

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

D. Ferd Swaney School – 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Franks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Wilson, AG North Principal introduced Kate Armstrong and Taylor Bella, MathCounts co-sponsors. They introduced the following students were winners in the MathCounts competition: Jeremy Campbell-10th place; Jake Pajerski-8th place; Noah Maceiko-6th place. The students received a round of applause.

Leslie Adams of McClellandtown, PA is a bus driver and union steward for the AG Bus Drivers addressed the board protesting the action of the board against a bus driver that drives for the district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 from 7:40 pm to 9:23 pm for personnel and student confidentiality.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to adopt agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 15, 2020 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2020 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to pay bills and payroll for February 2020.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,034,230.05
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,435,944.66

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU #1 GENERAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2020-2021 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$549,522.00 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$24,315.73 which is a \$68.95 increase from 2019-2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADVERTISE FOR LPG GAS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant permission for Administration to advertise for LPG gas, equipment and services at a firm fixed price for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BOND COUNCIL

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve the firm of RBC Capital Markets LLC as Managing Underwriter and the firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Council to advise and assist the Albert Gallatin Area School District and to handle matters related to both outstanding debt and refunding opportunities and as anticipated in connection with any capital improvement projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PROSOFT WEB PORTAL

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to approve the Prosoft Web Portal hosting by Harris Solutions annually with an initial cost of \$9,000.00 whereby employees gain on-line access to payroll and personnel information.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPORTS BIDS

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay the Spring 2020 Sports Bids:

- a. Century Sports - \$4,285.23
- b. Masontown Trophy - \$2,504.00
- c. Riddell - \$136.70

Total: \$6,925.93

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Mangold, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Pegg announced the 2019-2020 PA Distinguished School Award to Masontown Elementary School. Congratulations to the principal, staff and students.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Joyce Breakwell for donating a tenor sax to the high school band.

Superintendent Pegg thanked David and Dana Burke for the donation of sensory equipment for the special needs classes.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to waive the second and third reading and approve revised policy 011 Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa, Mangold

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to waive the second and third reading and approve revised policy 201 Admissions of Students.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to waive the second and third reading and approve revised policy 233 Suspension and Expulsion.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to waive the second and third reading and approve revised policy 815.5 Social Media.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa, Mangold

2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar with August 24, 2020 as first day of school for students and graduation and last day of school for students on June 2, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM RESOLUTION

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to adopt the Resolution Calling For Charter School Funding Reform as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to hire Tracie Reese for the two (2) hour floating cafeteria position based at Smithfield Elementary School, retroactive to January 21, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Krupa to hire Robert Tate, custodian at AG High School midnight shift, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to hire Jon Dziak, custodian at AG High School afternoon shift, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to grant Linda Shaffer, cafeteria employee a paid and unpaid leave of absence from January 30, 2020 to approximately June 4, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant Bonnie Balas, special education instructor a leave of absence from February 11, 2020 to approximately June 4, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant Stephanie Corcoran an unpaid leave of absence from March 6, 2020 to approximately April 3, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Moser to grant Lisa Allen a leave of absence from March 18, 2020 to approximately May 4, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant Carol Panek, Secretary an intermittent FMLA retroactive to February 3, 2020 through April 17, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by M. Dunham to award Susan Davis the temporary 6.5 hour Friendship Hill Cafeteria position, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to hire Derek Victor as high school assistant baseball coach for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Mangold, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to renew the following High School Head Coaches for fall season 2020-2021 school year:

1. Boys Soccer – Tim Flecker
2. Girls Soccer – Mike Hart
3. Cross Country – Joe Thomas
4. Volleyball – Marissa Hart
5. Football – Drew Dindl

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa, Mangold

CREATE SPECIAL EDUCATION POSITION

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to grant permission to create a ½ day special education teacher position at George Plava and ½ day special education teacher position at Friendship Hill Elementary for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EXTEND MAINTENANCE POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Planiczka to extend the Lead Maintenance I and Lead Maintenance II positions until June 30, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VOLUNTARY TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve Voluntary Transfer request of Randy Wilson to Principal at Friendship Hill Elementary School, start date to be determined by Superintendent.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Mangold, Moser, Planiczka

Nays: Porupski

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve Voluntary Transfer request of Michael Dunham to Principal at AG North Middle School, start date to be determined by Superintendent.

Ayes: P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Mangold, Moser, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa, Porupski

Abstain: M. Dunham

NEW PRINCIPAL/ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL HIRES

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to hire Marissa Dugan as AG High School Assistant Principal pending receipt of all proper documents, start date to be determined by Superintendent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to hire Sharon Lepri as AG North/AG South Middle School Assistant Principal pending receipt of all proper documents, start date to be determined by Superintendent.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Mangold, Moser, Planiczka

Nays: Porupski

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to hire Duane Frund as Masontown Elementary Principal pending receipt of all proper documents, start date to be determined by Superintendent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to hire Kristin Frey-Martin as AG High School Assistant Principal commencing July 1, 2020.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa, Mangold

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to appoint Brian Reams as AG High School Principal commencing July 1, 2020.

Ayes: M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: P. Dunham, Krupa, Mangold, Moser

MUSICIANS

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to award the following extracurricular musicians positions according to contract.

1. Wyatt Wilson - Piano 1
2. Gail Diamond - Piano 2
3. Brandon Gift - Flute
4. Chaz Gibson - Low Brass
5. CJ Durso - Guitar
6. Jim Miller – Drums

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Mangold, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to grant permission to add the following substitute pending receipt of all proper documents:

Professional: Anna Myers, Mackenzie Lilley, Rebecca David; Non-Professional: Robert Quairiere, Del Hillberry, James Thompson, Robert McCoy, Reagan Jordan, Samuel Wood

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Brian Reams, Principal permission to attend the PASAP Conference in State College, PA from February 23 through February 25, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$950.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to grant use of AG High School Auditorium on June 2 and June 4, 2020 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm for rehearsal and Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for Piano Recital; CJ Durso and Sandy Lowe.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant use of AG North Cafeteria and Gym to AG Middle School Football Boosters on April 3, 2020 from 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm for a school dance; Sabrina All members present voting in favor of motion.

Dice.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BASEBALL FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to grant final approval of the AG High School Baseball team trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the Ripken’s Baseball Spring Training on March 26, 2020 to March 30, 2020 at no cost to the district; Jill Dempsey.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACE SPECIFICATIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to award the contract for the Smithfield Elementary roof project to Slagle Roofing & Construction, Inc. pursuant to its proposal dated February 17, 2020 in the amount of \$285,000.00 for scope of work pursuant to co-stars Carlisle contract #008-533 – Vendor #207-082 and to add any insulation costs at \$4.75 square feet under or over 10%.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Krupa, Mangold, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Howard

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on March 18, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.