

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
January 21, 2026**

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 is called to order on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

II. Flag salute-please rise

State Street Student Council Flag Salute and Presentation

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, January 21st 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, December 3, 2025, Monthly Board Meeting and Reorganization Meeting

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

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

Dr. Pasquerilla - Board of Education Appreciation Month

On behalf of the administration, students, and staff of the Ambridge Area School District, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to our Board of School Directors. In honor of Board of Education Appreciation Month, we recognize these hardworking volunteers for their dedicated leadership and essential service to our community. We appreciate your commitment to our students' success every day, and tonight, we honor your tireless efforts. Please join us in thanking them for their hard work and service to the district.

Student/Employee Recognition

Football All-Conference

Congratulations to our athlete who earned **All-Conference** honors this season!

Honorable Mention Offense – **Darold Cain**, 12th Grade – Quarterback

November Students of the Month

High School Student of the Month

Gianna Georgakis, 12th Grade

Holly Budzak, 11th Grade

John Seifer, 10th Grade

David Walls, 9th Grade

High School Extra Effort Award

Karlyce Chandler, 12th Grade

Joseph Leseiko, 11th Grade

Kendall Romo, 10th Grade

Abigail Howell, 9th Grade

Middle School Student of the Month

Luca Fabanich, 6th Grade

Ellie Young, 7th Grade

Taw Taw Shwe, 8th Grade

Economy Elementary Student of the Month

Isabel Wilson, 1st Grade

Highland Elementary Student of the Month

Dream Gaddis, 5th Grade

State Street Elementary Student of the Month

Isabella Botelho, 5th Grade

November Employees of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Rob Jamery, Custodian

Middle School Employee of the Month

Lauren Metz, Special Education Teacher

Economy Elementary Employee of the Month

Lynn Hartle, First Grade Teacher

Highland Elementary Employee of the Month

Kellee Gnipp, Kindergarten Teacher

State Street Elementary Employee of the Month

Erica Brozich, Pre-K Teacher

December Students of the Month

High School Student of the Month

Lana Holcomb, 12th Grade
Bella Spencer, 11th Grade
Wayne McCracken, 10th Grade
Ashley Grande-Reyes, 9th Grade

High School Extra Effort Award

Michael Briola, 12th Grade
Matthew Grier, 11th Grade
Kenya Sawyer, 10th Grade
Da'moni Hardy, 9th Grade

Middle School Student of the Month

Brianna Ricci, 8th Grade
Fyndie Ford, 7th Grade
Milyn Hayes, 6th Grade

Economy Elementary Student of the Month

Matthew Schmidt, 4th Grade

Highland Elementary Student of the Month

Bayani Strong, 5th Grade

State Street Elementary Student of the Month

Alivia Hysong, 5th Grade

December Employees of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Chelsea Benedict, Guidance Counselor

Middle School Employee of the Month

Samantha King, Special Education Teacher

Economy Elementary Employee of the Month

JoAnn Hersh, Paraprofessional

Highland Elementary Employee of the Month

Barb McGeorge, Cafeteria Supervisor

State Street Elementary Employee of the Month

Lauren Tierney, 2nd Grade Teacher

The 2025 Beaver County Challenge Program Award Winners

Community Service

Halle Prusniski, 12th Grade

Eden DeMuth, 11th Grade

Academic Achievement

Abby Smith, 12th Grade

Parker Eisel, 11th Grade

Academic Improvement

Evan Lang, 12th Grade

Isabella Cannon, 11th Grade

Attendance

Samantha Waschak, 12th Grade

Daron Cox, 11th Grade

STEM

Jana Rusnak, 12th Grade

Isaiah Kovach, 11th Grade

Community Service (Beaver County Career and Technology Center students)

Jordin Pritchard, 12th Grade

Mileena Unsworth, 11th Grade

Distinguished Student Heroism

We are honored to recognize a group of students who displayed extraordinary courage during a recent bus transit emergency. When their driver experienced a medical emergency, these students immediately stepped up to help. Their heroic actions kept their classmates safe.

Nicolly Camargo Sampaio, 7th Grade

Michael Smith, 7th Grade

2025 Holiday Greeting Card Contest Winners

Ja'nyla Bland, 3rd Grade – Highland Elementary

Juliet Wayne, 5th Grade – Economy Elementary

Isla Wojciechowski, 3rd Grade – State Street Elementary

Congratulations!

Creative Writing Program

The following students from State Street Elementary's 5th Grade Class participated in the Creative Writing Program. These students' stories were selected for publishing in The Young Writer's Anthology Book.

Kendall Loftus

Amiya Cobbs

Alyssa Mihalek

Alivia Hysong

Preston Sheets

Kennedy Hines-Lucas

Roscia Quib-Chub

Kamari Hayes
Anthony Crawford
Bryden Bishop
Madeline Brown
Evalisse Thompson
Ellie Duda
Ella Cortright
Bryce Douds

Congratulations!

XI. 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

Finance and Budget

Mr. Kovacevic

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$2,058,266.81 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,357,029.51 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$70,457.59 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$52,792.79 be paid.

3. Berkone Act 80 Proposal

It is recommended that the proposal from Berkone be accepted to review the Act 80 tax jurisdiction by the school district to determine if there are taxpayers who reported an incorrect school code on their tax returns for a total cost of \$775.00. This is a decrease in cost from last year.

Building and Grounds

Dr. Constantine

1. High School and Field House Building Automation System

It is recommended to accept a proposal from Building Control Systems, Inc. to replace and program all HVAC Controls in the high school and field house. This is at a total cost of \$497,700.00 through the State bidding process (Co-Stars).

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. Overnight Tournament Participation Request

It is recommended that the high school Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team attend the following overnight tournament:

Northeastern High School, Manchester, PA – March 27-March 28, 2026

The district will pay for dues, fees, and transportation. The Boosters will pay for lodging.

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislative

Miss Fitsko

1. Special School Authority (SSA) Revitalization Resolution 2025-2026-11

It is recommended to adopt Special School Authority (SSA) Revitalization Resolution 2025-2026-11, that the Ambridge Area School Board of School Directors appoint a representative to the Authority's Board, pending final review of the solicitor.

2. Beaver County Special School Authority

It is recommended that the Ambridge Area School District hereby appoints _____ to represent the Ambridge Area School District as a Board Member of the Beaver County Special School Authority, as per the terms of Resolution 2025-2026-11.

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mr. Kovacevic

1. Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Ambridge Area Educators Association, as presented, contingent upon final solicitor approval and union ratification.

Personnel

Mr. Gill

***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. Professional Employee

It is recommended to ratify Hana Pruchnitsky, as the Ambridge Area High School Art Teacher at a salary of \$50,981.00 (Master, Step 1) pro-rated, effective January 16, 2026, as per the terms of The Ambridge Area Education Association AAEEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act168 screening, and PDE certifications if applicable.

2. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Katilee Parnell as a Four-Hour Cook at the Ambridge Area Middle School, effective January 13, 2026, with regret.

3. Rescind

It is recommended rescind Jameson Franz from the position of Girls’ Volleyball Middle School Coach.

4. 2025-2026 Spring 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) <u>Softball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Alexandra Fontana, Middle School Coach	\$1,350.00
2) <u>Girls’ Volleyball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Hanna Kesserling, Middle School Coach	\$2,050.00
b) Michaela Pavlinich, Middle School Coach	\$1,350.00
c) Kim Bogati, Middle School Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
3) <u>Track</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Savannah Fischer, Assistant Coach	\$2,400.00
4) <u>Boys’ Volleyball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Jason Benkowski, Assistant Coach	\$2,400.00

XIII. President’s Address

XIV. Superintendent’s Report

XV. Solicitor’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. This period for public comment prior to the standing committee reports will be limited to one-half hour.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn