

AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
AGENDA
October 15, 2025

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, October 15, 2025 called to order.

II. Flag salute-please rise

Economy Elementary Student Council

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, October 15th 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, September 10th Meet and Discuss Meeting, and Wednesday, September 17th Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: September 2025

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

September Students of the Month

High School Student of the Month

Hannah Hoke, 12th Grade
Evan Francis, 11th Grade
Alejandro Castro Perez, 10th Grade
Robert Calvin, 9th Grade

High School Extra Effort Award

Pablo Malla Armijos, 12th Grade
Jiavanna Necci, 11th Grade
Katarynia Benkowski, 10th Grade
Rosella DeMuth, 9th Grade

Middle School Student of the Month

Brayden Cupp, 8th Grade
Ava Grace Akella, 7th Grade
Garrin Tierney, 6th Grade

Economy Elementary Student of the Month

Margo Saxon, 1st Grade

Highland Elementary Student of the Month

Madison Chandler, 5th Grade

State Street Elementary Student of the Month

Amiya Cobbs, 5th Grade

Employees of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Tony Amadio, Athletic Director

Middle School Employee of the Month

Cori Cooper, 6th Grade All Subject Teacher

Economy Elementary Employee of the Month

Nicole Toney, Paraprofessional

Highland Elementary Employee of the Month

Adam Ross, Maintenance

State Street Elementary Employee of the Month

Deanna Young, 3rd Grade Teacher

KD Quiz

On October 8, Senior Janna Rusnak and Juniors Faith Aguirre and Charlotte Hill competed in the KD Quiz show against Taylor Allderdice and Valley High Schools. The show will be aired on October 25 at 11:00 a.m. The second airing of the show is on November 25 at 11:30 a.m. The quiz show tests general knowledge of a variety of subjects. Our students performed admirably.

Boys' Golf Accolades

Please join us in recognizing **Colton Hisiro** for an incredible, record-setting performance in the **WPIAL AAA Individual Golf Playoffs!**

Colt's season was defined by consistent excellence and dedication:

- **Historic Achievement:** Colton is the **first Ambridge golfer** to qualify for all three rounds of the WPIAL playoff system since the three-round format was adopted, according to Coach Yanessa.
- **WPIAL Finals Run:** He started strong in the local section qualifier, finishing **3rd out of 36 golfers**. He then advanced through the first round by shooting a **76** at Peasant Ridge and shot another **76** at Willowbrook Country Club in the second round, finishing tied for 16th among top competitors.
- **Top Golfer Status:** In the WPIAL AAA Finals, Colt finished tied for 34th overall. This places him as the **34th best golfer** out of all the golfers in all school districts.
- **Remarkable Improvement:** This success is a testament to his determination. Last season, he finished in the second round; this year, through hard work and playing rounds of golf, he made it to the finals!

Congratulations, Colton, on your historic achievements and for representing Ambridge with such dedication!

Update by: John McShane of Stifel Public Finance

Presentation from Stadium Solutions – Mark Klaopfer

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. Penn State University Affiliation Agreement

It is recommended to approve an Affiliation Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Penn State University Master of Professional Studies in Nutritional Sciences, **pending solicitor's review.**

2. High School Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of a new high school club, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club. The club sponsor will be paid a stipend of \$470.00, in accordance with the contracted rate.

3. Middle School Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of a new middle school club, the Dungeons and Dragons Club. The club sponsor will be paid a stipend of \$470.00, in accordance with the contracted rate.

4. PASBO's 71st Annual Conference

It is recommended that Michelle Amadio, the District Business Manager and Director of Operations, be approved to attend PASBO's 71st Annual Conference and Exhibits being held at the David L. Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA, on March 24-27, 2026. The purpose of this conference is to provide members with education, training, professional development, and timely access to legislative and policy news. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 331, Job Related Expenses. The approximate cost will be \$993.00.

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 \$3,231,782.37 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,347,141.72 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$109,023.75 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$57,874.20 be paid.

3. Grant Acceptance

It is recommended to accept the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable grant for the following elementary schools from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Bureau of Food and Nutrition (BFN) for the 2025-2026 school year. This award is to provide free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day. Mrs. Leigh Anne Holman was instrumental in securing this grant.

- a) Highland Elementary in the amount of \$19,180.00
- b) State Street Elementary in the amount of \$16,590.00

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Adina Ferragonio

Athletics

Mrs. Cathleen Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Amy Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe

Legislative

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. **FMLA**

It is recommended that Employee #1237 be approved for a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave, beginning November 25, 2025, not to exceed twelve (12) weeks.

2. **Paraprofessional**

It is recommended to retroactively hire Karen Argueta as a Paraprofessional at Economy Elementary, 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.

3. **Jones Resolution**

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2025-2026-05, a Jones Resolution for Employee # ____.

XII. President's Report

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.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn