

I. Mrs. Fischer called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

II. Mrs. Fischer asked all to rise for the Flag salute**III. Mrs. Fischer read the following 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**

Mrs. Cathleen Fischer, Vice President
Mr. Gregory Constantine
Mrs. Kathleen Curtis
Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe
Mr. Garrett Kovacevic
Mrs. Kelly Romasco

Others Present:

Dr. Joseph W. Pasquerilla, Superintendent
Dr. Amy Filipowski, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Michelle Amadio, Business Manager / Director of Operations
Ms. Michelle Gannon, Solicitor
Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary

V. Mrs. Mueller read the following Sunshine Law

The Board of School Directors held an Executive Session(s) on Wednesday, June 10th to discuss:

- Personnel matter(s)
- Matters subject to attorney-client privilege and other confidentiality laws
- Litigation or threatened litigation matters

VI. Correspondence

No correspondence

VII. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Agenda

Amend item 2 under Personnel to fill in the stipend amount of \$3,500.00.

Add item 12 under Personnel

Mrs. Fischer moved to accept the amendments, seconded by Mrs. Romasco. All in favor.

VIII. Recognition/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.

The Board discussed the potential purchase of temporary bleachers for the visitor side of the stadium. It was noted that the bleachers would primarily be used for visiting bands and could also accommodate the home band when needed. Mrs. Amadio provided an update on grant opportunities she is pursuing to help offset the cost of the project. The Board reviewed preliminary pricing, including a current quote of \$9,380.00 per set of temporary bleachers, in addition to the cost of constructing the supporting platforms. It was noted that approximately four sets would be needed, with the total cost for the four sets and construction not to exceed \$42,000.00. The Board also discussed that if grant funding is secured in the future for permanent visitor bleachers, the temporary bleachers could be relocated and used at the baseball and softball fields, providing flexibility and continued use of the investment. Dr. Pasquerilla stated that the administration has made recommendations and provided requested information along with quotes, and will add to the agenda what the board wishes to. The Board Solicitor will speak with the Board President regarding the matter, and it may be placed on the agenda for consideration at next week's Board meeting.

X. LEGISLATIVE ACTION FOR THIS MEETING**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. Consideration for Salary Increase

It is recommended that Administrators receive consideration for a tentative salary increase for the 2026-2027 school year based upon their initial evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year, per Act 93 Agreement. This serves as an initial adjustment. The final salary adjustment will be recommended once the final evaluations have been completed.

2. Homeless Liaison Coordinator

It is recommended to approve Jo Ann Hoover as a Homeless Liaison Coordinator to be paid a stipend of \$3,500.00 for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Ken Grafton from his position as an Ambridge Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective June 5, 2026, with regret.

4. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Terri Deblasio from her position as a Four-Hour Cook at State Street Elementary, effective June 5, 2026, with regret.

5. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Kimberly Bichey from her position as a Paraprofessional at State Street Elementary School, effective June 5, 2026, with regret.

6. Retirement

It is recommended to approve the resignation due to retirement of Tina Cordell from her position as a 5.5 Hour Site Leader at State Street Elementary School, effective July 1, 2026, with regret.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Cory Cavanaugh from his position as an Ambridge Area High School BCIT Teacher, effective June 5, 2026, with regret.

8. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Samantha Banks from her position as an Ambridge Area High School Guidance Counselor, effective June 15, 2026, with regret.

9. Technology Integrators

It is recommended to approve the following individuals to serve as the Technology Integrators in their assigned buildings for the 2026-2027 school year, to be paid a stipend of \$1,500.00, as per the collective bargaining agreement:

Economy Elementary

Carrie Malinich

Lynn Hartle

Highland Elementary

Michelle Wilson

Kellee Gnipp

State Street Elementary

Lauren Tierney

Tim Buresh

Middle School

Krista Novak

Amy Fedorek

Lauren Mawhinney

High School

Christina Briola

Sarah White

Sarah Burns

10. 2026-2027 Coaches

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved to fill the designated coaching positions 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>Varsity Boys' and Girls' Cross Country</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
| a) Emmanuel Akpoli, Head Coach | \$4,600.00 |
| 2) <u>Football</u> | |
| a) Daniel Rovira, Volunteer Coach | No Remuneration |

11. Paraprofessional

It is recommended to hire Debra Van Patten as a Paraprofessional at the high school, effective August 20, 2026, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association (ESPA/PSEA/NEA), pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

12. 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.

Mrs. Romasco motioned to approve items 1-12, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. Mrs. Romasco abstained from item 9.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)**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. 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.

10. 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.**

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Seesaw LMS

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

14. Schoology LMS

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

15. IU13 Statewide Software

It is recommended to renew IUI13 Software that supports the district's servers and computers from Microsoft at a total cost of \$26,978.55.

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 \$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, 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

Mr. Constantine

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules

Mrs. Kehoe

Legislative

Miss Fitsko

Salary Schedule and Labor Relations

Mrs. Curtis

XII. President's Address

Mrs. Fischer wished everyone a wonderful summer. She noted that there were individuals in attendance this evening with concerns related to the band and field seating. The District will work diligently to find a solution and establish a plan that will be beneficial and workable for everyone involved.

XIII. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pasquerilla congratulated the senior class and wished them luck in the next chapter. Wish all a safe and healthy summer.

XIV. Solicitor's Report

Nothing to 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.

Fabiola Gergerich, Harmony Twp.

- Thanked the School Board and administration for the invitation to the district's 250th anniversary ceremony. Complimented the students on a lovely presentation.
- Announced that Harmony Township's 250th anniversary event will be held on September 19 and will include a parade. The school band is encouraged to participate, along with any school floats.
- Shared that another 250th anniversary event will take place in Harmony on June 20, and all are invited to attend.
- Asked for clarification on the Homeless item on page 2:
 - How many families are currently identified as homeless within the district?
 - Has this number increased compared to last year or two years ago?
- Asked about the Subcontract item on page 5:
 - Are parents notified and made aware when their students participate?
- Clarified that the cost of the temporary bleachers is \$9,000 each.

Dr. Pasquerilla

- Homelessness within the district has increased recently, though the number of families fluctuates from year to year.
- Parents are notified and must provide signed consent if their student receives services from the subcontracted school psychologist.
- Confirmed the cost of the bleachers.

Aubry Middleton

- Asked for an update on the repository project and the status of Board approval.
 - Solicitor Gannon will discuss this with Mr. Middleton at the conclusion of the meeting.

Randy Dawson, Ambridge

- Asked which manufacturer is being used for the AED (automated external defibrillators), noting that some models do not automatically contact local emergency services.
- Suggested that AEDs be placed in unlocked, readily accessible locations rather than in locked areas.

Dr. Pasquerilla

- The AED Defibrillators will be kept in a weather-protected box with full access.
- Administration will look into whether the AED case has the capability to notify local emergency services when it is opened or used.

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Kehoe moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Fischer. All in favor.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. June Mueller, Board Secretary**

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