

COMPARE EACH SIDE'S LAST BEST OFFER

The Ambridge Area School District and the Ambridge Area Education Association are currently at a stalemate in their contract negotiations. Both sides have entered into last best offer non-binding arbitration and have submitted their last best offer to the arbitration panel. In an effort to inform the public about the cost to the taxpayer of each proposal, the Ambridge Area School District has summarized both proposals in the table below. The District proposes a 5 year contract while the Association proposes a 6 year contract.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Millage Rate	75.8614	79.2941	81.9901	84.7778	87.6602
Total Revenues	44,166,871	45,530,988	47,327,539	48,574,721	49,858,954
Est. Cost of Teachers Contract	17,734,461	18,038,212	18,657,557	19,313,295	19,978,943
All Other Expenditures	26,579,846	29,405,858	29,539,647	30,000,632	30,535,858
Change in Fund Balance	(147,436)	(1,913,082)	(869,665)	(739,206)	(655,847)
Beginning Fund Balance	3,440,004	3,292,568	1,379,486	509,821	(229,385)
Ending Fund Balance	3,292,568	1,379,486	509,821	(229,385)	(885,232)

<u>UNION</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
Millage Rate	75.8614	79.2941	81.9901	84.7778	87.6602	90.6407
Total Revenues	44,166,871	45,530,988	47,327,539	48,574,721	49,858,954	51,181,409
Est. Cost of Teachers Contract	17,734,461	18,598,082	19,807,831	20,391,905	21,103,702	21,455,020
All Other Expenditures	26,579,846	29,405,858	29,539,647	30,000,632	30,535,858	30,999,861
Change in Fund Balance	(147,436)	(2,472,952)	(2,019,939)	(1,817,816)	(1,780,606)	(1,273,472)
Beginning Fund Balance	3,440,004	3,292,568	819,616	(1,200,323)	(3,018,139)	(4,798,745)
Ending Fund Balance	3,292,568	819,616	(1,200,323)	(3,018,139)	(4,798,745)	(6,072,217)

() denotes negative number

Assumptions:

- District raises taxes to the maximum allowed by law every year of the contact (estimated to be 3.4%)
- State increases education funding by 2% per year
- Health care premiums increase 3% per year
- Non-personnel expenses increase 2% per year

The arbitration hearing will be held on April 12, 2017. Arbitrator Bill Miller will accept public comment until April 11. The District asks that you direct your comments to Mr. Miller at 106 Rampart Lane, Ligonier, PA 15658, or arbmillier@comcast.net.

Full copies of each side's Last Best Offer are available on the Ambridge Area School District website, www.ambridge.k12.pa.us and in the Central Office located at 900 Duss Ave. Ambridge PA, 15003