

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

MEMEBERS PRESENT: Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Carl Planiczka, Jamey Capozza, Carla Franks, David Howard, Phillip Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Mike Dunham, Paul Dunham

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk, Solicitor Lee Price

Board Member Franks 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

Superintendent Pegg announced Step-up/Meet the Teacher Day will be Thursday, August 26 from 12:00 pm – 6 pm for grade K – 12 with a 3 pm – 4pm break.

Superintendent Pegg announced August 30 and August 31 will be school for transition students Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9. Transportation will be provided. The Kindergarten Orientation will be embedded into the August 30 and 31 transition days. All grade levels will report on September 1.

Superintendent Pegg announced a revised Health and Safety Plan will be posted on the district website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 from 6:40 pm – 7:48 pm for personnel, real estate and collective bargaining.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to adopt the agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 21, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to accept treasurer’s report including tax collections for July 2021 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 Jones to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for August 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,552,956.08
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,393,309.60
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$10,893.20

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:

1. Combustion Service & Equipment Co. \$2,526 for combustion chamber repairs at Masontown Elementary.
2. H.F. Lenz Company \$2,000 for replacement of fire alarm and addition of secure entrance vestibules.
3. Daniels Excavating \$7,530 for asphalt patching at Smithfield Elementary.
4. Garlands/DBS, Inc. \$290,303.78 draw 4 district roofing projects.

Total Capital Projects: \$302,359.78

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MILK BID

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to award Milk Bid to United Dairy for the 2021-22 School Year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BREAD BID

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award Bread Bid to Klosterman Baking Company for the 2021-22 school year

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CHANGE ORDER VOLLEYBALL SLEEVE INSTALLATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve change order by Gaefke Installations, LLC. in the amount of \$4,850 for the installation of sleeves on an elevated floor versus slab on grade floor at North Middle School gymnasium. Funded through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

ELEMENTARY TUTORS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard 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.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to approve first reading of revised policy 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to approve first reading of policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve first reading of revised policy 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

STEP BY STEP LEARNING

A motion was made by Planiczka 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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve the revised Albert Gallatin Area School District's Health and Safety Plan as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to accept the resignation of Eric Sampson effective July 22, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mr. Sampson for his years of service and wished him success on his future endeavors.

RETIREMENTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to accept the retirement of Charmaine Kaiser, former classroom aide effective July 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Ms. Kaiser on her years of service and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to accept the retirement of Rose Smochinsky, Business Office/Federal Programs Secretary effective March 18, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Rose for her years of service in the district and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to accept the resignation of Bethany Chicarelli for high school senior class co-sponsor and student council co-sponsor effective July 22, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to adopt Resolution reappointing Christopher A. Pegg as the Albert Gallatin Area School District Superintendent for the term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2027 pursuant to employment contract as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RECALL FURLOUGHS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to recall Tim Dye, Furloughed Instructor, to the open high school physical education/health position effective the start of the 2021-22 teacher work year at step 8 masters salary, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to recall Megan Cerullo, Furloughed Instructor, to the Kindergarten position at AL Wilson Elementary - 1 year only for the start of the 2021-22 teacher work year at step 12 bachelors salary, subject to Act 97 certification.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to grant Michele Jacobs, Cafeteria employee a leave of absence from August 18, 2021 to October 5, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ELIMINATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to eliminate a 3 hour cafeteria position at the AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Howard to eliminate a second grade position at Smithfield Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CREATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to create a Kindergarten position at AL Wilson Elementary - one year only.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to create a 4 hour cafeteria position at the AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to create a second grade position at George J. Plava Elementary – one year only.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to Hire Sierra Fitch as full-time Bus Monitor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to hire Benjamin Shuman as Custodian for the open midnight position at AL Wilson Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to hire Christopher Colgan, Middle School Assistant Football Coach for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to rehire Ron Popovich as high school varsity baseball coach for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HEALTH ROOM AIDES

A motion was made by Jones second by Moser to approve granting full-time health room aides five (5) sick days and two (2) personnel days per annum (non-accumulating).

All members present voting in favor of motion.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to approve renewal of the following individual contracts for terms of five years, retroactive to July 1, 2021, with year one salaries as presented.

1. Sharon Berkshire, Confidential Secretary II/PIMS/Child Accounting Coordinator - \$50,275
2. Chris Bolin, Technology Coordinator/Network Systems Technician - \$88,327
3. Duane Dupont, Athletic Director - \$56,070
4. Troy Golden, Director of Food Services - \$63,036
5. Kathy Hershberger, Confidential Secretary I and PIMS Staff Coordinator - \$62,691
6. Justin Keller, Technology Technician - \$47,929
7. Gary Serock, Attendance Monitor - \$48,137

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the three year term renewal of the following School Police Officer contracts for terms of three years, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

1. Donald Alston
2. Gary Smearcheck

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve the Teacher, Nurse, Custodian, Secretary, Cafeteria, Security, Aide substitute lists for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant permission to add Patricia Michaels and James Shea, Jr. to the nonprofessional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BUS DRIVER/SUB/BUS MONITOR LIST

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to approve Bus Driver, Substitute Driver and Bus Monitor list for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BUS ROUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve Bus Routes for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPOINT ROSKOVENSKY

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to appoint Vincent J. Roskovensky II to negotiate and draft an oil and gas lease with EQT Production Company on behalf of the District. Attorney Roskovensky shall be paid \$200 per hour with a not to exceed sum of \$2500, pursuant to his proposal letter dated August 9, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to grant use of George J. Plava, Masontown, Smithfield and AL Wilson Elementary cafeterias to WFC Boys Scouts of America on Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm for cub scout sign-up night; group representative-Kristen Eagle.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on September 15, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to adjourn the meeting 6:24 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.