

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**AGENDA**  
**April 17, 2024**

**7:00 P.M.**

**High School Auditorium**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors on Wednesday April 17, 2024 is now called to order.

**II. Flag salute-please rise**

**III. Student Council Report**

State Street Elementary Student Council Report

**IV. 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.

**V. Roll Call**

**VI. Sunshine Law**

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session on Wednesday, April 17<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

**VII. Correspondence**

**VIII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of** Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Meet and Discuss Meeting Voting and Non-Voting and Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**IX. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated:** March 2024

**X. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda**

**XI. Recognition/Presentation**

## **Students of the Month**

### **High School March Students of the Month**

Emma Wenum, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Anthony Speicher, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Karlyce Chandler, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Wesley Manchame Anton, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **High School March Effort Awards**

Ava Timmons, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Liam Baker, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Logan Szymoniak, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Younes Gsseai, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Middle School March Students of the Month**

Cienna Pivarnik, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Maria Hill, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Evie Bogati, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Economy Elementary March Student of the Month**

Emmett Woloshan, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Highland Elementary March Student of the Month**

Aleeah Barkfelt, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Mark Smith, Kindergarten (February Student of the Month)

### **State Street Elementary March Student of the Month**

Caleb Lewis, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **March Employees of the Month**

### **High School Employee of the Month**

Kelly Gregory, Head Cook/Manager

### **Middle School Employee of the Month**

Samantha King, Special Education Teacher

### **Economy Elementary Employee of the Month**

Marsha Geweth, PreK Paraprofessional

### **State Street Elementary Employee of the Month**

Helen Leseiko, Kindergarten Teacher  
Amy Hoback, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher (February Employee of the Month)

### **Highland Elementary Employee of the Month**

Diane Carpenter, Building Secretary

## **Beaver County Career & Technology Center Student Accolades**

Kylie Bedillion, Culinary Arts

Domenic Maier, Diversified Occupations

## **Congratulations to the GFWC Woman's Club of Baden Student Art and Literature Winners**

### **Student Art Division 1 Grades K-2**

1<sup>st</sup> Rylie Calvin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Highland Elementary

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Baltimore, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Highland Elementary

3<sup>rd</sup> Riley Bogati, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, State Street Elementary

4<sup>th</sup> Ann Harper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Economy Elementary

5<sup>th</sup> Matthew Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Economy Elementary

6<sup>th</sup> Logan Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, State Street Elementary

### **Student Art Division 2 Grades 3-5**

1<sup>st</sup> Isabella Bachurski, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Highland Elementary

2<sup>nd</sup> Isabella Iorio, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Economy Elementary

3<sup>rd</sup> Olivia Mader-Henchell, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, State Street Elementary

4<sup>th</sup> Baylee Knox, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, State Street Elementary

5<sup>th</sup> Marcus Walker, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Highland Elementary

6<sup>th</sup> Addison Wolbert, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Economy Elementary

Janelle Francis, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Economy Elementary, Honorable Mention

Liliana Roush, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, State Street Elementary, Honorable Mention

### **Student Art Division 3 Grades 6-8**

1<sup>st</sup> Kylie Kuzma, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Alena Strong, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Michaela White, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Student Art Division 4 Grades 9-12**

1<sup>st</sup> Ariana Avolic-Mason, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

2<sup>nd</sup> Kelis Caferelli, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Kelis Caferelli, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

4<sup>th</sup> Cara Paxton, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

5<sup>th</sup> Nora Marchionda, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

6<sup>th</sup> Aaden Meadows, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Thank you to all the Art Teachers for their time and talent for our students.

### **Student Literature Division: Student Short Story Category 2 Grades 3-5**

#### **State Street Elementary – Mrs. Stacey Brock's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

1<sup>st</sup> Micah Sabol

2<sup>nd</sup> Gabriella Shufly

3<sup>rd</sup> Briella Loftus

4<sup>th</sup> Eli Fabrizio

5<sup>th</sup> Tyler Cook

6<sup>th</sup> Aleigha Wright

Thank you to Mrs. Brock for all her help to make this contest a success.

## Dr. Pasquerilla – Charter Review Presentation

### 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.

## **XII. Committee Reports**

### Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

#### 1. CT – Evolv Express Dual Lane

It is recommended to accept a quote from Ink Labs Buffalo LLC for a four (4) year period for two (2) CT – Evolv Express Dual Lane scanners/software and support at a cost of \$231,577.00 to provide security at schools. **To be paid for through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Title IV Competitive Grant.** Through the national bidding process TIPS.

#### 2. Rachel's Challenge Professional Development

It is recommended to approve the purchase of Rachel's Challenge Professional Development, Digital Resources, and Staff, Student and Community Sessions at a cost of \$31,750.00. **To be paid for through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Title IV Competitive Grant.**

#### 3. McGraw Hill Elementary Science

It is recommended to approve the adoption of a five (5) year McGraw Hill science series, *Inspire Science*, grades K-5. The total cost of this series is \$284,612.67. **\$250,000.00 will be paid through the Ready to Learn Grant.**

#### 4. Savvas Learning Company LLC Science

It is recommended to approve the adoption of a five (5) year Saavas Learning Company science series, *Elevate Science*, grades 6-8. The total cost of this series is \$137,591.40.

#### 5. Savvas Learning Company LLC Math

It is recommended to approve the purchase of a five (5) year Savvas Learning Company math series, *enVision Math*, and digital licenses, High School/Middle School Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. The total cost of the series is \$133,470.21.

#### 6. Senior Project

It is recommended the Ambridge Area High School Senior Projects Manual for the 2024-2025 school year be approved.

7. Tuition Income

It is recommended to approve the attendance of student #363433 in accordance with School Board Policy 607 – *Tuition Income* for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, and to assess a tuition charge in accordance with the School Code in the total amount of \$2,327.14.

8. 2024 Adventures in Education Club Field Trip Addendum

It is recommended to approve the Adventures in Education Club to use Charleston, SC as an alternate field trip location to the already Board approved field trip to Nashville, Tennessee, which was approved at the March 20, 2024 Board meeting for the purpose of pricing comparison.

9. Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of a district wide club, Mary Makers Club, to promote STEAM Education with the sponsor to be paid a stipend of \$470.00 as per the contracted rate.

10. WIDA Annual Conference

It is recommended Michelle Druga and Tracy Parsons attend the WIDA Annual Conference at David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA from October 16 – October 18, 2024. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 431, Job Related Expenses. The total cost will be approximately \$1,000.00 per person.

11. Category 2 E-Rate Funding

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and Communications Consulting, Inc (using Category 2 E-Rate funding) for District Network Equipment for Economy Elementary, Middle School, High School and the Field House. The total cost of the project is \$193,091.00. Pending E-Rate funding approval, the E-Rate program will pay 80% (\$154,472.80) of the total cost. The Ambridge Area School District will pay approximately 20% (\$38,618.20) of the total cost.

12. Mental Health Support

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and the Prevention Network for five (5) days a week at the High School, two (2) days a week at the Middle School, and one (1) day a week at each elementary school for the 2024-2025 school year to provide mental health support at a cost of \$106,000.00. **To be paid for through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act Stronger Connections Title IV Competitive Grant.**

13. Summer Credit Recovery Program

It is recommended to approve a Summer Credit Recovery Program to provide high school students the opportunity to recover course credits. The program is tentatively scheduled based on adequate enrollment for Wednesday, June 12, 2024 through Tuesday, June 25, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ambridge Area High School. This is at no cost to the district.

14. 2024-2025 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget

It is recommended to approve the 2024-2025 Beaver County Career & Technology Center Operating Budget for \$7,546,214.00. It is further recommended the Board President and Board Secretary be authorized to execute the BCCTC Resolution Form.

15. Baden Academy Charter Nonrenewal Resolution

It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2023-2024-08, a resolution authorizing its proper officers to proceed with the nonrenewal process in connection with Baden Academy Charter School’s request for renewal of its Charter Agreement.

**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 \$1,849,723.10 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,300,332.93 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$68,207.47 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$54,524.85 be paid.

3. Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)

It is recommended to approve the renewal dues for the 2024-2025 Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) membership for a total cost of \$14,565.42.

4. Precision Substitute Teacher Services

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year extension agreement, with the option for the district to extend two (2) more years, between the Ambridge Area School District and Precision HR Solutions, Inc. The term of this agreement shall end on June 30, 2025, subject to solicitor review. This is at no increase in cost.

**Building and Grounds**

**Mr. Metz**

1. Concrete Pad Project – Pole Building

It is recommended to accept the bid proposal from Murin and Murn for the grading, site work, base preparation and installation of a concrete pad for the district’s pole building for a total cost of \$50,276.56 through the bidding process.

2. Window Film Coverings

It is recommended to accept the quote from Novum Design for window film coverings to be used throughout the district for safety purposes for the total cost of \$24,142.92 through the State bidding process (Co-Stars). **To be paid for by the PCCD School Mental Health & Safety and Security Grant.**

3. District Water Meters

It is recommended to accept the quote from Exeter Supply Company for replacement water meters for the Ambridge Area High School and Field House to meet mandatory requirements of the Ambridge Area Water Authority for the total cost of \$2,762.72 each.

Athletics

**Mrs. Fischer**

Public Relations

**Miss Fitsko**

Steering and Rules

**Mrs. Kehoe**

Legislation

**Miss Fitsko**

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

**Mr. Kovacevic**

Personnel

**Ms. Young**

**\*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. Early Intervention Speech Evaluations

It is recommended to approve Marie Buck as the speech teacher for Early Intervention Evaluations at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement.

2. Extended School Year Services

- a. It is recommended the following teachers be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Thursday, July 18, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024, through Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary and the High School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement (with an additional hour of planning time per day for teachers):

Jamie Wellman (K-5)  
Hannah Jozwiak(K-5)  
Madison Hiltz (K-5)  
Patty Weale (6-12)  
Jennifer Shannon (6-12)

- b. It is recommended the following speech teacher be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Thursday, July 18, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024, through Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary and the High School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement (with an additional hour for planning time per day for teachers):

Mara Bartholomew

- c. It is recommended the following para-educators be approved to provide Extended School Year services to students from Monday, July 15, 2024, through Thursday, July 18, 2024, and Monday, July 22, 2024, through Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Highland Elementary and the High School at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Lorraine Mrkonja (K-5)  
Lacey Sweitzer (K-5)  
Melissa Holcomb (K-5)  
Joy Villalta (6-12)  
Kamala Shadd (K-5)  
Bernadette Aquino (6-12)

3. District-Wide Title I StoryWalk / Makerspace Grand Opening

It is recommended to approve the following teachers as workers for the District-Wide Title I Event to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Teachers will be paid at the contracted rate. Secretaries and paraprofessional will be paid per their negotiated agreement.

Teachers

Shana Dowlin  
Hannah Jozwiak  
Amy Wass  
Stacey Brock  
Lee Levi  
Marie Buck  
Brandie Skonieczny  
Dana Burns  
Sarah Schaffer  
Amanda Pfeifer  
Celeste Schaltenbrand  
Kellee Jo Gnipp

Paraprofessional

Michelle Archibald  
Lacey McCullough  
Cherine Rafla  
Sameh Rafla  
Lorraine Mrkonja

4. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated Math Program Facilitator

It is recommended to approve the following teacher as a facilitator for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated Math Program to be held in May-June, 2024. The teacher will be paid at the contracted rate.

Lauren Mawhinney

5. FMLA

It is recommended to approve Employee #3058 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 335, Family and Medical Leave, beginning April 13, 2024, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

6. FMLA

It is recommended to approve Employee #2542 taking an intermittent leave of absence under Board Policy 535, Family and Medical Leave, beginning April 18, 2024, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

7. Uncompensated Leave

It is recommended to approve Employee #2583 taking unpaid time beginning January 31, 2024 or sooner if medically released, as an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

8. 2024-2025 Coaches

It is recommended the following individual be approved to fill the designated fall coaching position for the 2024-2025 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 fall sports as normal.

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| 1) <u>Boys' and Girls' Cross Country</u> | <u>Stipend</u>  |
| a) Edward Cooper, Head Coach             | \$4,300.00      |
| 2) <u>Cheer</u>                          | <u>Stipend</u>  |
| a) Nicole Kelly, Middle School Coach     | \$1,350.00      |
| b) Monica Showrank, Volunteer Coach      | No Remuneration |

9. ABC Transit Bus Driver/Aide

It is recommended to approve the individuals listed as operators, attendants, and maintenance for ABC Transit, Inc. for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Van Driver  
Mark Yunt

**XIII. President's Report**

**XIV. Solicitor's Report**

**XV. Superintendent's Report**

**XVI. 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.

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn**