

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

D. Ferd Swaney

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Vince Belczyk, Business Manager, Attorney Lee Price

President Franks called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rachael Burnsworth of Hoover Works Road, McClellandtown, PA addressed the board regarding the reopening plan and options. Mrs. Burnsworth presented information from the CDC website on children and Covid statistics and NHTSA website relating to bus accident statistics.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to enter into executive session at 6:10 pm to 7:28 pm for personnel and possible litigation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADOPT AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to adopt amended agenda to eliminate item B under VI. Personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve revised 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Krupa to hire Laura Chapman as temporary professional employee for the Grade 1 position at Smithfield Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to request permission to create and post Grade Level Remote Learning Instructors as determined by enrollment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to request permission to create and post Teacher of Record position to facilitate COLA (Seneca Valley Partnership) as determined by enrollment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REVISED DISTRICT RE-OPENING HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Howard second by Krupa to accept Revision II of the Albert Gallatin Area School District's Re-Opening Health and Safety Plan as presented.

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

Pass: M. Dunham

Superintendent Pegg's recommendation to start school with 4 weeks remote learning with teachers reporting to their classrooms and then to be reevaluated during that time for a hybrid restart or further recommendations based off of data.

ELIMINATION OF FALL SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to follow CDC guidelines and eliminate fall sports and extracurricular activities until January 2021.

Motion to table by Porupski dies for lack of a second. After further discussion, a motion was made by Capozza second by Krupa to table the motion to follow CDC guidelines and eliminate fall sports and extracurricular activities for further discussion.

Ayes: Capozza, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Moser

STEP BY STEP LEARNING

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve the contract with Step by Step Learning through Federal Programs at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FCCTI JOINT OPERATION COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to appoint Betty Moser fill the vacant FCCTI Joint Operation Committee for the remainder of the three-year term that commenced December 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on August 19, 2020 at the D. Ferd Swaney School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.