

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**November 20, 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, November 20, 2024, is now called to order.

**II. Flag salute-please rise**

**Highland Elementary Student Council**

Andromeda Hardison Kilvington

Jude El Hayel

Isaac DeLuigi

Cora Bitts

Reiland MacMiller

**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, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of** Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> Meet and Discuss Voting and Non-Voting Meeting and Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

**VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated:** October 2024

**IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

## **X. Recognition/Presentation**

### **Congratulations to Kailyn Turko, 12<sup>th</sup> Grader, for receiving the following Scholarships through the Beaver County Career and Technology Center:**

- **Challenge Program's Academic Scholarship**
- **Bender Leadership Linda Dickerson Scholarship**  
Kailyn has recently designed a menu for Buzzi's Pizza in Rochester, PA and has achieved over 25 business/IT certifications in the program. Through Bender Leadership, Kailyn was given the opportunity to take classes with the CLO in Pittsburgh.

### **Beaver County Career and Technology Center October Student of the Month**

Karissa Schneider, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Madison Coley, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Congratulations to the selected Ambridge Football 2024 All-Parkway All-Conference Teams**

#### **First Teams Offense**

Dante Prentice, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Offensive Tackle

#### **First Team Defense**

Adam Fernandez, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Defensive Back

#### **Second Team Defense**

Dante Prentice, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Defensive Tackle

Blaize Kolar, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Inside Linebacker

#### **Second Team Offense**

Adam Fernandez, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Offensive Wide Receiver

Quinn Tkatch, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Offensive Guard

#### **Honorable Mention Offense**

Blaize Kolar, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Center

Zavion Lewis, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Running Back

Darold Cain, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Athlete

#### **Honorable Mention Defense**

Marley Moore, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Defensive Line

### **Congratulations to the selected Ambridge Girls' Volleyball 2024 Class 3A Section 4 All Stars**

#### **Second Team**

Nataile Korol, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Third Team**

Brooke Boronski, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Noella Jaworczykowska-Edwards, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Congratulations to the selected Ambridge Boys' Soccer WPIAL AAA Section 4 All-Section Team**

Anthony Powell, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alex Lusty, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Preston, Harper 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Honorable Mention

**Students of the Month**

**High School October Student of the Month**

Madison Curry, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Parker Eisel, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lily Carpenter, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Madelyn Palmer, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**High School October Extra Effort Award**

Anna Simpson, 9<sup>th</sup> Gradeburns

Maren Uvodich, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Abby Smith, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Daniel Runner, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Middle School October Student of the Month**

Militza Hernandez De Dios, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Logan Barton, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Elizabeth Speicher, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Economy Elementary October Student of the Month**

Carly Belkot, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Highland Elementary October Student of the Month**

Isadora Jones, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**State Street Elementary October Student of the Month**

Jackson Payne, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Employees of the Month**

**High School Employee of the Month.**

Sarah Burns, Math Teacher

**Middle School Employee of the Month**

Greg Becker, Music Teacher

**Economy Elementary Employee of the Month**

Melissa Ramer, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**Highland Elementary Employee of the Month**

Michelle Wilson, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

**State Street Elementary Employee of the Month**

Melissa Paulos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

### **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.

## **XI. Committee Reports**

### **Education and Technology**

**Mrs. Kelly Romasco**

#### **1. Ambridge Area High School Course Selection**

It is recommended that the 2025-2026 Ambridge Area High School Course Selection Book be approved.

#### **2. Ambridge Area Middle School Course Selection**

It is recommended that the 2025-2026 Ambridge Area Middle School Course Selection Book be approved.

#### **3. Memorandum of Understanding**

It is recommended the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Ambridge Area School District and Western PA Psych Care to provide prevention, assessment, and treatment services to district students.

#### **4. Preferred Home Health Care School Contract**

It is recommended to approve a School Staffing Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services to provide nursing services.

#### **5. Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School**

It is recommended that a settlement agreement be approved with the Ambridge Area School District and Pennsylvania Cyber Charter Academy to end litigation at the Court of Common Pleas in Beaver County, Pennsylvania.

### **Finance and Budget**

**Mr. Matthew Zatchey**

#### **1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries**

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$4,063,844.10 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,316,899.91 be paid.

## 2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$115,861.75 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$ 58,994.19 be paid.

## **Building and Grounds**

**Mr. William Metz**

### 1. Baggage Scanner

It is recommended to accept the purchase proposal from Rapiscan Systems for the purchase of one baggage scanner for the middle school at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 through State contracting pricing. Subject to Solicitor review.

## **Athletics**

**Mrs. Cathleen Fischer**

### 1. W.P.I.A.L

It is recommended that Marena Baker be approved to represent the Ambridge Area School District as an independent/individual W.P.I.A.L. gymnast. The Board further authorized Terri Gazda to serve as her sponsor/coach at all practices and meets.

## **Public Relations**

**Miss Amy Fitsko**

## **Point of Information**

### In-Person Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration Dates, 2025-2026 School Year

Children who turn five on or before the first day of school are eligible to register for Kindergarten. For the Pre-K Counts Program, we accept three and four-year-olds whose birthday is on or before the first day of school. Online registration is available on our District's website at [www.ambridge.k12.pa.us](http://www.ambridge.k12.pa.us).

### In-Person Registration Dates

- Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at Ambridge Area High School  
**\*Santa will be at the high school to greet and welcome our young scholars with a treat.**
- Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Highland Elementary
- Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Economy Elementary
- Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at State Street Elementary

## **Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe**

### 1. Reorganization Meeting

It is recommended the Reorganization Meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

2. December Board Meeting

It is recommended the monthly Meet and Discuss Meeting and Board Meeting be scheduled on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, immediately following the Reorganization meeting.

3. Policy 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading to revise Policy 103 – *Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students* to provide updated definitions for sex, religious creed, and race.

4. Policy 104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff – Second Reading

It is recommended, as a second reading to revise Policy 104 – *Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff* to provide updated definitions for sex, religious creed, and race.

5. Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to revise School Board Policy 233 – *Suspension and Expulsion* to make revisions to the compulsory school age regarding attendance/school work after expulsion.

6. Policy 803 – School Calendar – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to update School Board Policy 803 – *School Calendar* to address the alteration of the school calendar in cases of emergency to reflect the current School Code provisions.

7. Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to revise School Board Policy 805 – *Emergency Preparedness and Response* to update policy language addressing law enforcement agencies to reflect the current School Code terminology.

8. Policy 805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to update School Board Policy 805.1 – *Relations with Law Enforcement* to update policy language and legal citations to reflect the current School Code provisions addressing school safety and security incident reporting and coordination with law enforcement agencies.

9. Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to update School Board Policy 805.2 – *School Security Personnel* to update language addressing the training requirements for the School Safety and Security Coordinator and terminology related to incident reporting to law enforcement and PDE was updated in accordance with current School Code provisions.

10. Policy 806 – Child Abuse – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to update School Board Policy 806 – *Child Abuse* to update the language on reporting to law enforcement to reflect the current School Code provisions.

11. Policy 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to revise School Board Policy 819 – *Suicide Awareness, Prevention, and Responses* to address the correlation between threat assessment teams and crisis response/intervention teams when addressing suicide prevention and response and to reflect current terminology.

12. Policy 903 – Public Comment in Board Meetings – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to revise School Board Policy 903 – *Public Comment* to change the title from Public Participation in Board Meetings to Public Comment in Board Meetings to focus on the purpose of the Sunshine Act requirement for residents and taxpayers to be provided with a reasonable opportunity to comment on matters of concern.

13. Policy 904 – Public Attendance at School Events – Second Reading

It is recommended, as the second reading to update School Board Policy 904 – *Public Attendance at School Events* to update the language on reporting to law enforcement to reflect the current School Code provisions.

**Legislation**

**Miss Amy Fitsko**

**Salary Schedule and Labor Relations**

**Mr. Garrett Kovacevic**

**Personnel**

**Mrs. Valerie Scott**

**\*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. Club Sponsor Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Brandie Johnson from her position as the sponsor of the middle school Interact Club, effective November 18, 2024, with regret.

2. FMLA Amendment

It is recommended to amend the approval of Employee 734 taking an intermittent leave of absence to approve Employee 724 taking a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave, beginning January 6, 2024.

**XII. President's Report**

**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**