

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

7:00 P.M.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

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

II. Flag salute-please rise

III. Student Council Report

State Street Elementary Student Council Report

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, April 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 or correct the Minutes of Wednesday, March 13th Meet and Discuss Meeting Voting and Non-Voting and Wednesday, March 20th Board Meeting.

IX. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: March 2024

X. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

XI. Recognition/Presentation

Students of the Month

High School March Students of the Month

Emma Wenum, 12th Grade
Anthony Speicher, 11th Grade
Karlyce Chandler, 10th Grade
Wesley Manchame Anton, 9th Grade

High School March Effort Awards

Ava Timmons, 12th Grade
Liam Baker, 11th Grade
Logan Szymoniak, 10th Grade
Younes Gsseai, 9th Grade

Middle School March Students of the Month

Cienna Pivarnik, 8th Grade
Maria Hill, 7th Grade
Evie Bogati, 6th Grade

Economy Elementary March Student of the Month

Emmett Woloshan, 5th Grade

Highland Elementary March Student of the Month

Aleeah Barkfelt, 5th Grade

State Street Elementary March Student of the Month

Caleb Lewis, 5th Grade

March Employees of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Kelly Gregory, Head Cook/Manager

Middle School Employee of the Month

Samantha King, Special Education Teacher

Economy Elementary Employee of the Month

Marsha Geweth, PreK Paraprofessional

State Street Elementary Employee of the Month

Helen Leseiko, Kindergarten Teacher
Amy Hoback, 3rd Grade Teacher (February Employee of the Month)

Highland Elementary Employee of the Month

Diane Carpenter, Building Secretary

Beaver County Career & Technology Center Student Accolades

Kylie Bedillion, Culinary Arts

Domenic Maier, Diversified Occupations

Congratulations to the GFWC Woman's Club of Baden Student Art and Literature Winners

Student Art Division 1 Grades K-2

1st Rylie Calvin, 2nd Grade, Highland Elementary

2nd Sarah Baltimore, 1st Grade, Highland Elementary

3rd Riley Bogati, 2nd Grade, State Street Elementary

4th Ann Harper, 2nd Grade, Economy Elementary

5th Matthew Schmidt, 2nd Grade, Economy Elementary

6th Logan Wood, 2nd Grade, State Street Elementary

Student Art Division 2 Grades 3-5

1st Isabella Bachurski, 5th Grade, Highland Elementary

2nd Isabella Iorio, 5th Grade, Economy Elementary

3rd Olivia Mader-Henchell, 5th Grade, State Street Elementary

4th Baylee Knox, 4th Grade, State Street Elementary

5th Marcus Walker, 3rd Grade, Highland Elementary

6th Addison Wolbert, 5th Grade, Economy Elementary

Janelle Francis, 4th Grade, Economy Elementary, Honorable Mention

Liliana Roush, 3rd Grade, State Street Elementary, Honorable Mention

Student Art Division 3 Grades 6-8

1st Kylie Kuzma, 8th Grade

2nd Alena Strong, 7th Grade

3rd Michaela White, 8th Grade

Student Art Division 4 Grades 9-12

1st Ariana Avolic-Mason, 10th Grade

2nd Kelis Caferelli, 9th Grade

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4th Cara Paxton, 11th Grade

5th Nora Marchionda, 10th Grade

6th Aaden Meadows, 9th Grade

Thank you to all the Art Teachers for their time and talent for our students.

Student Literature Division: Student Short Story Category 2 Grades 3-5

State Street Elementary – Mrs. Stacey Brock's 5th Grade Class

1st Micah Sabol

2nd Gabriella Shufly

3rd Briella Loftus

4th Eli Fabrizio

5th Tyler Cook

6th Aleigha Wright

Thank you to Mrs. Brock for all her help to make this contest a success.

Dr. Pasquerilla – Charter Review Presentation

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. CT – Evolv Express Dual Lane

It is recommended to accept a quote from Ink Labs Buffalo LLC for a four (4) year period for two (2) CT – Evolv Express Dual Lane scanners/software and support at a cost of \$231,577.00 to provide security at schools. **To be paid for through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Title IV Competitive Grant.** Through the national bidding process TIPS.

2. Rachel's Challenge Professional Development

It is recommended to approve the purchase of Rachel's Challenge Professional Development, Digital Resources, and Staff, Student and Community Sessions at a cost of \$31,750.00. **To be paid for through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Title IV Competitive Grant.**

3. McGraw Hill Elementary Science

It is recommended to approve the adoption of a five (5) year McGraw Hill science series, *Inspire Science*, grades K-5. The total cost of this series is \$284,612.67. **\$250,000.00 will be paid through the Ready to Learn Grant.**

4. Savvas Learning Company LLC Science

It is recommended to approve the adoption of a five (5) year Saavas Learning Company science series, *Elevate Science*, grades 6-8. The total cost of this series is \$137,591.40.

5. Savvas Learning Company LLC Math

It is recommended to approve the purchase of a five (5) year Savvas Learning Company math series, *enVision Math*, and digital licenses, High School/Middle School Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. The total cost of the series is \$133,470.21.

6. Senior Project

It is recommended the Ambridge Area High School Senior Projects Manual for the 2024-2025 school year be approved.

7. Tuition Income

It is recommended to approve the attendance of student #363433 in accordance with School Board Policy 607 – *Tuition Income* for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, and to assess a tuition charge in accordance with the School Code in the total amount of \$2,327.14.

8. 2024 Adventures in Education Club Field Trip Addendum

It is recommended to approve the Adventures in Education Club to use Charleston, SC as an alternate field trip location to the already Board approved field trip to Nashville, Tennessee, which was approved at the March 20, 2024 Board meeting for the purpose of pricing comparison.

9. Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of a district wide club, Mary Makers Club, to promote STEAM Education with the sponsor to be paid a stipend of \$470.00 as per the contracted rate.

10. WIDA Annual Conference

It is recommended Michelle Druga and Tracy Parsons attend the WIDA Annual Conference at David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA from October 16 – October 18, 2024. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 431, Job Related Expenses. The total cost will be approximately \$1,000.00 per person.

11. Category 2 E-Rate Funding

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and Communications Consulting, Inc (using Category 2 E-Rate funding) for District Network Equipment for Economy Elementary, Middle School, High School and the Field House. The total cost of the project is \$193,091.00. Pending E-Rate funding approval, the E-Rate program will pay 80% (\$154,472.80) of the total cost. The Ambridge Area School District will pay approximately 20% (\$38,618.20) of the total cost.

12. Mental Health Support

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and the Prevention Network for five (5) days a week at the High School, two (2) days a week at the Middle School, and one (1) day a week at each elementary school for the 2024-2025 school year to provide mental health support at a cost of \$106,000.00. **To be paid for through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Title IV Competitive Grant.**

13. Summer Credit Recovery Program

It is recommended to approve a Summer Credit Recovery Program to provide high school students the opportunity to recover course credits. The program is tentatively scheduled based on adequate enrollment for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 through Tuesday, June 25, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ambridge Area High School. This is at no cost to the district.

14. 2024-2025 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget

It is recommended to approve the 2024-2025 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget for \$7,546,214.00. It is further recommended the Board President and Board Secretary be authorized to execute the BCCTC Resolution Form.

15. Baden Academy Charter Nonrenewal Resolution

It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-08, a resolution authorizing its proper officers to proceed with the nonrenewal process in connection with Baden Academy Charter School’s request for renewal of its Charter Agreement.

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 \$1,849,723.10 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,300,332.93 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$68,207.47 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$54,524.85 be paid.

3. Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)

It is recommended to approve the renewal dues for the 2024-2025 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) membership for a total cost of \$14,565.42.

4. Precision Substitute Teacher Services

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year extension agreement, with the option for the district to extend two (2) more years, between the Ambridge Area School District and Precision HR Solutions, Inc. The term of this agreement shall end on June 30, 2025, subject to solicitor review. This is at no increase in cost.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Metz

1. Concrete Pad Project – Pole Building

It is recommended to accept the bid proposal from Murin and Murn for the grading, site work, base preparation and installation of a concrete pad for the district’s pole building for a total cost of \$50,276.56 through the bidding process.

2. Window Film Coverings

It is recommended to accept the quote from Novum Design for window film coverings to be used throughout the district for safety purposes for the total cost of \$24,142.92 through the State bidding process (Co-Stars). **To be paid for by the PCCD School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grant.**

3. District Water Meters

It is recommended to accept the quote from Exeter Supply Company for replacement water meters for the Ambridge Area High School and Field House to meet mandatory requirements of the Ambridge Area Water Authority for the total cost of \$2,762.72 each.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislation

Miss Fitsko

Salary Schedule and 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. Early Intervention Speech Evaluations

It is recommended to approve Marie Buck as the speech teacher for Early Intervention Evaluations at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement.

2. Extended School Year Services

- a. It is recommended the following teachers be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Thursday, July 18, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024, through Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary and the High School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement (with an additional hour of planning time per day for teachers):

Jamie Wellman (K-5)
Hannah Jozwiak(K-5)
Madison Hiltz (K-5)
Patty Weale (6-12)
Jennifer Shannon (6-12)

- b. It is recommended the following speech teacher be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Thursday, July 18, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024, through Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary and the High School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement (with an additional hour for planning time per day for teachers):

Mara Bartholomew

- c. It is recommended the following para-educators be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Thursday, July 18, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024, through Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary and the High School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Lorraine Mrkonja (K-5)
Lacey Sweitzer (K-5)
Melissa Holcomb (K-5)
Joy Villalta (6-12)
Kamala Shadd (K-5)
Bernadette Aquino (6-12)

3. District-Wide Title I StoryWalk / Makerspace Grand Opening

It is recommended to approve the following teachers as workers for the District-Wide Title I Event to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Teachers will be paid at the contracted rate. Secretaries and paraprofessional will be paid per their negotiated agreement.

Teachers

Shana Dowlin
Hannah Jozwiak
Amy Wass
Stacey Brock
Lee Levi
Marie Buck
Brandie Skonieczny
Dana Burns
Sarah Schaffer
Amanda Pfeifer
Celeste Schaltenbrand
Kellee Jo Gnipp

Paraprofessional

Michelle Archibald
Lacey McCullough
Cherine Rafla
Sameh Rafla
Lorraine Mrkonja

4. 6th Grade Accelerated Math Program Facilitator

It is recommended to approve the following teacher as a facilitator for the 6th Grade Accelerated Math Program to be held in May-June, 2024. The teacher will be paid at the contracted rate.

Lauren Mawhinney

5. FMLA

It is recommended to approve Employee #3058 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave, beginning April 13, 2024, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

6. FMLA

It is recommended to approve Employee #2542 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 535, Family and Medical Leave, beginning April 18, 2024, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

7. Uncompensated Leave

It is recommended to approve Employee #2583 taking unpaid time beginning January 31, 2024 or sooner if medically released, as an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

8. 2024-2025 Coaches

It is recommended the following individual be approved to fill the designated fall coaching position 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.

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| 1) <u>Boys' and Girls' Cross Country</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Edward Cooper, Head Coach | \$4,300.00 |
| 2) <u>Cheer</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Nicole Kelly, Middle School Coach | \$1,350.00 |
| b) Monica Showrank, Volunteer Coach | No Remuneration |

9. 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.

Van Driver
Mark Yunt

XIII. President's Report

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