

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

January 10, 2024

7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

II. Flag salute-please rise

Moment of Silence

In honor of several people lost or injured in or associated with the District over the past few months, let us please offer a moment of silence.

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 an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 10th 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. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

VIII. Recognition/Presentation

School Board Recognition

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Month, we wish to thank our Board of School Directors for their continued dedication and hard work. Your positive attitude and determination is recognized. Thanks for all you do!

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

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. Pennsylvania Department of Education ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan Guidance & Template

It is recommended to approve the updated American Rescue Plan (ARP) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) Health and Safety Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

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 Rachel Hazuda from her position as 5th Grade Teacher at Highland, effective January 8, 2024, with regret. The District reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) days statutory period or until relieved of duties, whichever occurs first.

2. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Rebecca DeMase from her position as Confidential Secretary, effective January 26, 2024, with regret.

3. Contracted PIMS Coordinator

It is recommended to extend the contract between the Ambridge Area School District and Carol Jessep, for sub-contracted PIMS services, on a month-to-month basis.

4. 2023-2024 Winter Coaches

It is recommended the following individuals be ratified to fill the designated Winter coaching positions for the 2023-2024 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 Winter Sports as normal.

<u>Boys' Basketball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Nathan Smith, Middle School Head Coach	\$1,750.00
b) Marlon Kittrell, Middle School Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

5. 2023-2024 Spring Coaches

It is recommended the following individuals be ratified to fill the designated Spring coaching positions for the 2023-2024 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 Spring sports as normal.

<u>Boys' Baseball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Shawn Dugan, High School Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2400.00
b) Richard Iorfido, Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach	\$1350.00

6. Cafeteria Food Service Monitors

It is recommended to hire the following individuals as Food Service Monitors, as per the terms of the non-bargaining unit, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening:

- a) Donna Heasley, Highland Elementary
- b) Margaret Guntrum, Highland Elementary

7. Cheerleading Chaperones

It is recommended to approve the chaperones for the high school varsity cheerleaders trip to Walt Disney World to participate in the Universal Cheerleaders Association National

High School Cheerleading Championship from February 9, 2024 through February 13, 2024. This is no cost to the district. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, and TB testing.

- a) Caron Baker
- b) Kelly Romasco
- c) Kelly Smith

8. ABC Transit Bus Driver/Aide

It is recommended to approve the individuals listed as operators, attendants, and maintenance for ABC Transit, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Bus Driver/Bus Aide

Whitney Humphries

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. 2024-2025 Proposed 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.

3. BCWAN Consortium

It is recommended 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.

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

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

Point of Information

Hall of Honor

Annually, Ambridge Area School District proudly recognizes graduates to induct into the Bridger Hall of Honor. The Bridger Hall of Honor was established to commend those outstanding graduates for their accomplishments, successes, service to others,

and/or state and national awards. Applications to complete the 2024 nominations are available on the district website.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislation

Miss. Fitsko

Labor Relations

Mr. Kovacevic

Personnel

Ms. Young

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XII. President's Address

XIII. Solicitor's Report

XIV. Superintendent'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.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn