

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

August 13, 2025

7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

II. Flag salute-please rise

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(s) on Wednesday, August 13th 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. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

VIII. Recognition/Presentation

ABC Transit – 2025-2026 Transportation Plan Presentation

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 FOR THIS MEETING

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. Student Handbooks

- a) It is recommended to adopt the High School Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.
- b) It is recommended to adopt the Middle School Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.
- c) It is recommended to adopt the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.
- d) It is recommended to adopt the PreK Counts Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.
- e) It is recommended to adopt the Ambridge Area Cyber Academy Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. 2025 Pennsylvania Summit for Educational Leaders

It is recommended to ratify the approval of Stephaine Hull's attendance at the 2025 Pennsylvania Summit for Education Leaders from August 3rd through August 5th, 2025, at the Nittany Lion Inn and State College Area High School, State College, PA. All expenses (travel, lodging, meals) are paid per Board Policy 331, Job-Related Expenses. Registration fee paid through Wright Promise Grant funds.

3. Disposal of Equipment at Ambridge Area High School

It is recommended to dispose of unusable/obsolete technology equipment (see Appendix), which is no longer used at the High School, as per Board Policy 706.1 - *Disposal of Surplus Property and Obsolete Equipment*.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Ferragonio

1. High School Cafeteria Boiler

It is recommended to ratify the purchase of a replacement boiler for the high school from Rayburg Appliance Services, Inc., for a total cost of \$14,950.47. This was the lowest qualified bid.

2. Tom Sipes Demolition Contract Agreement

It is recommended to approve and ratify an agreement for demolition services with Tom Sipes Demolition in the amount of \$85,000.00 for the removal, disposal, and grading of the High School visitor bleacher site.

3. High School Stadium Lights

It is recommended to approve a proposal from Yates Electric LLC to provide temporary power for the stadium lights during the demolition of the visitor side bleachers, at a total cost of \$4,289.00.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. Athletic Handbook

It is recommended that the revised High School Athletic Handbook be adopted for the 2025-2026 school year.

Personnel

Mrs. 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. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Brianna Hunt from her position as an Ambridge Area High School Mathematics Teacher, effective July 14, 2025, with regret. The district reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) day statutory period or until they are relieved of duties, whichever occurs first.

2. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Lee Levi from her position as a Highland Elementary School Learning Support, Emotional Support, Autistic Support, and Life Skills All Grade Levels, effective August 15, 2025, with regret. The district reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) day statutory period or until they are relieved of duties, whichever occurs first.

3. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Alexander Jewell from his position as an Ambridge Area Middle School English Teacher, effective August 12, 2025, with regret. The district reserves the right to retain the employee for the sixty (60) day statutory period or until they are relieved of duties, whichever occurs first.

4. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Molly Cleckley as the Ambridge Area School District Special Education Secretary, effective August 29, 2025, with regret.

5. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Donovan Hopkins as a Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary, effective July 14, 2025, with regret.

6. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Marsha Geweth as a Paraprofessional at Economy Elementary, effective July 17, 2025, with regret.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Amanda Knox as a Five-Hour Cook at the high school, effective July 25, 2025, with regret.

8. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of RaeAnne Smedley as a PreK Paraprofessional at Economy Elementary, effective July 29, 2025, with regret.

9. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Claire Spaziani as a State Street Elementary Fourth Grade Teacher at a salary of \$50,981.00 (Step 1, Master), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

10. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Michaela Pavlinich as an Ambridge Area Middle School Learning and Emotional Support Teacher All Grades at a salary of \$50,981.00 (Step 1, Master), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

11. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Chelsea Dugan as an Ambridge Area High School Special Education Job Coach, Learning Support/Emotional Support/Autistic Support/ and Life Skills All Grade Levels at a salary of \$50,071.00 (Step 1, Bachelor), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

12. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Abby Sobel as an Ambridge Area High School Learning Support/Emotional Support/Autistic Support/Life Skills/Transition/Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$50,981.00 (Step 1, Master), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

13. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Jessie Wehler as an Elementary STEAM Teacher All Buildings at a salary of \$50,981.00 (Step 1, Master), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

14. Professional Employee

It is recommended to approve Victoria Stewart as an Ambridge Area High School Mathematics Teacher at a salary of \$50,071.00 (Step 1, Bachelor), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/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.

15. Paraprofessionals

It is recommended to hire the following individuals to fill the Paraprofessional positions as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA-NEA) collective bargaining agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Kim Robinson, Middle School
Gabriella Godby, PreK at Highland Elementary

16. Mentor Teacher

It is recommended to approve the following mentor teacher assignments for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, as per the negotiated agreement:

Mentor Teachers

Lisa Kovach
Chelsea Benedict
Jennifer Ax
Heidi Bober
Kent Withrow
Bonnie DeAngelis
Tom Frost
Bonnie DeAngelis
Suzanne McKenzie

New Teachers

Mia Boccabella
Samantha Banks
Justin Egizio
Michaela Pavlinich
Victoria Stewart
Chelsea Dugan
Jessie Wehler
Abby Sobel
Claire Spaziani

17. Permanent Contract

It is recommended that the following professional staff, who will have completed three years of satisfactory service in the Ambridge Area School District be awarded permanent professional contracts:

Miranda Swartz
Sarah Schaffer
Hannah Jozwiak
Anna Rubaker
Lee Levi
Cory Cavanaugh
Emily Schultz
Ethan Becker
Alex Jewel
Zachary Dugan
Alexis Cogis

18. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended that the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2025-2026 school year be approved at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement, provided the school year allows and sponsors are able to hold activities as normal.

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Tech Production	Benjamin Holmes	\$ 450.00
	Kristin Holmes	\$ 450.00
Technology Student Association (TSA)	Benjamin Holmes	\$1,350.00
JR Drill Team	Kara Russo	\$1,200.00
Robotics Club	Benjamin Holmes	\$ 235.00
	Kristin Holmes	\$ 235.00
Video Production Club	Benjamin Holmes	\$ 470.00
Unified Club	Ashley Schmidt	\$ 235.00
	Anna Mild	\$ 235.00
Teen Leadership	Kim Bogati	\$ 470.00
Chess Club	Teri Kutzavitch	\$ 470.00

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Student Council	Sarah Yannesssa	\$235.00
	Kelly Hartley	\$235.00
Interact	Erin Wolf	\$470.00
Science Explorers Club	Gianna Sinatra	\$470.00
Technology Student Association (TSA)	Scott Setzenfand	\$470.00

19. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

It is recommended that the following individual who has applied for the specified posted position for the 2025-2026 school year be approved at the salary designated in the negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances and drug screening:

<u>DEPARTMENT HEADS</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
<u>K-12</u>		
Applied Science and Technology	Benjamin Holmes	\$1,365.00

20. 2025-2026 Coaches

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved to fill the designated coaching positions for the 2025-2026 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 sports as normal.

1) <u>Girls' Tennis</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Megan Racioppo, Head Coach	\$4,300.00
b) Ty Baker, Assistant Coach	\$1,050.00
c) Joseph Fortune, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
2) <u>Boys' Golf</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Zack Dugan, Assistant Coach	\$1,050.00

3) <u>Boys' Basketball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Craig Wiltrek, Middle School Coach	\$1,750.00
b) Marlon Kittrell, Middle School Coach	\$1,750.00
4) <u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Larry Knopsnyder, Head Coach	\$4,300.00

21. Principal Certification Practicum

It is recommended to approve Kristen Folk, a student enrolled at Robert Morris University, to complete her Principal Certification practicum at State Street Elementary, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Kristen will be placed with Mrs. Jo Ann Hoover.

22. ABC Transit Bus Driver/Aide

It is recommended to approve the individuals listed as operators, attendants, and maintenance for ABC Transit, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Bus Driver

Kristofer Balognae
Amy Frolo
John Graham
Justin Hockenberry
Don Holt
David Jordan
Mellainie Lipscomb
Michael Mesorley
Kevin Roland

Van Driver

Donald Walker
Maureen Reed

23. 2025-2026 Summer Band Camp Ratification

It is recommended to ratify the following band camp position for the 2025-2026 summer band camp at the designated stipends, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, provided band camp can be held as normal:

Auxiliary Assistant	Evie Jankowski	\$1,300.00
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24. Cafeteria Food Service Union Worker

It is recommended to hire the following individuals as Cafeteria Food Service Union Workers, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses from current or former employers to Act 168 screening.

Glorianna Tenney, Four-Hour Cook at Economy Elementary

Chelsea Grimm, Four-Hour Cook at Economy Elementary

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. Foster Care Youth Transportation MOU

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and the Beaver County Children and Youth Services to establish transportation procedures to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth.

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 \$3,172,927.29 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,126,964.59 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$10,166.97 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$16,440.57 be paid.

3. Tax Exemption

It is recommended to approve the requested real property tax exemption for 412 River Glen Drive, Economy Borough (Parcel 60-044-0598-000) for 2024 school taxes, as certified by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs letter dated May 6, 2024.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Ferragonio

1. Crossing Guards

It is recommended that crossing guards be placed at locations throughout the Ambridge Area School District for the 2025-2026 school year, as listed below:

10th Street and Duss Avenue

5th Street and Duss Avenue

8th Street and Duss Avenue

15th Street and Church Street

State Street and Harmony Road

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. Award of Bowling Facility

It is recommended to approve a bid proposal from Fair Oaks Bowling Lanes to provide a venue for the high school bowling team for a three-year term beginning in 2025-2026.

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 105.1- Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update Policy 105.1 – *Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students* to ensure that parents/guardians have an opportunity to review instructional material and curriculum.

2. Policy 105.2 – Exemption From Instruction - First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update Policy 105.2 – *Exemption from Instruction* to update the policy to comply with the requirement of the state Board of Education to assure parents/guardians the right to have their children excused from specific instruction that conflicts with their religious beliefs.

Legislative

Miss Fitsko

XII. President's Address

XIII. Superintendent's Report

XIV. Solicitor'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. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

APPENDIX A

Number of Devices	Device Model Number	Device Model
1	2847	ThinkPad
1	3140	DELL LATITUDE
18	3190	DELL LATITUDE
5	3350	Dell Latitude
46	3380	DELL LATITUDE
2	5480	Dell Latitude
7	5550	Dell Latitude
44	5580	Dell Latitude
15	5590	DELL LATITUDE
1	6570	LENOVO
8	8012	Desk Phone
1	114155VU	LENOVO
1	14G5	HP CHROMEBOOK
1	17 by 3053C1	HP
1	1702FP	Dell Monitor
2	1708Fbb	Dell Monitor
1	26LV610V	Toshiba Monitor
1	5QPB	Toshiba
1	695WI	Epson Bright Line
4	A1395	IPAD 2nd Gen.
41	A1474	IPAD AIR 1
10	A1566	IPAD AIR 2
1	A1566	IPAD Air 2
6	A1822	IPAD 5th Gen.
21	A1983	6TH GEN IPAD
6	A1893	5TH GEN IPAD
2	A1983	6TH GEN IPAD
27	A2197	7TH GEN IPAD
1	A2602	9TH GEN IPAD
1	AA35G	Atlas Mliker
1	E156FPC	Dell
2	E197FPb	Dell Monitor
1	E6470	Latitude
1	IFT20W30	HP Monitor
1	K17A12	Dell
7	L921G	NU Monitor
1	L9ZA	Princeton
1	NX9020	HP COMPAQ
30	Optiplex 390	Dell Tower
12	OPTIPLEX 580	DELL TOWER
8	OPTIPLEX 7050	DELL
11	P170St	Dell Monitor
3	POU1	Avor Doc Cam
25	QL711V	DELL NU MONITOR

1	S1502D	JTX Monitor
1	SDM-S71R	Sony Monitor
1	V173	Acer Monitor
1	VS11349	VIEWSONIC
1	w1907	HP
		INFOCOUS
1	X1A	BATTERY
3	XD 206U	Mits. E Projector
1	XUC18	HP
1		Philips 4 head VHS