

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
January 17, 2024

7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 is now called to order.

II. Flag salute-please rise

III. Student Interact Club Report

Ambridge Area High School Interact Club

Emma Wenum-President

Brenna Gerle-Vice President

Natajha Alexander-Secretary

Makenzie Majercik-Treasurer

Madison Kozak-Social Media

IV. 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.

V. Roll Call

VI. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 17th 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

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Motion to Accept the Treasure's Report dated: November 2023 and December 2023

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Holiday Greeting Card Winners

Sofia Chirumbolo, 5th Grade, Economy Elementary

Luca Fabanich, 4th Grade, State Street Elementary

Bayani Strong, 3rd Grade, Highland Elementary

December Students of the Month

High School December Student of the Month

Riley Fallecker, 12th Grade

Sheridan Olenic, 11th Grade

Pablo Malla Armijos, 10th Grade

Edita Deen Ilagan, 9th Grade

High School December Extra Effort Award

Kemagne Phillips, 12th Grade

Reanna Ramirez, 11th Grade

Quinn Tkatch, 10th Grade

Sierra Tyson, 9th Grade

Middle School December Students of the Month

Madison Curry, 8th Grade

Royal Easley, 7th Grade

Lily Buchanan, 6th Grade

Economy Elementary December Student of the Month

Nathan Mihelich, 5th Grade

Highland Elementary December Student of the Month

Aria Barfield, 1st Grade

State Street Elementary December Student of the Month

Raelyn Gravener, 5th Grade

State Street Elementary November Student of the Month

Jacob Walls, 5th Grade

December Employees of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Bonnie DeAngelis, Special Education Teacher

Middle School Employee of the Month

Krista Novak, Business Education Teacher

Economy Elementary

Kevin Martin, Maintenance

State Street Elementary

Sharon Kilmer, Nurse

Highland Elementary

Marie Buck, Speech Therapist

MAC Tournament Wrestling

Two of our student athletes placed in the wrestling MAC Tournament. Congratulations Ethan Wrotny and Dean Chalupiak.

XI. 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.

XII. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. 2024-2025 School Calendar

It is recommended the Proposed 2024-2025 School Year Calendar be approved, as presented.

2. Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) Conference

It is recommended that Joseph Lamenza be authorized to attend the 55th Annual PSADA Conference in which Mr. Lamenza will receive professional development regarding management and operations of athletic events. The event will be held March

19-22, 2024, at Hershey. Mr. Lamenza will be reimbursed at the contracted rate with an expense report attached, which covers registration, fees, travel, lodging, and meals not to exceed \$2500.

3. BCWAN Consortium

It is recommended to retroactively approve the Ambridge Area School District should participate in the BCWAN Consortium for Telecommunications and Internet Access Services. Pricing through the Beaver County Intermediate Unit is approximately \$1,791.46 per month beginning July 1, 2023 for a five-year period. The District has participated in this Consortium in the past.

4. Approval of Flourish Beaver County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

It is recommended to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ambridge Area School District and Flourish Beaver County for the launch of the Beaver County Education Initiative to foster educational opportunities for our students and the coordination of a post-secondary scholarship.

Finance and Budget

Mr. Zatchey

1. Berkone Act 80 Proposal

It is recommended to accept the proposal from Berkone to review the Act 80 tax jurisdiction by the school district to determine if there are taxpayers who reported an incorrect school code on their tax returns. This is at a cost of approximately \$860.00.

2. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,834,261.27 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,334,357.04 be paid.

3. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$81,333.05 and the Monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$55,704.45 be paid.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Metz

1. Exterior Speaker Purchase

It is recommended to authorize the purchase of Exterior Speakers for the Middle School at a cost of \$9,440.00 to allow announcements to be heard on the outside of the building. This will be paid for by the PCCD Grant and is at no cost to the district.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. Overnight Tournament Participation Request

It is recommended to approve the High School Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team attend the following overnight tournaments:

Northeastern High School, Manchester, PA – April 6, 2024

The district will pay for dues, fees and transportation. The Boosters will pay for lodging.

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislation

Miss Fitsko

Labor Relations

Mr. Kovacevic

Personnel

Ms. Young

***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 Foster Crawford from his position as Technology Director, effective January 19, 2024, with regret.

2. 2024-2025 Fall Coaches

It is recommended the following individuals be ratified to fill the designated Fall coaching positions for the 2024-2025 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 Fall sports as normal.

Football

- a) Sherman McBride, Varsity Head Coach For a 3-year term at an annual salary of \$9,800 and all other terms provided within the contract

Girls Volleyball

- a) Carlyn Humphries, Varsity Head Coach Stipend
\$4300

Girls Soccer

- a) James Raymer, Varsity Head Coach Stipend
\$4300

Boys Golf

- a) Chris Yanness, Varsity Head Coach Stipend
\$4300

Girls Golf

- a) Larry Knopsnyder, Varsity Head Coach Stipend
\$4300

Girls Tennis

- a) Megan Racioppo, Varsity Head Coach Stipend
\$4300

3. Paraprofessional

It is recommended to hire the following individual as Paraprofessional 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.

Nicole Toney, Economy

4. 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.

Crystal Cain, Middle School

XIII. President's Address

XIV. Solicitor's Report

XV. Superintendent's Report

XVI. 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.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn