

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AG High School Cafeteria – 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Carla Franks, Vice President Ryan Porupski, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Betty Moser, David Howard, Charity Grimm Krupa, Carl Planiczka

MEMBERS ABSENT: Robert Mangold

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Controller Vince Belczyk and Attorney Lee Price

President Franks called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Representative Jill Tennent and Mark Henline from Johnson Matthey presented a donation to the district for to purchase Chromebooks and cart for elementary schools.

Representatives from Carlisle Construction made a presentation to the board on their companies specific scope of work and options on how the roof would be repaired/replaced on the Smithfield Elementary School. The company presented the board members with a folder outlining roof specifications, materials, warranty and pricing.

Superintendent Pegg read the Jay Monteverde – Duro-Last email presentation to the board on their companies specific scope of work and options on how the roof would be repaired/replaced on the Smithfield Elementary School. Mr. Pegg presented the board members with a copy of the email that contained roof specifications, materials, warranty and pricing information.

Superintendent Pegg read the Donald Miller, Inc. email presentation to the board on their companies specific scope of work and options on how the roof would be repaired/replaced on the Smithfield Elementary School. Mr. Pegg presented the board members with a copy of the email that contained roof specifications, materials, warranty and pricing information.

Sam Roberts, Garland Company representative addressed the board to review his previous roof replacement presentation for Smithfield Elementary School and stated the original information presented that contained roof specifications, materials, warranty and pricing information is still their recommendation.

Jeannie Vannucci, Engineer, addressed the board as a consultant, for the various roof replacement options. She stated that her original recommendation for a complete tear off of the existing Smithfield Elementary School roof and replacing the roof is still her recommendation.

Superintendent Pegg presented Dave Howard with a PSBA Honor Roll School Board Service certificate from PSBA for 20 years of service as an Albert Gallatin School District Board Member.

Superintendent Pegg presented Ed Colebank with a PSBA Honor Roll School Board Service certificate from PSBA for 20 years of service as an Albert Gallatin School District Board Member.

Superintendent Pegg presented Janet Swaney with a PSBA Honor Roll School Board Service plaque from PSBA for 24 years of service as an Albert Gallatin School District Board Member.

Several students from the Smithfield Elementary Student Council addressed the board on the reasons why Smithfield Elementary School should not be closed. Kelsey Ream and Fox Odell spoke on behalf of the student council.

Rachel Burnsworth of McClellandtown, PA addressed the board asking for their support to be nominated to the two year school board vacancy. Mrs. Burnsworth read her letter to the board and passed out copies to the board members.

Arley Stoker of Smithfield, PA addressed the board and the crowd to demonstrate the proper use of a microphone so that all audience members can hear the speakers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Porupski second by M. Dunham to enter into executive session 7:35 p.m. for personnel. All members present voting in favor of motion

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to resume meeting at 8:39 p.m. All members present voting in favor of motion.

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Krupa to amend the agenda to accept letters of interest and interview for the two year school board vacancy and make an appointment at the December 18th meeting. Motion died for lack of a second motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to amend agenda to include a motion to make an appointment to fill the two year vacancy on the school board.

Ayes: M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka
Nays: Krupa

ADOPT AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to adopt amended agenda to add Item D under Administrative to add motion to fill the two year vacancy on the school board. All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to approve minutes of the meeting held on November 20, 2019 as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard second by Krupa to grant permission to pay bills and payroll for December 2019:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,212,142.42.
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$256,905.48.

3. Utilities, Capital Reserve and other bills due upon review by Superintendent and/or Controller.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACT 1 MAILING

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to approve Act 1 mailing not to exceed \$4,500.00.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SWRTB APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to appoint Vincent Belczyk to Southwest Regional Tax Bureau 2020 Representative for a one year term and Ryan Porupski as Alternative.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Price thanked the board for reappointing Andrews & Price for another year.

ADDENDUM TO NON-PUB SERVICES AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to request approval of Addendum #1 of the June 5, 2019, approved agreement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Intermediate Unit 1 for Federal Programs Non-Pub Services.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to award Rebecca Martinko the 7 hour cafeteria position at AG South Middle School according to contract.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to grant Mary Comunale an unpaid leave of absence from January 13, 2020 to January 28, 2020 as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to accept the retirement of Robin Smochinsky, Middle School Instructor effective January 9, 2020.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Robin for her 31 years of service and wishes her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

Non Professional: Robin Darnell

Professional: Rebecca Hall

All members present voting in favor of motion.

WVU STUDENT NURSES

A motion was made by Howard second by Krupa to approve the following WVU student nurses for clinical's at various times, throughout the district, pending receipt of clearances: Margaret Buchanan, Catherine Farson, Miranda Gable, Allison Harold, Lize Morris, Elizabeth Pertee.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to grant use of AG North cafeteria to AG North Middle School Band on April 2, 2020 from 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm for a paint and snack; Kate Armstrong.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

A motion was made by Moser to nominate to Paul Dunham and Krupa to nominate Candice Jordan to fill the two year vacancy on the school board.

M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Planiczka - Paul Dunham:

Krupa - Candice Jordon

Porupski - Abstain

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on January 15, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

President Franks announced a special meeting for budget and finance, roof replacement specifications and other items will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.