

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
February 21, 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, February 21, 2024 is now called to order.

-Call to order by Mr. John Carpenter at 7:22 PM

II. Flag salute-please rise

-Mr. John Carpenter asked all to rise for pledge and had a moment of silence.

III. Economy Elementary Student Council

Ellie Young
Avery Brodmerkel
Kason Ross
Carter Batch
Mia Paganie
Milania Tekula

-Economy students presented the school events held and upcoming.

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

-Roll Call- Present: John Carpenter, Valerie Young, Kelly Romasco, Cathy Fischer, Mary Jo Kehoe, Amy Fitsko, Garret Kovacevic, and William Metz

Others Present: Dr. Joe Pasquerilla, Barry King, Megan Turnbull, Esquire, Michelle Amadio, Dr. Amy Filipowski

VI. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, February 21st 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

-Dr. Pasquerilla read the Sunshine Law

VII. Correspondence

-No Correspondence

VIII. Motion to Accept the Treasure’s Report dated: January 2024

- Motion by Miss Fitsko. Seconded by Ms. Young. Accepted by all present.

IX. Motion to Accept the Board Minutes dated: December 2023, January 2024

- Motion by Miss Fitsko. Seconded by Mr. Metz. Accepted by all present.

X. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

XI. Recognition/Presentation

Musical Performance

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, The Drowsy Chaperone is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.

With the houselights down, a woman in a chair appears on stage and puts on her favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and The Drowsy Chaperone begins as the woman in the chair looks on. Mix in two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theatre producer, a not-so-bright hostess, gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided self-proclaimed king of romance, and a drowsy chaperone, and you have the ingredients for an evening of hilarious delight.

CAST

Woman in Choir
The Drowsy Chaperone
Janet Van De Graff

Mara Ilko
Kailyn Turko
Elaine Summers

Robert Marlin
George
Kitty
Mr. Feldzig
Underling
Mrs. Tottendale
Adolpho
Trix
The Super

Anthony Speicher
Cooper Scheidemantle
Heidi Setzenfand
Ethan Wrotny
Joey Bellinger
Madison Holcomb
Pietro Pucci
Faith Aguirre
JR Koster

Gangsters

Sheridan Olenic, Madelyn Palmer, Claire Elias,
Cosette Rotondo, Jazlyn Martinez

Reporters-Maids- Butlers

Samantha Waschak, Zoe Elias, Ariana Avolio-Mason,
Jasmyn Mahmoud, Charlotte Hill, Izzy Cannon,
Brooklyn Parrish, Anna Kwolek, Jane Fusco, Natalee
Sweeney, Annette Reinders, Nyahanna Collins, Lily
Carpenter, Brianna Smith, Alyssa Smith, Keke Romo

Crew

Anthony Scott, Jamison Frantz, Chloe Palmer, Jordin
Pritchard, Devin Payne, Jayda Lorenc, Taryn
Mahmoud, McKayla Lebeck, Rebecca Stewart, Daisy
Reinders, Ryanne Stonehouse, Jonathan Cermak, Lana
Holcomb, EJ Marcum, Taylor Freehling, Chase Arlof,
Mia Sumpter, Sage Bennet, Maria Ziemkiewicz

January Students of the Month

High School January Student of the Month

Madison Holcomb, 12th Grade
Riley Fallecker, 12th Grade (December)
Gabriel Davis, 11th Grade
Aleah Thomas, 10th Grade
Alyssa Kinkade, 9th Grade

High School January Extra Effort Award

Callie Sweitzer, 12th Grade
Kemagne Phillips, 12th Grade (December)
Mara Ilko, 11th Grade
Reanna Ramirez, 11th Grade (December)
Maria Ziemkiewicz, 10th Grade
Maren Uvodich, 9th Grade
Sierra Tyson, 9th Grade (December)

Middle School January Students of the Month

Courtney Thompson, 8th Grade

Madison Curry, 8th Grade (December)
Brandon Patton, 7th Grade
Taw Taw Shwe, 6th Grade
Lily Buchanan, 6th Grade (December)

Economy Elementary January Student of the Month

Mackenzie Curry, 5th Grade

Highland Elementary January Student of the Month

Jacey Zaraspe, 3rd Grade

State Street Elementary December Student of the Month

Micah Sabol, 5th Grade

January Employees of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Megan Racioppo, Paraprofessional

Middle School Employee of the Month

Amy Fardo-Padgett, Math Teacher
Krista Novak, Business Education Teacher (December)

Economy Elementary

Linda Sparacino, Secretary

State Street Elementary

Stacey Brock, Teacher

Highland Elementary

Lauren Taormina, Teacher
Marie Buck, Speech Therapist (December)

Gymnast

Marena Baker placed 2nd on the bars in the Silver Division at the Moon Invitational Competition.

Cheerleaders

Congratulations to our Competitive Cheerleaders for qualifying and placing 5th at the PIAA State Championship. They also recently returned from UCA High School Nationals! Where they advanced to semifinals in their Game Day division and quarter finals in their Traditional Divisions against teams from all over the country!

Allison Baker
Marena Baker
Eleni Bratton
Olivia DeWitt
Ava Dragonjac
Alyssa Fodor
Kaia Fubio
Avrie Fustich
Raina Hammond
Kendall Harper

Hannah Hohman
Kylee Morrow
Abby Reeves
Amaree Seymour
Alexandra Seibert
Macy Smith
Sierra Tyson
Alayna Velasco
Myah Sherrill
Hailee Godfrey

Band

Samantha Waschak qualified for PMEA Region 1 Band at Deer Lakes High School.

FLAG Program

Lily Carpenter & Samantha Patton completed the FLAG program and are now eligible for the FAA 107 test to receive their drone license.

MAC Tournament Wrestling

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

FBLA- Future Business Leaders of America Winners

Mason Lewis, 1 st Place	Graphic Arts-Graphic Design
Gabriel Davis, 2 nd Place	Graphic Arts-Visual Design
Kailyn Turko, 3 rd Place	Business Information Systems- Hospitality & Event Mgmt
Taryn Mahmoud, 3 rd Place	Business Information Systems- Hospitality & Event Mgmt
Violet Warren, 4 th Place	Business Information Systems- Human Resource Mgmt

Skills USA Winners

Ethan Kenstler, 2 nd Place	Electrical Construction Wiring
Dean Chalupiak, 3 rd Place	Carpentry

Beaver County Career and Technology Program and Certification Completion

Troy Arlof	Single and Extension Ladder (GP), Articulated Ladder (GP), Mobile Ladder (GP), Step Ladder (GP) Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician
Kylie Bedillion	S/P2-Culinary (GP), Institutional Food Workers
Michael Bischak	Step Ladder (GP), Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician

Luca Borriello	Step Ladder (GP), Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician
Kiarrah Byrd	Stop the Bleed (GP), Health/Medical Assisting Services, Other
Dean Chalupiak	Scissor Lift, Carpentry/Carpenter
Jason DeSantis	Written Communication, Teamwork Management Information System, General
Sydney Ford	Stop the Bleed (GP), National Technical Honor Society Treasurer, Health/Medical Assisting Services
Elijah Harshman	Scissor Lift, Carpentry/Carpenter
Alora Edwards	OSHA Certification (GP), Veterinary/Animal Health Technology/Technician and Veterinarian Assistant
Taryn Mahmoud	Cyber Safety Awareness, Management Information System
Ashleigh Mickle	Stop the Bleed (GP), Health/Medical Assisting Services
Isaac Pintur	OSHA Certification (GP), Logistics and Materials Management
Adon Quinerly	Scissor Lift, Carpentry/Carpenter
Tyuan Robinson	Step Ladder (GP), Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/Technician
Kailyn Turko	Communication Skills, Interview Skills; Internet & Computing Core Certification (IC3) (GP), Cyber Safety Awareness, Time Management, Communication Skills for Business Management Information System, General
Violet Warren	Cybersecurity Essentials for Work (GP), Time Management, Communication Skills Management Information System, General

-Students recognized for accomplishments and presented with Certificates of Accomplishment. Musical gave the Board and the public a sneak peek of the upcoming Musical Performance.

XII. 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.

-No public comment on agenda items.

XIII. Committee Reports

-Mrs. Romasco made a motion to untable Item 1 under Education and Technology. Fistko seconded. All present voted yes.

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. Custom Computer Specialists, LLC

It is recommended to approve the contracted services with Custom Computer Specialists, LLC to provide interim support services for Infinite Campus on an as-needed basis at a cost of \$3800 per month.

3. Academic Games League of America (AGLOA) National Tournament

It is recommended to approve the student attendance, registration fee, and application of the student discipline code for the Academic Games Team to travel to the Academic Games League of America (AGLOA) National Tournament in Georgia from April 19 through April 22, 2024. Reimbursement for expenses shall be governed by Board Policy 240— Student Contests/Competitions and conditioned on attendance and event participation. Parents and/or Guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms and pay for any expenses above the allowable reimbursement. The district will contribute no more than fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the travel, or two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), whichever is less. Regardless, there will be a three thousand dollar (\$3,000.00) limit per event.

-Mrs. Romasco made a motion to accept items 1-3. It was seconded by Mrs. Fischer and all Board Members present voted yes.

Finance and Budget

Mr. Zatchey

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$3,237,360.59 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of 1,262,013.92 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$154,101.68 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$43,818.10 be paid.

3. 2022-2023 Final Auditor's Report

It is recommended to accept the 2022-2023 final auditor's report.

4. Acceptance of Meaningful Watershed Education Experience (MWEE) funds

It is recommended to accept the funds from Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit for the MWEE Classroom Capstone Project. Funds are to be used to support learning, cover field trip costs, and/or to purchase supplies for individual teacher's classroom based on the MWEE training. The funds total \$1440.00. Pam Wiegand-Green and Debbie Stieving will receive \$720.00 each for a classroom project.

5. Fuel Consortium

It is recommended that extended participation with the Western Pennsylvania Gasoline/Diesel Consortium through the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 (AIU3) for the purchase of fuel (gasoline, diesel, and heating oil) for the 2024-2025 school year be approved.

-Mrs. Young made a motion to accept items 1-5. It was seconded by Mrs. Kehoe and all Board Members present voted yes.

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Metz

1. Ambridge Area High School Hot/Cold Well Replacement

It is recommended to accept the bid proposal from Curran Taylor to replace a Hot/Cold Well at the Ambridge Area High School at a total cost of \$18,603.00 through the State bidding process.

2. Triangle Roofing

It is recommended to approve Triangle Roofing to replace a portion of the Ambridge Area Middle School Roof for the cost of \$1,304,500.00 plus the alternate add for \$327,900.00 and a change order for metal wall panel system not to exceed the amount of \$139,100.00, pending solicitor review.

-Mrs. Young made a motion to accept items 1-2. It was seconded by Miss Fitsko and all Board Members present voted yes.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

-Mrs. Fischer commented the impressive array of athletes and how proud she is of the district, parents, and students.

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

-Miss Fitsko thanked the musical cast for their performance and encouraged all to attend.

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. Ambridge Area Education Association (AAEA) Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Ambridge Area School District and Ambridge Area Education Association, to establish an agreement concerning Elementary Scheduling.

2. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association ESPA/PSEA-NEA regarding a four-day work week for the summer of 2024 be approved, as presented.

3. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Local 248 Ambridge Area School Employees AFSCME-AFL-CIO regarding a four-day work week for the summer of 2024 be approved, as presented.

4. Slippery Rock University

It is recommended to approve Molly Wolf and Donna Green, Slippery Rock University Block 1 student teachers, at Economy Elementary for the Spring semester, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by

current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Both teachers will be placed with Kelly Bischak.

5. Consideration for Salary Increase

It is recommended that Administrators receive consideration for a salary increase for the 2023-2024 school year based on their evaluation for the 2022-2023 school year, per Act 93 Agreement and receive retroactive payment and salary adjustments.

6. Contract Correction- Professional Employee

It is recommended to ratify the contracted salary of Shana Dowlin to be placed on 2023-2024 Bachelor, Step 2, at a salary of \$49,583.00. This approval corrects the placement of 2023-2024 Bachelor, Step 1 approved at the October 18, 2023, Board Meeting.

7. Professional Employee

It is recommended to ratify Nicole Kelly, as a Highland Elementary Fifth Grade Teacher at a Salary of \$48,781.00 (Masters, Step 1) pro-rated, effective March 18, 2024, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEE/PSEA 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.

8. District Dentist

It is recommended to approve Dr. Brittany Kinol as the District Dentist for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug test, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

9. Technology Integrator

It is recommended to ratify the following individual to serve as the Technology Integrators at the Ambridge Area High School for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, to be paid at a pro-rated stipend based upon the amount of \$1200.00, as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Sarah Burns

10. 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 High School Volleyball</u>	
Jason Benkowski, Varsity Assistant Coach	<u>Stipend</u> \$2400.00
Aaron Mueller, Volunteer	No Renumeration
Lee Smith, Volunteer	No Renumeration
Josh Jones, Volunteer	No Renumeration
Derek Kuhn, Volunteer	No Renumeration
 <u>Boys Middle School Volleyball</u>	
Glenn Freed, Head Coach	\$2050.00
Jennifer Ax, Assistant Coach	\$1350.00
 <u>Track</u>	
Denise Duncan, Varsity Assistant Coach	\$2400.00
Raeffon Ruskin, Varsity Assistant Coach	\$2200.00
Marlon Kittrell, MS Head Coach	\$1850.00
Denise Duncan, MS Assistant Coach	\$1550.00
 <u>Girls High School Softball</u>	
Reg Humbert, Assistant Coach	\$2400.00
Kalynn Wheeland, Assistant Coach	\$1100.00
Megan Fitzgerald, Assistant Coach	\$1100.00

11. After-School Tutoring

It is recommended to approve the following teachers for after-school tutoring per contract terms for Spring 2024.

Greta Bible
 Amy Wass
 Kathleen Marvin
 Jackie Cosky
 Tammy Kennedy
 Sue Manuppelli
 Jennifer Shannon

12. ABC Transit

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

Taylor Simmons

Bus Driver
Van Driver

Adrian Zajac
Tiffany Bradley Neider

-Mr. Kovacevic made a motion to accept items 1-12. It was seconded by Mrs. Romasco. All Board Members present voted yes to Items 1-8, 10 and 11. Mrs. Romasco abstained from Item 9. Mr. Metz abstained from Item 12. All other members present voted yes to Items 9 and 12.

XIV. President's Address

-Mr. Carpenter shared he was in awe at the talent of our students, teachers, and staff. He thanked everyone for their efforts. Mr. Carpenter also shared he visited BCCTC and it is an amazing facility and kids are exposed to amazing equipment. It is the best kept secret in Beaver County.

XV. Solicitor's Report

XVI. Superintendent's Report

-Dr. Pasquerilla commented to be sure to come out and see the musical. The district is doing great things. Go Bridgers! In athletics, Arts, and in the classroom.

XVII. 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.

-No public comment on old and new business.

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn

-Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:43 by Mr. Metz. Seconded by Mrs. Young. All Board Members present agreed.