

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Board Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Tim Flecker of Mountain Road, Uniontown – He is the High School Boys Soccer Coach, a parent, and a tax payer. He discussed the importance of sports for students and how being involved in sports has himself made him the man he is today. These students have been working out and training all year. They are model students. He asked the board to think about their decision to retain Fall sports.

Dr. Marcy Goisse of Mountain Road, Uniontown – She stated the people testing positive for COVID are not the kids participating in sports, it's the people in the public not wearing masks and social distancing. The coaches have been advising the students to follow the guidelines or it can affect the whole team. It's a small group of students that participate in these sports and it gives them a sense of normalcy.

Mr. Candioto from the Carlisle Company came at Mr. Pegg's request to address the board regarding the roofs at Friendship Hill, D Ferd Swaney, High School, North Gym and South Gym. Mr. Candioto stated four out of the five roofs are perfect candidates for the same system as Smithfield. With that system there is little disruption to school, there is no odor, it is puncture resistant, hail resistant, and a good economic solution. The roof on the North Gym will have to be a separate quote because it is not a candidate for that system. The skylights on North Gym will have to be addressed as well. Mr. Pegg was provided proposals. Mr. Pegg asked Mr. Candioto to provide quotes for the September Board Meeting.

The board asked Mr. Candioto about the ponding on the Smithfield roof. Mr. Candioto said the insulation around the edges was tapered to push the water to the drain. They showed him pictures of the ponding and he said he will take a look at the roof. He stated this will not hurt the warranty on the roof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 6:29PM to 7:06PM for personnel.

President Franks announced an executive session was held on August 17, 2020 from 8:26PM to 10:18PM for personnel and possible litigation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 22, 2020 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 11, 2020 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

All members present voting in favor.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for August 2020:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,445,174.41
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,300,105.68
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$8,831.79
4. Contingency plan of operation for payroll, utility bills, cafeteria fund bills, and capital project invoices, to be paid after review by the Superintendent and/or Business Manager.
5. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to pay Folino Construction, Inc - \$293,522.53 – Park Lot Projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to pay Combustion Service & Equipment - \$6,390.00 – Replacement Expansion Tank-Masontown Elem.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to pay Slagle Roofing & Construction, Inc. - \$190,000.00 – Smithfield Roof Project, contingent upon satisfactory final inspection.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to pay Pittsburgh Stage, Inc. - \$6,116.00 – South Middle School Curtain.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PLGIT

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to approve the PLGIT investment of Bonds proceeds in accordance with the attached schedule.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MILK BID

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to award the 2020-2021 Milk Bid to United Dairy.

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

Abstain: Krupa, Porupski

SECONDARY PRODUCE BID

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham grant permission to award the 2020-2021 Secondary Produce Bid to JK Packing Co.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BREAD BID

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to award the 2020-2021 Bread Bid to Klosterman Baking Company.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADULT MEAL PRICING

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant permission to increase Adult Meal Pricing to the following:

Adult Breakfast - \$2.00

Adult Lunch - \$4.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

READ 180

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to grant permission to purchase Read 180 Universal in the amount of \$22,184.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 223 Use of Motor Vehicles by Students.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 709 Building Security.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 709.1 Exterior Access Doors.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 711 Parking and Traffic Enforcement School Property.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 713 Key Control.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Robin Klink, custodian effective July 30, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P Dunham to accept the resignation/retirement of Andrew Keener, High School Instructor effective December 22, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motions.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to award Leandra Dirda the Grade 1 position at AL Wilson Elementary (one year only) according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to hire Amanda Leichliter for the two (2) year Information Technology Help Desk Technician position paid through ESSER's grant funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to hire Christine Spaw-Moats as temporary professional employee for the Grade 3 position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant Tammy Kezmarsky a paid and unpaid leave of absence from approximately September 8, 2020 through January 4, 2021, accrued sick days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Julius Jesso a leave of absence from August 17, 2020 to approximately February 24, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant Jerome Vicinelly a leave of absence from August 17, 2020 to approximately September 20, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESCIND MOTION

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to rescind the motion to award the following extra-curricular activities for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

1. High School Academic League Sponsor – Eric Nuttal
2. High School Debate Team Advisor – Eric Nuttal
3. AG North Middle School Band Director – Gail Diamond
4. AG High School Choral Pep Club - Megan Cerullo
5. AG High School Vocal Music Director – Megan Cerullo

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to table the motion to hire the following Middle School and High School Coaches for one season during the 2020-2021 school year, subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating during the 2020-2021 school year. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated:

1. Middle School Assistant Soccer Coach – Adam Simon
2. Middle School Assistant Football Coach – Jeff Myers
3. Middle School Assistant Football Coach – Jason Rosner
4. Volunteer Middle School Football Coach – Chris Colden
5. High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach – Jodie Lytle

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

Nays: Capozza, Howard, Franks

Motion tabled

CAFETERIA

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to eliminate a 2.5 hour Cafeteria position at the High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant Alexis McLaughlin a paid and unpaid leave of absence commencing August 26, 2020 through approximately November 16, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to temporarily lay off the appropriate employees pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the following Cafeteria positions:

1. 2 hour position at Smithfield Elementary
2. 3.75 hour position at South Middle School
3. 3 hour position at AL Wilson
4. 3 hour position at High School
5. 2.5 hour position at Friendship Hill
6. 2.5 hour position at Plava/High School
7. 4 hour position at High School
8. 4 hour position at Smithfield
9. 3.75 position at North Middle School

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TUTORS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission for Administration to hire five (5) Elementary tutors for one school year only, compensation equivalent to Step 1 of the teacher's salary schedule, with benefits. To be placed by Administration.

Ayes: Porupski, P. Dunham, Planiczka, Howard, M. Dunham, Moser, Capozza, Krupa

Nays: Franks

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the Teacher, Nurse, Custodian, Secretary, Cafeteria, Security, Aide substitute lists for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve Bus Driver, Substitute Driver and Bus Monitor list for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve Bus Routes for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESOLUTION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve the COVID-19 pandemic Resolution - Section 520.1 of the Public School Code as presented.

JROTC

A motion was made by C. Krupa second by Howard to approve the continuation of the JROTC Program Access between Albert Gallatin School District and Jefferson-Morgan School District for the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DINNER PROGRAM

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to eliminate the CACFP Dinner Program at the High School

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 7:33PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 16, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.