

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

March 11, 2020

7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center

I. Call to Order

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. This meeting is being held to go over the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Media Center.

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. The opinions expressed by any member of the public do not necessarily reflect the view or opinion of the Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors or the Ambridge Area School District, and are solely that of the speaker. The Ambridge Area School District Board of School Directors hereby expressly disclaims any and all responsibility or liability for any false, defamatory or slanderous statements expressed by the speaker.

IV. Roll Call

V. Correspondence

VI. Student/Teacher Recognition

Mr. Booher – Outstanding Athlete – Ambridge Area High School Wrestler

Daniel Yetsick - with his victory at the Montour duals on Saturday, February 1st, Daniel set a new Ambridge Area High School wrestling record for his career victories and was voted outstanding wrestler of the day by the coaches. Daniel is ranked top six in WPIAL and top 20 in the state at his weight class. Daniel is a Division 1 commit to Davidson College. Daniel's overall win record is 125!

Congratulations to this outstanding athlete!

VII. Presentations

Presentation by Dr. Joseph Pasquerilla –Superintendent's Entry Plan

VIII. Public Comment (Regarding Agenda Items Only).

The Meet and Discuss Meetings are open to the public. At this time, DISTRICT RESIDENTS may come forward to comment or ask questions on agenda items only. 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 during this half-hour period. There will be no discussion during this time, but any board member or administrator desiring to address questions or concerns may do so at the conclusion of the committee reports.

IX. Committee Reports

Education and Technology

Ms. Trimbur

1. 2020-2021 Proposed School Calendar

It is recommended the Proposed 2020-2021 School Year Calendar be approved.

2. Field Trip – Middle School Trip to Gettysburg, PA and Hershey, PA

It is recommended to rescind the dates approved for item 6 under Education and Technology on the February 19, 2020 Board agenda. It is further recommend to approve the corrected dates of for The Gettysburg, PA and Hershey, PA field trip and approve the correct dates of April 17th through April 19th, 2020.

3. Field Trip

It is recommended that Marie Dewar, the High School band teacher, be authorized to take the Ambridge Area High School Band to Nashville, TN from December 3rd through December 8th, 2020 to participate in the Nashville Christmas parade. There will be no cost to the district. Parents or guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

4. Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) Bid

It is recommended that the lowest qualified bidder will be approved for the purchase of Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) batteries that support the District's network infrastructure. Bids must be awarded on March 20, 2020 according to E-Rate approval protocols. This project will not exceed \$8,000.00 (after E-Rate subsidy approval).

5. BCWAN Consortium

It is recommended Ambridge Area School District participate in the BCWAN Consortium for Telecommunications and Internet Access Services. Pricing through the Beaver County Intermediate Unit, which is approximately \$3,900.00. The District has participated in this Consortium in the past.

Finance and Budget

Ms. Pedigo

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$1,737,951.81 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,434,303.44 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$75,332.70 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$56,276.94 be paid.

3. Capital Project Expenditures

It is recommended \$403,062.39 be paid from the Capital Projects Fund 39.

4. Account Fund 81—Student Activity

It is recommended \$2,529.64 be paid from the account fund 81—Student Activity.

5. Proposed 2020-2021 Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Budget

It is recommended the 2020-2021 Beaver Valley Intermediate unit General Operating Budget in the amount of \$1,490,348.00 be approved. It is further recommended the Board President and Secretary be authorized to execute DECO-779 Resolution form concerning the BVIU budget.

6. Economy Elementary Before and After School Child Care

It is recommended to increase the salaries of the Before and After School Child Care employees, as follows:

Director – will increase from \$11.00 to \$16.00 per hour

Caregiver – will increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per hour

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Angus

Athletics

Mr. Campalong

Point of Information

High School Basketball

Three members of the High School Boys Basketball Team have been selected to play in the PBC All Star Game in April. Liam Buck, Nevan Campalong, and Isaiah Thomas. Congratulations and good luck to these athletes!

Public Relations

Ms. Gill

Point of Information

Hall of Honor

Hall of Honor nominations are now being accepted until **April 30, 2020**. Selected recipients will be recognized at the Graduation Ceremony on June 5, 2020 in the Ambridge Area High School Gymnasium.

Applications forms may be obtained on the district's website at www.ambridge.k12.pa.us.

Public Relations

Ms. Gill

1. District Event

It is recommended to approve a budget not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the district-wide Spring Carnival event.

*This event is to encourage current Cyber/Charter School students, who live in the Ambridge Area School District, to enroll in our District.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 113.2 – Behavior Support – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to revise Policy 113.2 – *Behavior Support*, to recognize that positive behavior support is an integral part of classroom management.

2. Policy 227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to revise School Board Policy 227 – *Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia*, to recognize that the abuse of controlled substances is a serious problem with legal, physical and social implications for the whole school community.

3. Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to revise School Board Policy 233 – *Suspension and Expulsion*, to recognize that exclusion from the educational program of the schools, whether by suspension or expulsion, is the most severe sanction that can be imposed on a student and one that cannot be imposed without due process.

4. Policy 626 – Procurement – Federal Programs – Attachment – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to revise the attachment for School Board Policy 626 – *Procurement-Federal Programs*, to integrate standard district purchasing procedure, in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations and Board policy.

5. Policy 702.1 – Crowdfunding – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to adopt School Board Policy 702.1 – *Crowdfunding*, to recognize that crowdfunding has become an increasingly popular method by which school districts and affiliated groups use to procure funding for specific projects and/or programs. This policy creates guidance relating to this practice.

6. Policy 808 – Food Services – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to update School Board Policy 808 – *Food Services*, to recognize that students require adequate, nourishing food and beverages in order to grow, learn and maintain good health. Students shall be provided with adequate space and time to eat meals during the school day.

7. Policy 836 – Social Media – Third Reading

It is recommended, as a third reading, to adopt School Board Policy 836 – *Social Media*, to establish rules and guidance for the use of social media by students and employees.

Legislative

Ms. Young

1. Resolution 2019-2020-6 – Calling for Charter School Funding Reform

It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2019-2020-6 calling for Charter School Funding Reform.

2. Allegheny County School Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC) Mail Ballot

It is recommended the 2020 mail ballot be cast for the election of School Board Director, _____, from the Western Region for the Trustee position on the ACSHIC School Board. The term of the Trustee elected by this ballot shall be for two (2) years beginning March 31, 2020.

X. Sunshine Law

Section 708 of the Sunshine Law permits agencies to hold executive sessions to discuss employment and personnel matters, labor relations and arbitration matters, purchase or lease of real estate up to the time an option or agreement is obtained, litigation, or potential litigation, legal matters subject to Attorney Client Privilege and other agency business which if discussed in public would violate lawful privilege or would violate confidentiality laws.

The Board of School Directors held/will now hold an Executive Session to discuss:

- 1) Employment and personnel matters
- 2) Salary Schedule and Labor Relations
- 3) Matters subject to Attorney Client Privilege
- 4) Litigation Matters

The Board will not return to take any legislative action.

XI. Motion to Adjourn