensure that students experiencing education instability graduate in a timely manner.

**XII. President’s Address**

Mrs. Romasco wished the teachers and nurses Happy Appreciation Week!

**XIII. Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Pasquerilla thanked all the staff, teachers and nurses. Looking forward to a great end of the school year with the concerts and end of season athletics.

**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.

Mr. Carpenter congratulated the Band/Chorus/Steel Drums and all of the musical staff, as it was exceptional and was nominated for five Mancini awards and up for the best musical.

No public comment.

**XVI. Motion to Adjourn**

At approximately 8:12 p.m. Mrs. Romasco made a motion to adjourn. All in favor.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mrs. June Mueller**