

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

October 14, 2026

7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium

I. Call to Order

The Meet and Discuss Board Meeting of the Ambridge Area School District is held on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. This meeting is being held to review the agenda for the regular monthly Board Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

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, October 14, 2026 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

VIII. Recognition/Presentation

Meet the Coaches

Dave Ilko, Girls' Lacrosse Head Coach

Band Uniform Presentation – Stephen Rodgers

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. High School Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of a new high school club, Math Madness Club. The club sponsor will be paid a stipend of \$770.00, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

2. Middle School Club Formation

It is recommended to approve the formation of a new middle school club, Math Madness Club. The club sponsor will be paid a stipend of \$770.00, in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

3. Wilson College Affiliation Agreement

It is recommended to approve a five (5) year Affiliation Agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Wilson College, at no cost to the District, **pending solicitor review.**

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. 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>
Technology Student Association (TSA)	Shana Dowlin (Co-Sponsor)	\$385.00
	Scott Setzenfand (Co-Sponsor)	\$385.00

2. Orton Gillingham

It is recommended that the following elementary teachers be compensated for 35 total hours to complete Orton Gillingham Training on their own time, upon completion of the Orton Gillingham Comprehensive OG+ Training and submission of the certificate, at the rate of pay as per the collective bargaining agreement. Salary and benefits are to be paid by grant funding. To be paid for through the Title II Grant monies.

Robin Francis
Amanda Pfeifer
Dana Burns
Mackenzi Uber
Brandie Skonieczny

3. 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' Basketball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Allen Langston, Assistant Coach	\$2,710.00
b) Aden Saunders, Assistant Coach	\$2,710.00
c) Randall Labrie, Volunteer Coach	No Remuneration
2) <u>Girls' Lacrosse</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) David Ilko, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
3) <u>Bowling</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Jennifer Bohrer, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
4) <u>Boys' Baseball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Zachary Dugan, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
5) <u>Boys' Volleyball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Glenn Freed, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
6) <u>Softball</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Amanda Mitchell, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
7) <u>Track</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) James Sims, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
b) Mike Blackshear, Assistant Coach	\$2,700.00
c) Marlon Kittrell, Assistant Coach	\$2,500.00
d) Mike Blackshear, Middle School Coach	\$2,150.00
e) Xavier Henry, Middle School Coach	\$1,850.00
8) <u>Boys' Tennis</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Megan Racioppo, Head Coach	\$4,600.00
b) Ty Baker, Assistant Coach	\$1,350.00
9) <u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
a) Ron Wilson, Middle School Coach	\$2,150.00
b) Xavier Henry, Middle School Coach	\$1,650.00

4. FMLA

It is recommended that Employee #3049 be approved for a leave of absence under Board Policy 435, Family and Medical Leave, beginning October 12, 2026, not to exceed sixty (60) days.

5. Economy Elementary Part-Time Secretary

It is recommended to retroactively hire Claire Dhayer as the Economy Elementary Part-Time Secretary for 5 hours per day and five days a week, effective September 23, 2026, as per the terms of the negotiated agreement between the Ambridge Area School District and Ambridge Area Education Support Professional Association – ESPA/PSEA-NEA.

6. Long-Term Substitute

It is recommended to retroactively approve Amanda Hoover as a Long-Term Substitute at Economy Elementary School at 70% Step 1, Master, \$37,996.70 prorated for the days worked, effective August 25, 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 Act 168 screening.

7. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Amanda Hoover from her position as a Long-Term Substitute at Economy Elementary, effective October 16, 2026, with regret.

8. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Andrew Doyle from his position as a custodian at Economy Elementary, effective September 29, 2026, with regret.

9. Resignation

It is recommended to approve the resignation of Heather Eaton from her position as a Paraprofessional at Highland Elementary, effective September 16, 2026, with regret.

10. 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.

Paul Seifer, Van Driver

11. Cafeteria Worker

It is recommended to retroactively hire the following individuals as union cafeteria workers, in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses from current or former employers to Act 168 screening.

Milagro Ortiz, 4-Hour Cook at the middle school, effective October 2, 2026

Andrew Gross, 5-Hour Cook at Highland Elementary, effective October 6, 2026

12. Non-Union Substitute Cafeteria Worker

It is recommended to retroactively hire Randy Palombo as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker, effective October 6, 2026, at the non-bargaining unit employee rate of pay, pending receipt of current clearances, satisfactory drug screening, TB testing, and responses by current/former employers to Act 168 screening.

13. Elementary Library Coordinator

It is recommended that the following individuals be approved as Elementary Classroom Library Coordinators in their respective buildings and be compensated in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding at a stipend of \$500.00.

Carrie Malinich, Economy Elementary
Brandie Skonieczny, Highland Elementary
Kim Roppa, State Street Elementary

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (NON-VOTING AGENDA ITEMS)

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 \$4,890,945.08 and the monthly school district personnel salaries in the amount of \$ 1,429,090.33 be paid.

2. Cafeteria Monthly Bills and Salaries

It is recommended that the monthly cafeteria bills in the amount of \$204,145.03 and the monthly cafeteria personnel salaries in the amount of \$59,669.83 be paid.

3. Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Joint Purchasing Fuel Consortium Resolution 2026-2027-07

It is recommended to adopt Resolution 2026-2027-07, which authorizes the District to participate in the AIU Joint Purchasing Fuel Consortium Program for the 2027-2028 school year at no cost to the district. It is further recommended that the President and Board Secretary be authorized to sign the related Joint Purchasing Board Resolution.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Constantine

1. Chemway Water Treatment

It is recommended to approve a proposal from Chemway Water Treatment Chemicals, Services & Equipment for services in the amount of \$7,828.00 plus shipping.

Athletics

Mrs. Fischer

Public Relations

Miss Fitsko

1. Policy 102 – Academic Standards – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update Policy 102 – *Academic Standards*, to reflect the requirements of a new section of the Pennsylvania School Code regarding Social Media Literacy.

2. Policy 105 – Curriculum – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update Policy 105 – *Curriculum* to address student wellness considerations related to Physical Education, Social Media Literacy, and student screen time. The update aligns with the instructional requirements referenced in the legal citations of the policy and incorporates current guidance regarding purposeful and appropriate use of technology and screen time in schools.

3. Policy 204.1 – Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to adopt Policy 204.1 – *Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks* to establish procedures for virtual attendance that ensure each student is visibly seen and communicated with in real time, while providing for appropriate documentation of student participation and attendance.

4. Policy 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings – First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update Policy 209 – *Health Examinations/Screenings* to clarify that height and weight measurements are collected to monitor students' growth patterns and are not to be used to calculate a student's height-to-weight ratio. The policy also requires that student confidentiality be maintained and that parents/guardians be notified of their rights and the procedure to request an exemption from such measurements.

5. Policy 246 – School Wellness -First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to update Policy 246 – *School Wellness* to comply with amendments requiring student confidentiality to be maintained when instruction involves the collection of students' height and weight measurements. The policy is also being updated to address Social Media in accordance with Social Media Literacy Education requirements and applicable academic standards.

6. Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying - First Reading

It is recommended, as a first reading, to amend Policy 249 – *Bullying/Cyberbullying* to add required procedures for the reporting and investigation of alleged bullying and cyberbullying, as well as procedures for responding to substantiated incidents. The amendment adds specific sections addressing Reporting, Investigation, and Response to Bullying/Cyberbullying.

Legislative**Miss Fitsko****Salary Schedule and Labor Relations****Mrs. Curtis****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