

Minutes for the Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

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

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District Board of Directors is called to order on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

II. Mrs. Scott asked all present to rise for the flag salute.

III. Mrs. Scott 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. Valerie Scott, President
Mrs. Cathleen Fischer, Vice President
Mr. Garrett Kovacevic, Treasurer
Mr. Gregory Constantine
Mrs. Kathleen Curtis
Miss Amy Fitsko
Mr. Joshua Gill
Mrs. Mary Jo Kehoe
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, August 19th to discuss:

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

VI. Correspondence

VII. Motion to accept or correct the Minutes of Wednesday, June 10th Meet and Discuss Voting and Non-Voting Meeting and Wednesday, June 17th Board Meeting

Mrs. Fischer moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Miss Fitsko. The vote in favor was unanimous.

VIII. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated: June/July 2026

Mr. Gill moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. The vote in favor was unanimous.

IX. Amendment/Addendum to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

Amended Item 1 under Personnel

Added Item 9 under Personnel

Mr. Gill moved to approve the amendments/addendums to Personnel, seconded by Mr. Kovacevic. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Amended Item 7 under Finance and Budget

Mr. Gill moved to approve the amendment to Finance and Budget, seconded by Mrs. Curtis. The vote in favor was unanimous.

X. Recognition/Presentation

Meet the Head Coaches

Boys' Head Basketball Coach – Alonzo Labrie

Wrestling Head Coach – Damon Sims

Girls' Flag Football Head Coach – Marlon Kittrell

Ambridge Youth Baseball 7U, 8U, and 9U Program

Tonight, we are proud to recognize and celebrate the dedication, growth, teamwork, and accomplishments of our young athletes throughout the 2026 baseball season. From the regular spring season to the Beaver County Baseball Association playoffs and the AYB All-Star season, these players demonstrated tremendous commitment both on and off the field. Across our 7U, 8U, and 9U programs, our teams experienced championship victories, runner-up finishes, semifinal appearances, and valuable tournament experiences. More importantly, we witnessed our players grow in confidence, develop their skills, overcome adversity, support their teammates, and continue to learn and love the game of baseball. Each player contributed in his own unique way, whether through outstanding offensive and defensive performances, leadership, determination, improvement, or simply being there when his team needed him. We are incredibly proud of everything these young athletes accomplished during the 2026 season and are honored to recognize their hard work and dedication tonight.

8U Vanyo Spring Beaver County Baseball Association Semi-Finalist

Devon Smith	Jace Heinz
Bentley Hampe	Parker Lively
Eli Stauffer	Jesse Ward
Levi Vanyo	Karson Gulish
Easton Harris	Hayes Chevalier
Liam Barraclough	William Boyle

Honorary Mention: Kolton Gulish

8U Gill Spring Beaver County Baseball Association Semi-Finalist

Noah Jones	Javon Jones
Tucker Mazzanti	Landon Tierney
Finn Welling	Micheal Keegan
Lane Carter	Joel Chandler
Grady Gill	Omari Gill

Honorary Mention: Tyson Gill

8U Rosenstern Spring Beaver County Baseball Association 2nd Place Runner-Up

Garrison Rosenstern	Evan Crow
Owen Vatovec	Reed Selby
Patrick Morgan	Jameson Follmar
Jake Harrison	Gianrocco Sonsini
Luke Shuey	Garrett Tabor
Austin Burr	

8U Cornman – Spring – Beaver County Baseball Association Champions

Brant Cornman	Richie Kostyzak
Max Drabik	Avery Mazur
Ari DeFrancesco	Kingston Mott
Joseph Harper	Nolan McLaughlin
Jace Moore	Amari Law
Mase Shepherd	Gio Paganie

9U AllStars

Rowen Brosky	Tristan Byrne
Maddox Charlton	Cole Christner
Max Fabanich	Robby Frederick
Jack Hostetter	Jack Kratochvil
Keegan Kokoski	Theodore Parish
Frank Savage	Emmett Scanlon

8U AllStars

Parker Lively	Avery Mazur
Eli Stauffer	Max Drabik
Jesse Ward	Jace Heinz
Owen Vatovec	Reed Selby
Devon Smith	Finn Welling
Evan Crow	Bentley Hampe
Brant Cornman	Richie Kostyzak
Omari Gill	

7U AllStars

Jameson Follmar	Tucker Mazzanti
Joel Chandler	Levi Vanyo
Easton Harris	Lane Carter
Luke Frederick	Garrison Rosenstern
Tyson Gill	Jace Moore
Nolan McLaughlin	

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 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.

No comments.

XII. Committee Reports**Education and Technology****Mrs. Romasco****1. Dual Enrollment/High School Academic Agreement**

It is recommended to renew Dual Enrollment/High School Academic Agreements between the Ambridge Area School District and the following Colleges and Universities. This program will allow students to concurrently enroll in an associate degree, certificate, or diploma program while completing their high school requirements.

- a) Carlow College
- b) CCBC
- c) University of Pittsburgh
- d) Seton Hill University
- e) Robert Morris University

2. Tax Exoneration

It is recommended to approve tax exoneration regarding the collection of real estate taxes, conditioned upon mutual municipal and county reciprocal exoneration for the tax year 2024, relevant to the following property, which is a Baden Borough-owned property.

- a) Tax Parcel 13-003-0700.000, located at 0 Pinney Street, Lot, Baden, PA

Mrs. Curtis moved to approve items 1-2, seconded by Mrs. Fischer. Mr. Constantine was absent; Mr. Kovacevic voted against item 2, and Mrs. Scott voted against item 2.

Finance and Budget**Mr. Kovacevic****1. School District Monthly Bills and Salaries (June – July)**

It is recommended that the monthly school district bills in the amount of \$3,794,230.99 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$2,737,410.99 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries (June – July)

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$11,869.87 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$ 69,097.45 be paid.

3. Penn Power Maintenance Agreement

It is recommended to renew a one (1) year Maintenance Agreement with Penn Power Systems at an annual amount of \$4,055.10 to perform regularly scheduled maintenance and inspections of the emergency power generator systems effective September 1, 2026, to August 31, 2027. The services will occur at all district buildings.

4. Resolution 2026-2027-4 PennEnergy Oil and Gas Lease

It is recommended to approve Resolution 2026-2027-4 authorizing the Lease of District Subsurface Mineral Rights, **pending solicitor review.**

5. Disposal of Textbooks

It is recommended that unusable textbooks at the high school be disposed of in accordance with *Board Policy 706-1 – Disposal of Surplus Property and Obsolete Equipment.* (Appendix A)

6. District Phone/Fax Provider

It is recommended to approve a proposal from Communications Consulting, Inc. for a three (3) year contract for phone and fax services at a total cost of \$919.52 per month, plus a one-time implementation cost of \$3,302.00. This will be an estimated annual savings of \$13,883.76 compared to the current provider.

7. Economy Elementary Before and After School Care

It is recommended that the Economy Elementary Before and After School Care increase the family rate by \$20.00 per month. It is further recommended that the wage for caregivers be approved at \$18.00 per hour.

Mrs. Kehoe moved to approve items 1-7, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Scott. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Building and Grounds

Dr. Constantine

1. High School Hot Water Pump

It is recommended to approve a quote from Huckestein Mechanical for the replacement of the high school Hot Water Pump #2 VFD Drive at a total cost of \$9,259.81. This is through state contracting pricing (Co-Stars).

2. Highland Elementary Chiller Repair

It is recommended to approve a quote from Huckestein Mechanical for the repair of the Highland Elementary Chiller leak, Circuit #1, at a total cost of \$7,268.47. This is through state contracting pricing (Co-Stars).

3. Highland Elementary Chiller Refrigerant

It is recommended to approve a quote from United Refrigeration for the Highland Elementary chiller at a total cost of \$5,306.25. The total includes a \$1,000.00 refundable deposit.

4. Economy Elementary Boiler

It is recommended to retroactively accept a proposal from Currant Taylor to repair the boiler in the Economy Elementary cafeteria. This is at a total cost of \$14,046.00. This is through the state bidding process.

5. Crossing Guards

It is recommended that crossing guards be placed at locations throughout the Ambridge Area School District for the 2026-2027 school year, as listed below:

10th Street and Duss Avenue
5th Street and Duss Avenue
8th Street and Duss Avenue
15th Street and Church Street
State Street and Harmony Road

Mr. Constantine moved to approve items 1-5, seconded by Mrs. Fischer. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

1. Athletic Handbook

It is recommended that the revised High School Athletic Handbook be adopted for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mrs. Fischer moved to approve item 1, seconded by Mrs. Romasco. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

Steering and Rules**Mrs. Kehoe****1. Policy 622 - GASB Statement 34 – Third and Final Reading**

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

Mrs. Kehoe moved to approve item 1, seconded by Miss Fitsko. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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. Professional Employee

It is recommended to hire Savannah Fischer as an Economy Elementary Emotional Life Skills Teacher All Grade Levels, at a salary of \$53,310.00 (Step 1, Bachelor), effective with the first day of new teacher induction, as per the terms of the Ambridge Area Education Association AAEA/PSEA Agreement, pending receipt of satisfactory and current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening, and receipt of current PDE certification.

2. Paraprofessionals

It is recommended to hire the following individuals as Paraprofessionals within the district, 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.

Heather Eaton, Highland Elementary School
Breanna Guernsey, Highland Elementary School
Kaitlyn Lore, Middle School
Abigail Polachek, Middle School
Courtney Friehs, High School

3. Mentor Teachers

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved as mentor teachers for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>New Teacher</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Jamie Scafuri	Michelle King	\$350.00
Hannah Jozwiak	Tim Palisin	\$350.00

4. 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.

1) <u>Boys' Soccer</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Mason Kovach, Assistant Coach	\$2,700.00
2) <u>Cheer</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Alexandra Siebert, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration

5. 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 (Middle School)</u>		<u>SALARY</u>
Interact Club	Cori Cooper	\$770.00
Yearbook	Jordan Simpson	\$770.00

6. Non-Union Cafeteria Worker

It is recommended to hire Patricia Shillingburg as a Cashier/Monitor at the high schools, 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.

7. Disciplinary Jones Resolution 2026-2027-5

It is recommended that Disciplinary Jones Resolution 2026-2027-5 be approved regarding employee #3260.

8. 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. (Appendix B)

9. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Scott Lane from his position as an Ambridge Area Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective August 19, 2026, with regret.

Mr. Gill moved to approve items 1-9, as amended, seconded by Miss Fitsko. Mrs. Fischer abstained from item 1.

XIII. President's Address

Mrs. Scott congratulated all youth baseball players, coaches, and Mr. Gill, noting how rewarding it was to see their time and effort pay off. Expressing great enthusiasm and excitement, she voiced her hope that this strong momentum will continue throughout their years in school and extended special congratulations to the coaches and Mr. Gill, emphasizing that the players wouldn't be where they are without their dedication.

Mrs. Scott welcomed back all of the staff, administration, and students to the new school year. She concluded by sharing her excitement for the start of the school year.

XIV. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pasquerilla congratulated all the young men in attendance at the meeting for their hard work and extended his appreciation to the coaches for the time and effort they put in, noting it was an awesome opportunity to recognize their success. He also offered special thanks to the entire staff—including maintenance, custodians, paras, secretaries, and administration for helping get ready for the special open day ceremony, with a special acknowledgment to Dr. Filipowski for her hard work getting ready for opening day. He concluded by expressing excitement to welcome the kids back on Monday.

XV. Solicitor's Report

Nothing to 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.

Mr. Gill thanked the administration, Dr. Pasquerilla, and Dr. Filipowski for everything that they have done to get us ready to come back for the new school year. Welcome back, teachers, staff, and students. Let's have a great school year, one to remember.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Scotto moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gill. 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

APPENDIX B**DRIVERS**

George Fleming	Christine Fletcher
Donald Frynkewicz	James Gardner
Leo Glaab	Joseph Goldsborough
John Graham	Kim Hanshaw
Justin Hockenberry	Donald Holt
Michael Hope	Thomas Hunt
Calvin Jones	Glenn Jones
Robin Jones	David Jordan
Brandon Kail	Mike Kashiwsky
Michael Koncewicz	Vanners Lazo Aguilar
Mellainie Lipscomb	Barbara Luff
James Luff	Thomas Lunde
Dominic Marchionda	Raymond Mattern
AnnaMarie McDowell	Heather Meyerson
James Migliore Jr	Theodore Mohrbacher
William Noakes	John Olexa
Philip Paulowich	Lucinda Payne
Stacy Phillips	Karen Prest
Douglas Raegler	Joyce Rexroad
Patricia Roberts	Kevin Roland
Julia Ruckert	Iliana Saenz
John Saint	Denise Shanner
Susan Shaw	Kenneth Shrum
Lisa Sittig	Javion Smith
Lynda Smith	Chinua Solomon
Jennifer Spratley	Denise Stasiowski
Joseph Sweesy	Toni Swiderski
Michael Truskowski	Tempest Velez
Dorine Williams	Charles Weaver
Judith Woodring	Sharon Woodman
Timothy Armstead	Tammy Yeager
Varden Armstrong	Larry Knopsnyder
Peggy Bieber	Kristofer Balognae
Jane Casey	Diane Bullock
Charles Kniess	Joanne Goblick
Brenda Gunther	Leslie Lill

William Stevenson

APPROVED SUB DRIVERS

Peggy Bieber

Jane Casey

Joanne Goblick

Charles Kniess

Brenda Leslie

Gunther Lill

William Stevenson

ON LEAVE

Timothy Armstead

Larry Knopsnyder