

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

**September 10, 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, September 10, 2025. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 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, September 10<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. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda**

**VIII. Recognition/Presentation**

**Visitor Bleachers Presentation -Mrs. Amadio**

**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

### Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

#### 1. Policy 105.1- Curriculum Review by Parents/Guardians and Students – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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 – Third and Final Reading

It is recommended, as a third and final 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.

### 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 Sarah Schaffer from her position as a Social Worker at Ambridge Area High School and Highland Elementary School, effective September 3, 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 Miranda Swartz from her position as an Ambridge Area School District School Psychologist Grades K-12, effective September 10, 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 Elizabeth Vincent from her position as a Food Service Worker at State Street Elementary, effective September 5, 2025, with regret.

#### 4. Professional Employee

It is recommended to retroactively hire Lea Ritz as an Ambridge Area Middle School English Teacher at a salary of \$50,981.00 (Step 1, Master), effective September 5, 2025, 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.

5. Cafeteria Food Service Union Worker

It is recommended to retroactively hire Ruth Cooper as a Four-Hour Cook at Highland Elementary, effective September 2, 2025, 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.

6. Credit Recovery

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved as instructors for the Credit Recovery Program at the high school. Teachers will be paid as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Pamela Green, Anatomy and Biology  
Nicole Tallarico, Social Studies  
Christina Briola, English and Social Studies  
Shane Newhouse, Social Studies  
Kim Bogati, English  
Paul Hladio, Physics, General Science, and Math  
Kent Withrow, Math  
Jodi Musser, Math  
Jeffrey Modrovich, Health and Physical Education  
Teri Kutzavich, Chemistry

7. High School After-School Detention

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved as supervisors of the after-school detention at the Ambridge Area High School. The teacher will be paid as per the collective bargaining agreement.

Stephen Rodgers  
Joie Dusold

8. Department Head

It is recommended to rescind the approval of Stephen Rodgers as the Fine Arts Department Head.

9. Club Sponsorship

It is recommended to rescind Ben Holmes as full sponsorship of the Technology Student Association (TSA) Club and approve a co-sponsorship with Pam Green. A stipend of \$1,350.00 will be split equally between the co-sponsors, with each being paid \$675.00.

#### 10. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

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 salary designated in the negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances and drug screening:

##### **DEPARTMENT HEADS**

##### **SALARY**

##### **Secondary:**

Math	Jodi Musser	\$1,365.00
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##### **K-12:**

Fine Arts	Todd Hartman	\$1,365.00
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#### 11. 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 can hold activities as normal.

##### **ACTIVITY/CLUB (High School)**

##### **Stipend**

Band 2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant	Daphney Tanner	\$3,450.00
Bowling	Jennifer Bohrer (Co-Sponsor)	\$375.00
Ecology Club	Pamela Green	\$470.00
Thespian Club	Michelle Cary (Volunteer)	No Remuneration
Science Club	Robert Prokopchak	\$470.00

#### 12. ABC Transit Bus Driver/Aide

It is recommended to approve the individuals listed as operators, attendants, and maintenance for ABC Transit, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

##### **Bus Drivers**

Glenn Jones  
Brandon Kail  
Chinua Solomon

##### **Van Drivers**

Amie Hutchinson  
William Reich  
Richard Tucker  
Jessica Burr  
David Tritinger  
Jorge Saenz  
Silvia Saenz

##### **Bus Aide**

Silvia Saenz

#### 13. Rescind Coach

It is recommended to rescind Lethera Harrison as the Middle School Girls' Volleyball Coach.

#### 14. 2025-2026 Coaches

It is recommended to ratify 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>Football</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Craig Wiltrek, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
2) <u>Girls' Basketball</u>	
a) Savannah Fischer, Assistant Coach	\$2,410.00
b) James Barton, Assistant Coach	\$2,410.00
3) <u>Boys' Tennis</u>	
a) Ty Baker, Assistant Coach	\$1,050.00
b) Joseph Fortune, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

#### 15. Mentor Teacher

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

<u>Mentor Teacher</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>
Amy Braund	Lea Ritz

### **XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)**

#### **Education and Technology**

**Mrs. Romasco**

##### 1. 2025 Annual Conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association (AOSA)

It is recommended to approve Celeste Schaltenbrand to attend the 2025 Annual Conference of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association (AOSA). The conference, titled "Connecting in Kentucky," will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, from November 19-22, 2025. This conference is a professional development opportunity for music educators. All expenses (travel, lodging, and meals) are paid per Board Policy 431, Job-Related Expenses. The estimated total cost for this attendance is \$555.00.

##### 2. Technology Purchase

It is recommended to approve a quote from CDW-G to purchase fifty (50) Chromebooks for district employees who provide ACCESS services for the district at a cost of \$24,300.00 through Keystone Contract Pricing. This will be paid for out of ACCESS funds.

### 3. Caring Foundation Agreement

It is recommended to approve an agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Caring Foundation for School-Based Peer Support Groups for Grieving Children. This agreement will be at no cost to the district.

## **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 \$2,547,127.47 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,032,505.38 be paid.

### 2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$109,258.85 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$14,793.34 be paid.

### 3. Jostens' Yearbook Agreement

It is recommended to approve a three (3) year agreement with Jostens' Yearbook to provide yearbook services for the Ambridge Area High School. **Pending Solicitor's review.**

### 4. Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption

It is recommended to approve the requested real property tax exemption for 403 Golden Grove Road, Economy Borough (Parcel 60-001-0512-000) for 2025 school taxes, as certified by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs letter dated May 16, 2025.

### 5. Repository Settlement

It is recommended to approve the Sale of Property from the Beaver County Repository of Unsold Property for the following property to be purchased by Ryan Oliver and Michael Pesce:

- a) Tax Parcel 13-003-0314.000, located at 882 Schiller Street, Baden, PA, for the bid amount of \$1,783.10.

### 6. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve tax exoneration regarding the collection of Real Estate Tax, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exoneration for the same years, relevant to the following property to be purchased by Ryan Oliver and Michael Pesce:

- a) Tax Parcel 13-003-0314.000, 882 Schiller Street, Baden, PA, for the real estate taxes from 1982-2024.

## **Building and Grounds**

**Mrs. Ferragonio**

### 1. Rescind

It is recommended to rescind the approval of a quote from F. Bevilacqua Remodeling to replace the roof of the Quarterback Club Concession Stand, approved at the May 21, 2025, Board Meeting.

**Athletics**

**Mrs. Fischer**

**Public Relations**

**Miss Fitsko**

**Steering and Rules**

**Mrs. Kehoe**

**Legislative**

**Miss Fitsko**

1. **PSBA Officer Elections**

It is recommended the Board Secretary be directed to cast the vote of the Ambridge Area School Board for the election of the following PSBA Slate of Candidates for 2026:

President-elect: Holly Arnold, Tunkhannock Area School District

Vice President: Matt Vannoy, Sharon City School District

Insurance Trust: Kathy Swope  
Roberta Marcus

**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**