

## **Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Jeff Myers, Secretary Betty Moser, Carl Planiczka, Dan Janesko, Eric Miller, Doug Sholtis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Dunham, David Howard

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Solicitor Lee Price (arrived at 6:12 pm); Business Manager Vince Belczyk

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Recognize the Southwest Regional Scholastic Art Award recipients; Instructor Natalie Messich  
Anna Loomis – Gold Key, 2 Silver Keys; Alivia Borsodi – Silver Key; Isabella Simpkins – Silver Key; Madison Lee – 1 Silver Key and Honorable Mention; Bree Haragos, Mattheau Reynolds, Caiden Rizer, Jayden Dent-Miller, Julie Forcier – Honorable Mention

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on April 2, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 6:27 pm for personnel.

An executive session was held on April 15, 2024 from 7:00 pm – 7:51 pm for personnel and real estate.

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Myers to adopt agenda as presented.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Planiczka to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 20, 2024.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Myers to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for March 2024 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 Janesko to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for April 2024:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,955,139.78
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$484,465.47
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$102,655.01

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals. All members present voting in favor of motion.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:

Open Systems Pittsburgh LLC \$71,250.00 for services rendered in the secure vestibule Fire Panel phase, payment application no. 3.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**BENEFIT RATES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to approve the renewal of the following benefit rates for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

1. Medical benefit rates of the Allegheny County School Health Insurance Consortium as per the attached. Prices reflect a 9% increase over the 2023-2024 rates.
2. Dental benefit rates of United Concordia Dental represent a zero percent increase over the 2023-2024 rates.
3. Vision benefit rates of PSEA Health & Welfare Fund Vision Program represent a zero percent increase over the 2023-2024 rates.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**PARKING LOT SEAL COATING BID**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant permission to bid parking lot seal coating and lining painting for AL Wilson and Central Office.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**DISTRICT SIGN INSTALLATION**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant permission for the hauling and installation of the Administrative Office new sign by Penn Plus, LLC in the amount of \$3,500.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**POLICIES**

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to approve second reading of Policy 237 –Responsible use of Technology.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to approve second reading of Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Janesko second by Myers to approve second reading of Policy 241- Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to approve second reading of Policy 202.1– Non-resident attendance/enrollment.

Ayes: Myers, Sholtis, Miller, Moser

Nays: Planiczka, Janesko, Porupski

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve second reading of Policy 903 – Public Participation/Comment in Board Meetings.

A motion was made by Moser second by Janesko to approve first reading of Policy 249 – Cyber Bullying. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to approve first reading of Policy 249.1 – Bullying/Cyberbullying. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **PERSONNEL**

President Porupski seeks permission for blanket approval for all items listed under Personnel A-N.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to approve all items listed under Personnel A-N.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRE**

A. Hire Jennifer Williams for the 3.5 hour cafeteria position at AG South starting April 8, 2024.

### **RETIREMENT**

B. Accept the retirement of Kathleen Williams, School Nurse effective the last day of the 2023-24 school term.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Kathy for her 10 years of service and wishes her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

C. Accept the retirement of Ann Capozzi, School Counselor effective the last day of the 2023-24 school term.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Ann for her 25 years of service and wishes her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

### **RESIGNATION**

D. Accept the resignation of Shea Fleenor as Head Coach High School Boys' Basketball effective April 2, 2024.

E. Accept the resignation of Chris Bolin, Director of Technology effective June 7, 2024.

F. Accept the resignation of David Angelo, 180 Day Security effective June 5, 2024.

### **AWARD POSITIONS**

G. Award the following positions according to contract:

1. Ricky Michaels – Afternoon Shift Custodian at AG High School
2. Kendra Guthrie – Afternoon Shift Custodian at Plava Elementary
3. Derek Dice – Afternoon Shift Custodian at AG North Middle School
4. David Skiles – Afternoon Shift Custodian at AG High School
5. Jennifer Leighty – Kindergarten Instructor at AL Wilson Elementary effective 2024-25 school year
6. Emery (Vic) Dirda – Kindergarten Instructor at George J. Plava Elementary effective 2024-25 school year
7. Stephanie Baker – Grade 3 Instructor at AL Wilson Elementary effective 2024-25 school year
8. Eva Warner – Grade 2 Instructor at Friendship Hill Elementary effective 2024-25 school year

**ELIMINATE POSITIONS 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

H. Grant permission to eliminate the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Kindergarten at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
2. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
3. Grade 2 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
4. Grade 5 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
5. Kindergarten at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
6. Grade 3 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
7. Grade 4 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
8. Kindergarten at Friendship Hill Elementary
9. Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
10. Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only

**CREATE AND POST POSITIONS FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

I. Grant permission to create and post the following positions for the 2024-25 School Year:

1. Kindergarten at AL Wilson Elementary
2. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary
3. Grade 2 at AL Wilson Elementary
4. Grade 3 at AL Wilson Elementary
5. Grade 3 at AL Wilson Elementary
6. Grade 5 at AL Wilson Elementary - 1 year only
7. Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
8. Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
9. Kindergarten at George J. Plava Elementary
10. Grade 1 at George J. Plava Elementary
11. Grade 2 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
12. Grade 4 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
13. Grade 5 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only

**ELEMENTARY INTERVENTION TEACHERS**

J. Grant permission for Administration to hire five (5) Elementary Intervention Teachers for the 2024-25 school year, compensation equivalent to Step 3, of the teacher’s salary schedule, with benefits; salary commensurate with experience. To be placed by the Superintendent.

**SUMMER SCHOOL RECOVERY POSITIONS**

K. Grant permission to create and post Summer School Recovery Instructor positions.

**180 DAY TO DAY SUBSTITUTES**

L. Advertise for day to day substitutes to be paid \$40,000 if willing to commit to availability of 180 days for the 2024-25 school year.

**COACH**

M. Rehire Joe Embacher as Middle School Fall Athletic Director for one season.

N. Hire/rehire the following high school coaches for the Fall season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Baylee Powell - Head Volleyball
2. Bruce Guesman - Head Boys Soccer
3. Mike Hart - Head Girls Soccer
4. Hannah Trump – Co-Head Cheerleading
5. Angela Robinson – Co-Head Cheerleading
6. Nikki Trump – Volunteer Asst. Cheerleading

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7. Kristin Dunham -Assistant Volleyball
8. Jeff Rush - Assistant Football
9. Dylan Rush – Assistant Football
10. Dan Morgan – Assistant Football
11. Zack Dillow – Assistant Football
12. Spring Conditioning – Drew Dindl
13. Summer Conditioning – Drew Dindl
14. Nick Pegg - Assistant Boys Soccer
15. Christie Eicher - Assistant Girls Soccer
16. Michael Belt – Volunteer Assistant Track
17. Bernie Wydo – Golf
18. Joe Thomas – Cross Country

### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to grant permission to JROTC to use the AG High School Gym on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm for Annual Archery Competition; Sergeant Major Lashendock  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Janesko second by Myers to grant permission to AG Football to use the AG High School Field on Monday, April 29, 2024 and Tuesday, April 30, 2024 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm for youth football camp; Drew Dindl  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Janesko second by Myers to grant permission to AG Football to use the AG High School Field on Saturday May 4, 2024 from 7:30 am – 12:30 pm for youth football punt, pass & kick competition; Drew Dindl  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant permission to Fayette County Youth Soccer Club to rent the AG High School field on Sundays beginning April 7, 2024 through June 2, 2024 for travel soccer games. Times vary week to week.; Tony Fornili  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to grant permission to AG High School Student Council to use the high school cafeteria on Friday, December 6, 2024 from 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm for a calendar party; Christy Wolfe/Joyce Umble  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Myers to grant permission to Fellowship of Young Life Fayette County/Christian Athletes (FCA) to use the AG High School Football Field (gym if inclement weather) on September 29, 2024 from 12:00 pm – 9:00 pm (event time 5:00 pm-8:00 pm) for student and community fellowship events: Timothy Florian  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **WVU SCHOOL OF NURSING AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to grant permission to approve the West Virginia University School of Nursing Affiliation agreement for five year term commencing April 2, 2024.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

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Superintendent Pegg announced that a budget/finance and curriculum meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6 pm at D. Ferd. The meeting will be advertised and posted on website.

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.