

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEET AND DISCUSS BOARD MEETING
VOTING AND NON-VOTING AGENDA**

February 11, 2026

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, February 11, 2026. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 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.

IV. Roll Call

V. Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, February 11th 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. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

Tabled Item 3 under Legislative Committee

VIII. Recognition/Presentation

Audit Presentation – Mr. Peter Vancheri of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood LLP

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. 2026-2027 School Calendar

It is recommended that the proposed 2026-2027 School Calendar be approved.

2. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a revised Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to include Our Lady of Sacred Heart.

Finance and Budget

Mr. Kovacevic

1. GSL Government Consulting

It is recommended to approve a proposal from GSL Government Consulting, which provides specialized grant procurement expertise specifically targeting funding for upcoming facility upgrades and roof projects at no initial cost to the district, with fees offset only through secured funding.

Legislative

Miss Fitsko

1. Beaver County Career and Technology Center Articles of Agreement

It is recommended to approve the Articles of Agreement between the Beaver County Career & Technology Center and the participating Districts.

2. 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.

3. **TABELED - 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.

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 retroactively hire Linwood Ecker, as the Ambridge Area High School Spanish Teacher at a salary of \$50,071.00 (Bachelor, Step 1) pro-rated, effective February 2, 2026, 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 Act168 screening, and PDE certifications if applicable.

2. Professional Employee

It is recommended to retroactively hire Joselynn Martin, as the Ambridge Area Middle School Learning and Emotional Support Teacher All Grades at a salary of \$50,071.00 (Bachelor, Step 1) pro-rated, effective February 2, 2026, 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 Act168 screening, and PDE certifications if applicable.

3. Mentor Teacher

It is recommended to approve the following mentor teacher assignment for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, as per the negotiated agreement:

Mentor Teacher

Jennifer Ax
Sarah White
Samantha King

New Teacher

Hanna Pruchnitzky
Linwood Ecker
Joselynn Martin

4. 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.

Van Drivers

George Davis
Mike Kashiwsky
Joseph Goldsborough
Heather Meyerson

5. Supervised Experiential Learning

It is recommended to approve Jill Loftus, a Pennsylvania State University, World Campus student, to complete a Supervised Experiential Learning at the Ambridge Area School District to receive her master's degree as a Registered Dietitian, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening. Jill will be placed with Leigh Anne Holman.

6. Coach Rescinded

It is recommended to rescind the approval of Savannah Fischer as the Track Assistant Coach.

7. 2025-2026 Club Coaches

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved to fill the designated Club coaching positions 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, provided the school year allows coaches to hold sports as normal.

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| 1) <u>Lacrosse (Club)</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Dave Ilko, Head Coach | No Remuneration |
| 2) <u>Girls' Flag Football (Club)</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Lethera Harrison, Head Coach | No Remuneration |
| b) Keith Olden, Assistant Coach | No Remuneration |

8. 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.

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| 1) <u>Track</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Meghan McNabb, Assistant Coach | \$2,400.00 |
| 2) <u>Softball</u> | |
| a) Casey Ford, Middle School Coach | \$2,050.00 |

9. 2026-2027 Coach

It is recommended that the following individual be approved to fill the designated coaching position for the 2026-2027 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.

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| 1) <u>Girls' Volleyball</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Stephanie Benkowski, Head Coach | \$4,300.00 |

10. Economy Elementary Before and After School Childcare

It is recommended to approve Gabriella Godby as a caregiver at the Before and After School Child Care Program at Economy Elementary School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and compliance with Act 168. The hours are 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. before school and 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. after school.

11. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Chloe Fouse from her position as Paraprofessional at the high school, effective February 2, 2026, with regret.

12. FMLA

It is recommended that Employee #2823 be approved for a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave, beginning February 16, 2026, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

13. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

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 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>
National Honor Society	Samantha Banks (Co-Sponsor, Prorated)	\$422.22

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

Education and Technology

Mrs. Romasco

1. Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) Conference

It is recommended that Anthony Amadio be authorized to attend the 58th Annual PSADA Conference to be held in Hershey, PA, from March 17 – 20, 2026. The conference focuses on the management and operations of athletic events. All expenses (registration, fees, travel, lodging, meals) will be paid as per Board Policy 331 – Job-Related Expenses. The approximate cost will be \$1,900.00.

2. PA TSA Leadership Conference

It is recommended that Ben Holmes, Kristin Holmes, Pamela Green, Zach Dugan, Scott Setzenfand be authorized to take students to the local chapter of the PA Technology Student Association Conference, in which students will compete in a wide variety of technology and S.T.E.M. related areas at the Pennsylvania Technology Student Association State Leadership Conference. The event will be held April 15 through April 18, 2026, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. Students who attend PA TSA States will be reimbursed as per Board Policy 240 (50% of travel cost or \$250.00 per student, whichever is less) for a maximum total of \$3,000.00. The teachers will be reimbursed at the contracted rate with an expense report attached, which covers registration, fees, travel, lodging, and meals.

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$1,857,580.71 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,334,799.24 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$90,387.36 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$46,898.65 be paid.

3. 2024-2025 Final Auditor's Report

It is recommended that the 2024-2025 final auditor's report be accepted.

4. Repository Settlement

It is recommended to approve the Sale of Property from the Beaver County Repository of Unsold Property for the following properties:

- a) Tax Parcel 64-002-0824.000, located at 624 Howard Street, Ambridge, PA, for the bid amount of \$1,553.00, to be purchased by A Home U, LLC, Betty Miller.
- b) Tax Parcel 64-009-0555.000, located at 2407 Duss Avenue, Ambridge, PA, for the bid amount of \$1,511.00, to be purchased by Richard Ferreira.

5. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve tax exoneration regarding the collection of Real Estate Tax, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exoneration for the same years, relevant to the following properties:

- a) Tax Parcel 64-002-0824.000, located at 624 Howard Street, Ambridge, PA, for the real estate taxes from 2021 to present, to be purchased by A Home U, LLC, Betty Miller.
- b) Tax Parcel 64-009-0555.000, located at 2407 Duss Avenue, Ambridge, PA, for the real estate taxes for 2026, to be purchased by Richard Ferreira.

6. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve tax exoneration regarding the collection of Real Estate, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exoneration for the tax year 2024, relevant to the following properties, which were purchased by the Baden Methodist Church:

- a) Tax Parcel 1300502190000, located at 500 State Street, Baden PA
- b) Tax Parcel 1300502150000, located at 433 Dippold Avenue, Baden, PA
- c) Tax Parcel 1300505010000, located at 420 Dippold Avenue, Baden, PA
- d) Tax Parcel 1300505000000, located at 420 Dippold Street Hall, Baden, PA

7. Budget Transfer

It is recommended to approve the Theater Accounts budget transfers for February 2026.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Constantine

1. Field House Drainage System

It is recommended to approve the estimate from Bufalini’s Plumbing Solutions, LLC, for repairs to the primary drainage system in the Field House visitor locker room. This is at a total cost of \$5,898.00.

2. High School Ice Maker

It is recommended to approve the quote from Ice Maker to purchase an ice maker for the high school cafeteria. This is at a total cost of \$5,450.00 through state contracting pricing (Co-Stars).

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Point of Information - Bridger Hall of Honor

Each year, the Ambridge Area School District proudly recognizes distinguished graduates by inducting them into the **Bridger Hall of Honor**. This tribute is reserved for those who have reached the heights of their professions, demonstrated a profound commitment to serving others, or earned significant state and national accolades.

If you would like to nominate a graduate for this distinction, the 2026 application forms are now available on the district website.

Please ensure all submissions are completed and turned in by the end of the day on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

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