

**AMBRIDGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

June 17, 2026

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 is called to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

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, June 17th 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, May 13th Meet and Discuss Voting and Non-Voting Meeting and Wednesday, May 20th Board Meeting

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: May 2026

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

X. Recognition/Presentation

2025-2026 Retirees

Kimberly Bichey, Paraprofessional at State Street Elementary, 28 Years

Tina Cordell, 5.5 Hour Site Leader at State Street Elementary, 26 Years

Terri Deblasio, Four-Hour Cook at State Street Elementary, 1 Year

Aphrodite Galitsis, Economy Elementary Principal, 26 Years

Kenneth Grafton, Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher, 34 Years

Amy Hoback, Third Grade Teacher at State Street Elementary, 29 Years

Cathleen Hopkins, Accounts Management and Student Registration Secretary, 10 Years

Larry Knopsnyder, Ambridge Area High School Social Studies Teacher, 30 Years

Susan Parisi, Elementary Health and Physical Education Teacher, 35 Years

Kimberly Racioppo, Paraprofessional at the High School, 17 Years

Deborah Stieving, Ambridge Area High School Science Teacher, 36 Years

Kent Withrow, Ambridge Area High School Mathematics Teacher, 18 Years

LaVonna Wisniewski, Five-Hour Cook at Economy Elementary, 22 Years

2026 Scholarship Awards

1950s

Keldan Carr

Brody Kanai

Luca Lerch

Maria Ziemkiewicz

Jayda Lorenc

Jazlyn Martinez

Logan Szymoniak

Quinn Tkatch

AAEA Support Staff Scholarship

Jazlyn Martinez

Logan Szymoniak

Ryan Lambert

Gianna Georgakis

AAEA Support Staff, Chis Peters Memorial

Jayda Lorenc

Ambridge Area Education Association (AAEA) Scholarship

Jazlyn Martinez
Janna Rusnak
Quinn Tkatch
Gianna Georgakis
Halle Pruszenski
Norah Marchionda
Marena Baker
Brody Kanai
Luca Lerch

Ambridge Italian Women's Club

Brody Kanai

Ambridge Italian Women's Club (Philomena Bianchini Music Award)

Jazlyn Martinez

Ambridge Lions Club (Helen Ringel)

Ryanne Stonehouse

Ambridge Lions Club (Mark Romutis)

Kevonte Saunders

Ambridge Rotary Club

Jaelynn Anderson
Brody Kanai
Jazlyn Martinez
Adonis Mycyk
Janna Rusnak
Logan Szymoniak

Baden American Legion

Jazlyn Martinez

Baden Women's Club

Norah Marchionda

Baden Lions Club

Jazlyn Martinez

Coach JP Legacy Scholarship

Cody Hetrick
Ryan Lambert
Norah Marchionda
Taylor Thompson

David Bupp Scholarship

Caylin Fedora
Gianna Georgakis
Jayda Lorenc
Mikaloh Wetzel

IOOF Scholarship

Quinn Tkatch

Joe Zerilla Scholarship

Gianna Georgakis

Quinn Tkatch

Jaelynn Anderson

Jumet Charitable

Jazlyn Martinez

Kyle Hochevar Scholarship

Gianna Georgakis

Quinn Tkatch

Maggie Tkatch Scholarship

Quinn Tkatch

Maria Perri Cimarusti Scholarship

Jayda Lorenc

Masonic GRANT

Ava Draganjac

Ashton Drexler

Moe Rubenstein Scholarship

Cody Hetrick

NROTC

Henry Budzak

Lily Carpenter

Stanley Polikowski Scholarship

Brody Kanai

Luca Lerch

Gianna Georgakis

Janna Rusnak

Tenaris Merit Award

Janna Rusnak

Brody Kanai

Marena Baker

The Sue and Hal Galupi Scholarship

Quinn Tkatch

The Thomas, Melvina, and Cyril Jurkowski Memorial Scholarship

Jayda Lorenc

Marena Baker

Luca Lerch

Zaire Ellis Memorial Fund

Ethan Pritt

Filomena Bianchi Scholarship

Jazlyn Martinez

National School Chorus Award

Elaine Summers

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

McKayla Lebeck

John Philip Sousa Band Award

Samantha Waschak

CCBC Honors Scholarship

Kiley Ross

Push Beaver County Scholarship

Logan Szymoniak

May Students of the Month

High School Student of the Month

Nolan Pugh, 12th Grade

Edita Ilagan, 11th Grade

Amber Mickle, 10th Grade

Peyton Hokenbrough, 9th Grade

High School Extra Effort Award

Colton Hisiro, 12th Grade

Isaiah Kovach, 11th Grade

Juliana Kraus, 10th Grade

Anne Kronenwetter, 9th Grade

Middle School Student of the Month

Felix Bruner, 8th Grade

Lamees Alhamdan, 7th Grade

Bailey Hall-Rodgers, 6th Grade

Economy Elementary Student of the Month

Kimberly Collazo, 3rd Grade

Highland Elementary Student of the Month

Brody Yandura, 3rd Grade

State Street Elementary Student of the Month

Camille Gilbert, 5th Grade

May Employee of the Month

High School Employee of the Month

Pam Green, Science Teacher

Middle School Employee of the Month

Brad Olenic, Science Teacher

Economy Elementary

Kathleen Marvin, Third Grade Teacher

Highland Elementary

Greta Bible, Intervention Specialist Teacher

State Street Elementary

Linda Davis, Cafeteria Worker

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 Second 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. Field Trip

It is recommended that Brittany Graft, a social studies teacher at the Middle School, be authorized to take 8th grade students to Washington, DC on May 17, 2027. Parents or guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses from current/former employers to Act 168 screening. The district would cover the cost of the three (3) buses at approximately \$1,000.00 per bus.

2. Master Schedules

It is recommended that the tentative master schedules for the 2026-2027 school year be approved.

3. On-Site Dental Care

It is recommended that the Miracle Dental Association On-Site Team be approved to provide dental care to all students in the district for the 2026-2027 school year. The district incurs no expense or liability.

4. Vision to Learn

It is recommended to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ambridge Area School District and Vision to Learn, a nonprofit organization, for the 2026–2027 school year. The program provides free vision screenings and glasses to students who need them but cannot afford them. The district incurs no expense or liability. Approval is contingent upon Vision To Learn securing sufficient funding for the program.

5. Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit. The BVIU will provide Non-Public Title I services.

6. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The AIU will provide Non-Public Title I services.

7. Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV (MIU IV) Title I Agreement

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year Service Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. The MIU IV will provide Non-Public Title I services.

8. Ambridge Area High School Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI)

It is recommended to approve the final Ambridge Area High School CSI Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. This report acknowledges our student groups that face both academic and student success challenges. Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) interventions will assist the high school in supporting students during the 2026-2027 school year to meet the thresholds for academic proficiency and academic growth.

9. Ambridge Area Middle School Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI)

It is recommended to approve the final Ambridge Area Middle School TSI Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. This report acknowledges our student groups that face both academic and student success challenges. Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) interventions will assist the middle school in supporting students during the 2026-2027 school year to meet the thresholds for academic proficiency and academic growth.

10. BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. Contract

It is recommended to approve a contract for Transport Nursing Services between the Ambridge Area School District and BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc., to provide transport nursing services to students.

11. Sub-Contracted School Psychologist

It is recommended to approve a contract between the Ambridge Area School District and Kari Ward, a Private Psychologist, for sub-contracted psychological services. **Pending solicitor's review of the final agreement.**

12. Infinite Campus

It is recommended to approve the renewal of the Infinite Campus annual licensing subscription for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$27,134.40.

13. Finalsite Website

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year agreement with Finalsite to provide website services to the district at an annual cost of \$6,200.00.

14. Seesaw LMS

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year renewal of the Seesaw LMS subscription at a cost of \$8,759.14.

15. Schoology LMS

It is recommended to approve a one (1) year renewal of the Schoology LMS subscription at a cost of \$12,751.32.

16. IU13 Statewide Software

It is recommended to renew IU13 Software that supports the district's servers and computers from Microsoft at a total cost of \$26,978.55.

17. Back to School

The first day of the 2026-2027 school year for students is Monday, August 24, 2026. The instructional day start and end times are:

Elementary	8:25 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
Middle School	7:30 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.
High School	7:30 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.

Teachers return on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

Point of Information

Teacher Start and End Times:

Elementary:	7:50 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Middle School:	7:25 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
High School:	7:25 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$881,628.37 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$1,764,739.84 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$85,467.77 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$65,713.16 be paid.

3. Insurance Coverage

It is recommended the Board approve the following insurance premiums obtained through the district broker, Arthur J. Gallagher, for the 2026-2027 school year at a total cost of \$399,515.00.

4. Services Agreement Reinstatement

It is recommended to approve the Third-Party Administrative Services Agreement Reinstatement for the continuation of 403(b)/457(b) administration services by the Omni Group for the 2026-2027 school term as per the Fee Schedule for 2026-2027.

5. PA-Educator

It is recommended to approve the contract of service between the Ambridge Area School District and Pennsylvania Educators' Clearinghouse (PA-Educator.net) for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$1,750.00.

6. Disposal of Textbooks

It is recommended that the obsolete music textbooks at State Street and Highland Elementary, which are no longer used in the district curriculum, be disposed of in accordance with *Board Policy 706-1 – Disposal of Surplus Property and Obsolete Equipment*. (Appendix A)

7. AED Defibrillator Packages

It is recommended to approve the purchase of four (4) American AED Defibrillator Packages from America AED at \$1,572.00 per package plus shipping, for a total cost of \$6,809.00. The package will provide automated external defibrillators and related equipment to support emergency response and safety needs.

Building and Grounds**Dr. Constantine****1. Temporary Visitor Side Bleachers**

It is recommended to approve the quote from Riddell to purchase four sets of temporary bleachers for the visitor section of the stadium at a total cost of \$41,281.75 through state contracting pricing.

2. Installation of Visitor Side Temporary Bleachers

It is recommended to approve a quote from 3D Murin Construction for the installation of four sets of temporary bleachers for the visitor section of the stadium at a total cost of \$12,000.00.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. Overnight Girls' Soccer

It is recommended that James Raymer, the Girls' Soccer Head Coach, be authorized to take the high school Girls' Varsity Soccer Team to California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA, to attend the Vulcans Soccer High School Girls' Team Camp from July 18 – July 22, 2026. All expenses will be covered through fundraising, with no cost to the district. Parents and/or guardians will be required to sign permission and release forms. Chaperones will be required to have current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

1. Library Contribution

It is recommended to approve the distribution of budgeted allotment for the 2026-2027 school year to the Laughlin Memorial Library in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

1. Policy 622 - GASB Statement 34 – First Reading

It is recommended as a first reading to revise Policy 622 – *GASB Statement 34* to update the required accounting and financial reporting standards stipulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Legislative

Miss Fitsko

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

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. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Larry Knopsnyder from his position as an Ambridge Area High School Social Studies Teacher, effective July 25, 2026, with regret.

2. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Joselynn Martin from her position as an Ambridge Area Middle School Learning and Emotional Support Teacher All Grades, effective June 11, 2026, with regret.

3. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Gianna Sinatra from her position as an Ambridge Area Middle School Science Teacher, effective June 15, 2026, with regret.

4. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Amy Braund from her position as a Mentor Teacher, effective June 15, 2026, with regret.

5. Mentor

It is recommended to approve the following teacher assignment for the 2026-2027 school year, as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Mentor Teacher

Amy Fedorek

New Teacher

Lea Ritz

6. ABC Transit Bus Driver/Aide

It is recommended to approve the individual listed as an operator, attendant, and maintenance for ABC Transit, Inc. for the 2026-2027 school year, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

Shelia Perminter, Van Driver

7. Posted Positions: Clubs / Activities

It is recommended that the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2026-2027 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>
Band Director	Stephen Rodgers	\$8,300.00
Band 1st Assistant	Jessica Patterson	4,500.00
Band 2nd Assistant	Daphney Tanner	3,750.00
Majorette/Drill Team	Rachel Crust	3,500.00
JR Drill Team	Kara Russo	1,500.00
SH Pep Band	Stephen Rodgers	1,500.00
Steel Drum Director	Todd Hartman	3,300.00
Finance Director	Kelly Gregory	3,400.00
Sophomore Class	Nicole Tallarico	1,450.00
Junior Class	Nicole Tallarico	2,450.00
Senior Class	Nicole Tallarico	1,850.00
Tech Production	Ben Holmes (Co-Sponsor)	600.00
	Kristin Holmes Co-Sponsor)	600.00
Interact Club	Kim Bogati (Co-Sponsor)	725.00
	Christina Briola (Co-Sponsor)	725.00
Mock Trial Team	Kim Bogati (Co-Sponsor)	825.00
	Christina Briola (Co-Sponsor)	825.00
National Honor Society	Sarah Burns	1,250.00

Senior High Play Director	Jessica Patterson	2,350.00
Silhouette	Erin Williams	2,400.00
Technology Student Association	Ben Holmes (Co-Sponsor)	825.00
	Pam Green (Co-Sponsor)	825.00
Yearbook	Christina Briola	2,790.00
Student Council	Joie Dusold	770.00
AATV AM Announcements	Stephen Rodgers	770.00
Adventures in Education	Larry Knopsnyder	770.00
Language Clubs		
Italian Club	Davide Sciulli	770.00
Spanish Club	Sarah White	770.00
PA Math League	Sarah Burns	770.00
Robotics Club	Ben Holmes (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
	Kristin Holmes (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
Stage Crew	Todd Hartman	770.00
Thespian Club	Jessica Patterson	770.00
TRI-M Music Honor Society	Stephen Rodgers	770.00
Video Production Club	Ben Holmes	770.00
Teen Leadership Club	Kim Bogati	770.00
Black Student Union	Joie Dusold (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
	Carlyn Humphries (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
Mary Makers	Shana Dowlin	770.00
HOSA	Eric Harbison	770.00
Unified Club	Ashley Schmidt (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
	Anna Mild (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
Art Club	Jamie Orth	770.00
Bible Club	Jamie Orth	770.00

ACTIVITY/CLUB (Middle School)

SALARY

National Honor Society	Amy Braund	950.00
Science Explorers Club	Don Ayers	770.00
Drama Club	Amy Fedorek	770.00
Newspaper	Amy Braund	770.00
Club Hope	Brad Olenic (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
	Chris Ceratti (Co-Sponsor)	385.00
Art Club	Jennifer Ax	770.00

ACTIVITY/CLUB (Elementary)

SALARY

Economy Elementary Student Council	Justine Bagaley	\$ 770.00
Highland Elementary Student Council	Michelle Wilson (Co-Sponsor)	\$ 385.00
	Marie Buck (Co-Sponsor)	\$ 385.00
State Street Elementary Student Council	Kim Roppa (Co-Sponsor)	\$ 385.00
	Stacey Brock (Co-Sponsor)	\$ 385.00

8. Posted Positions: Department Heads and Building Heads

It is recommended that the following individuals who have applied for the specified posted positions for the 2026-2027 school year be approved at the salary designated in the negotiated agreement, pending receipt of current clearances and drug screening:

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Elementary:

Kindergarten	Tammy Kennedy
First Grade	Lisa Kovach
Second Grade	Lauren Tierney
Third Grade	Brenda Antoline
Fourth Grade	Lauren Taormina
Fifth Grade	Michelle Wilson
Sixth Grade	Corinna Cooper
Special Education	Susan Manuppelli

SALARY
Stipend = \$1,665.00

Secondary:

English	Christina Briola
Math	Jodi Musser
Social Studies	Chris Yannesssa
Science	Terri Moon-Kutzavitch
Special Education	Bonnie DeAngelis

Stipend = \$1,665.00

K-12:

Physical Education	Jeffrey Modrovich
Nurse	Kristine McCloskey
Reading	Greta Bible
Foreign Language	Davide Sciulli
Business	Krista Novak
Fine Arts	Todd Hartman
Applied Science and Technology	Ben Holmes
Guidance	Chelsea Benedict

Stipend = \$1,665.00

BUILDING HEADS

Middle School	Chris Ceratti
Middle School	Brad Olenic
Economy Elementary	Michelle McKenzie
Highland Elementary	Brandie Skonieczny
State Street Elementary	Kimberly Roppa

SALARY
Stipend = \$1,750.00

9. 2026-2027 Coaches

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.

1) Cheer

- a) Katie Singletary, JV Coach
- b) Emily Clouse, Volunteer Coach
- c) Raina Hammond, Volunteer Coach

Stipend
\$2,250.00
No Remuneration
No Remuneration

2) <u>Girls' Volleyball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Michaela Pavlinich, Middle School Coach	\$2,350.00
b) Jason Benkowski, Volunteer Coach	

10. 2025-2026 Musical Staff

It is recommended to ratify Elyse Perciavalle as the Musical Choreographer to be paid a stipend of \$1,200.00.

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 Second 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

APPENDIX A

Description of Book (i.e. math text, fiction, nonfiction, etc.) or Title of Textbook	<u>Year</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Music Connection 1st	2000	26
Music Connection 2nd	2000	26
Music Connection 3rd	2000	26
Music Connection 4th	2000	26
Music Connection 5th	2000	32
Music Connection 6th	2000	32
World of Music Purple	1988	27
World of Music Green	1988	31
World of Music Red	1988	28
World of Music Yellow	1988	25
World of Music Blue	1988	22
World of Music Orange	1988	30
Silver Burdett Music Centennial Edition Orange	1985	23
Silver Burdett Music Centennial Edition Purple	1985	28
Silver Burdett Music Centennial Edition Pink	1985	29
Silver Burdett Music Centennial Edition Blue	1985	29
Silver Burdett Music Centennial Edition Green	1985	26
Silver Burdett Music Centennial Edition Light Blue	1985	29
Silver Burdett Music	1981	2
Making Music Your Own	1971	13