

**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 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- 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**

Amended item 2 under Building and grounds to include ‘subject to finalization from the solicitor’.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. **Subject to finalization from the solicitor.**

#### 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
Robotics Club	Benjamin Holmes	\$ 235.00
	Kristin Holmes	\$ 235.00
Video Production Club	Benjamin Holmes	\$ 470.00
	Unified Club	Ashley Schmidt
Teen Leadership	Anna Mild	\$ 235.00
	Chess Club	Kim Bogati
	Teri Kutzavitch	\$ 470.00

<u>ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Student Council	Sarah Yannessia	\$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) Girls' Tennis
  - a) Megan Racioppo, Head Coach Stipend  
\$4,300.00
  - b) Ty Baker, Assistant Coach \$1,050.00
  - c) Joseph Fortune, Volunteer Coach No Remuneration
  
- 2) Boys' Golf
  - a) Zack Dugan, Assistant Coach Stipend  
\$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 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 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:

10<sup>th</sup> Street and Duss Avenue  
5<sup>th</sup> Street and Duss Avenue  
8<sup>th</sup> Street and Duss Avenue  
15<sup>th</sup> 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 Mlixer
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