

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, APRIL 20, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Paul Dunham, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Eric Miller, Jamey Capozza, Carla Franks, David Howard, Carl Planiczka, Douglas Sholtis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk, Solicitor Russ Lucas

Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Congratulations to Zoe Eicher, Elementary Wrestler. Zoey is a Keystone State winner and PJW (Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling) runner up. Zoe has also won multiple other awards including National Events.

Teona Newson, 9 N. Washington Street, Masontown, PA 15461 addressed the board regarding allowing parents to choose the school they would like their child to attend versus the school of district resident/attendance area as long as the parents provide the transportation. Mrs. Newson stated she is a taxpayer and should have the right choose.

Superintendent Pegg stated the policy was updated to avoid overcrowding of classroom at some schools to balance out enrollment.

Board Member Sholtis agreed with Mrs. Newson and stated the policy should be revisited.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to enter in to an executive from 6:16 pm for collective bargaining. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to resume meeting at 6:27 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on April 19, 2022 from 7:10 pm – 9:00 pm for personnel and collective bargaining.

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to amend agenda to remove Item A under Curriculum and Instruction to replace with new motion which will be presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Moser second by Miller to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

FINANCIAL-ALL ITEMS A-I

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to accept all motions A-I in Financial.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Accept treasurer's report including tax collections for March 2022 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for April 2022:

- 1, Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,892,087.00
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$871,131.29
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$101,119.71

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

D. Grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:

1. Pioneer Manufacturing Company \$5,944.30 gym wall padding at AG South.
2. Around Fence Company \$4,132.00 fencing installation at Friendship Hill Elementary.
3. Fuller Construction Group \$70,215.00 - Central Office roof base bid \$64,725.00 and change order \$5,490.00 – replacement of T1-11 siding with vinyl siding at Central Office.
4. TriMark Food Service Equipment \$29,208.00 Combi Oven for use at D. Ferd Swaney.
5. HF Lenz Company \$2,875.00 for engineering services provided through March 23 in the replacement of the Fire Alarm, Public Announcement System and Secure Entrance Vestibule upgrades of the district.
6. Whitby Plumbing & HVAC \$6,948.49 for replacement of the backflow preventer at D. Ferd Swaney.
7. Whitby Plumbing & HVAC \$11,669.05 for refurbishing domestic hot water in mechanical room at AG South Middle.

Total Capital Projects: \$130,991.84

REAL ESTATE TAX

E. Approve the payment of \$6,477.00 to Fayette County for the renewal of the District's Real Estate Tax Collector Bonds for the four-year period ending December 2026.

HIGH SCHOOL GENERATOR

F. Award the contract to replace the high school generator to PALCO at a cost of \$429,112.00 in accordance with Costars contract #012-061. This project is to be funded by a \$180,000.00 grant from Scott Electric and \$249,112.00 through the districts Capital Projects Fund.

SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY BOILER

G. Award the contract to replace a Boiler at Smithfield Elementary to Combustion Service & Equipment Company. Total cost for replacing one boiler through the Costars 008-126 Program is \$148,450.00. Project is to be funded through the Capital Projects Account.

GYM PADDING

H. Approve the quote from Pioneer Athletics to replace the gym padding at North Middle School at a cost not to exceed \$2,936.11. Funds are to be provided by Capital Projects.

BUS ROUTING SOFTWARE

- I. Grant permission to purchase bus routing license and scheduling system software through Transfinder with initial cost of \$44,872 with a yearly maintenance fee of \$15,442.00.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

AGEA MOU

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to approve a one-time payment of \$500.00 to each member of the teacher's bargaining unit who livestreamed classroom instruction to one or more quarantined students during the 2021-22 school term, subject to the approval of the Albert Gallatin Education Association.

Ayes: Capozza, Sholtis, Miller, Moser, Howard, Porupski

Nays: Dunham, Franks, Planiczka

FINANCIAL-ALL ITEMS A-O

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept all motions A-0 in Personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VOLUNTEER COACH

- A. Hire Harry Carr as volunteer high school assistant baseball coach for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.

NEW HIRE

- B. Hire Tabetha Mayfield as 3.75 hour cafeteria employee at AG South Middle School.

FMLA

- C. Grant James Thompson, Custodian a FMLA retroactive March 21, 2022 through April 11, 2022.
- D. Grant Kristen Venturino, High School Instructor a FMLA from May 17, 2022 through June 2, 2022.

LEAVE OF ABSENCES

- E. Grant Regina Shaffer, Elementary Instructor a paid leave of absence extension from March 18, 2022 through April 26, 2022.
- F. Grant Marsha McMinn, High School Special Education Instructor a paid leave of absence from March 28, 2022 through April 29, 2022.
- G. Grant Alison Perry, High School Instructor a unpaid leave of absence extension from April 13, 2022 through April 29, 2022.
- H. Grant Tom Corazzi, High School Instructor a paid leave of absence from April 26, 2022 through June 2, 2022.

RESIGNATIONS

- I. Accept the resignation of Donald Jones, Bus Monitor effective November 24, 2021.
- J. Accept the resignation of Alison DeMarco with the last day of employment effective May 13, 2022.

RETIREMENTS

- K. Accept the retirement of Theresa Wadsworth, Elementary Special Education Instructor effective June 2, 2022. Superintendent Pegg thanked Theresa for her 32 years of service and 29 with the district. He wished Theresa a long, healthy and happy retirement.

L. Accept the retirement of April Serock, High School Instructor effective June 2, 2022.

Superintendent Pegg thanked April for her 23 years of service to the district. He wished Michele a long, healthy and happy retirement.

AWARD POSITIONS

M. Award the following cafeteria positions according to contract:

1. Jennifer Rosier – 4.5 hours at Smithfield Elementary
2. Chris Jerome – 7 hours at Smithfield Elementary
3. Chelsea Jacobs – 3.5 hours at George J. Plava Elementary
4. Norma Kmetz – 4.5 hours at D-Ferd (cafeteria manager)
5. Tracie Reese – 4.5 hours at D-Ferd
6. Susan Hickman – 7 hours at Masontown Elementary (cafeteria manager)
7. Valerie Bittinger- 7 hours at AG High School (cafeteria manager)
8. Rebecca McCann - 7 hours at AG High School

ELIMINATE AND CREATE POSITION

N. Grant permission to eliminate a 2.5 hour cafeteria position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

O. Grant permission to create a 3 hour cafeteria position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

Professional – Sarah Tinker; Nonprofessional – Tamara Leapline

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SEIU INSURANCE MOU

A motion was made by Howard second by Miller to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU wherein a bargaining unit member entitled to spousal retirement health insurance may upgrade to family or parent - child coverage provided there is no cost to the District for the upgrade in coverage. Subject to permission of ACSHC and approval of the solicitor has to language and not substance.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BAND/DRAMA FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to grant final approval to the AG High School Band and Drama club for overnight field trip to Cleveland, Ohio on May 13, 2022 through May 15, 2022 at no cost to the district;

Charles Durso, Megan Cerullo, Toby Maykuth

All members present voting in favor of motion.

UNIONTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SWIM TEAM CO-OP

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to approve for Albert Gallatin Area School District to proceed with a cooperative sponsorship with the Uniontown Area High School's Swim Team for the 2022-2023 school year term at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ON HAND SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to approve the renewal of Harris Educational Solutions OnHand Schools edinsight support and maintenance for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 at a total cost of \$118,224.86 payable over the three-year term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COMBI OVEN

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to authorize Administration to advertise for bids on combi ovens for use in the Cafeteria.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FBLA NATIONAL COMPETITION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to grant Karla Lent Instructor and three students' permission to attend the FBLA National Competition in Chicago, IL from June 29 – July 2, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$5,280.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant permission for Albert Gallatin to host a Cornhole Tournament and use of the AG High School Football Field or Gym (if rains) on May 21, 2022 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Students from six Fayette County School Districts will be invited. A donation to Homeless Vets will be made with half proceeds from entry fee; JROTC/Gary Serock/Chris Pegg.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg stated the tournament will be for grades 9-12 students. AG is hosting the event this year and another district will host next year.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced there will be a Special Budget Workshop on May 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm at D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting 6:39 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.