

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

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, August 14, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Jeff Myers (via conference call), Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Doug Sholtis, Paul Dunham, Dave Howard, Dan Janesko, Eric Miller, Carl Planiczka

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on Monday, August 12, 2024 from 7:00 pm – 8:25 pm for personnel, real estate, labor bargaining, student confidentiality, and EEOC personnel claim.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Sholtis to hold an executive session on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 from 6:30 pm 6:40 pm for personnel and labor bargaining.

### **AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 17, 2024.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Janesko second by Moser to accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for July 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 August 2024:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,831,944.72
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$466,276.40
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$8,251.97

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

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

### **SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to grant permission to award Hunter's Excavating & Electrical, LLC the sewage treatment plant work at AG South and Friendship Hill in the amount of \$49,900.00.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant permission to Open Systems Pittsburgh LLC \$126,900.75 representing the total of pay application #3 \$71,250.00 and pay application #5 \$55,650.75 for the Fire Alarm Panel Phase of the Vestibule Project. Funds are to be provided by the Capital Projects Account.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant permission to A-1 Electric, Inc. \$17,139.50 pay allocation #4 for the Electric Phase of the Vestibule Project. Funds are to be provided by the Capital Projects Account.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Price stated Item H under VIII-Administrative remove the word "Conditionally" in motion listed on the agenda.

### **POLICIES**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to approve second reading and waive third reading of Policy 213 – Assessing and Reporting Student Progress.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve second reading and waive third reading of Policy 801 – Public Records.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Janesko to approve second reading and waive third reading Policy 223 – Use of Motor Vehicles by Students.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve first reading of Policy 808 – Food Services.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to approve first reading of Policy 808.1 – District Cafeteria Charge Policy.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NONPUBLIC TITLE I AND TITLE IIA**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve agreement with Intermediate Unit I to provide Title I and Title Ila, services to home district students and staff of nonpublic schools.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **IU ESL AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to approve agreement with Intermediate Unit 1 to provide ESL Services for the 2024-2025 school year.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ESPORT COMPANY**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to approve the purchase of 15 computers from the ESPORT Company at a cost of \$41,475.00 in accordance with Costars contract # 561231 for use in the High School ESport, Portal, and Computer Design programs. Funds are provided by the Capital Projects Account.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Nay – Dunham

### **READ 180**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve Read 180 Curriculum to be purchased in the amount of \$16,782.70 to be paid through Special Education Funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **PERSONNEL MOTIONS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve all motions under Financial Item A through L.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

A. Accept the resignation of Marissa Dugan as High School Assistant Softball Coach effective July 18, 2024.

B. Accept the resignation of Gary Serock as High School Head Softball Coach effective July 19, 2024.

C. Accept the resignation of Ashley Ziringer, Cafeteria employee effective August 6, 2024.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

D. Grant Stephanie Jenkins, Cafeteria employee an unpaid leave of absence from August 20, 2024 through September 16, 2024.

E. Award James Comunale the Canvas Support Position for 2024/25 school term.

### **NEW HIRE**

F. Hire Stacey Kern as Bus Monitor.

G. Hire Jessica Gearhart as Elementary Intervention Specialist for 2024-25 school year, at appropriate step, with benefits.

H. Hire Barbara Bocchini as Health Room Aide pending receipt of all proper documents.

### **COACH HIRES**

I. Hire the following coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Cedric Lloyd as High School Assistant Football
2. Stan Wolfe as Volunteer High School Assistant Football
3. Steve Popson as Volunteer Middle School Assistant Soccer
4. Isabella Bergman as High School Assistant Volleyball

### **NEW HIRES**

J. Hire the following Paraprofessional Learning Support/Classroom Aides to be placed by the Director of Special Education/Superintendent.

1. Valerie Myers
2. Jessie Risha
3. Michelle Reynolds

### **RESCIND MOTIONS**

K. Rescind motion to hire Claudia Butorac as Paraprofessional Learning Support/Classroom Aide.

L. Rescind motion to hire Meghan Howard as Health Room Aide.

Abstain: Howard only

### **SUBSTITUTES**

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

Professional: Romanee Yandura Nonprofessional: Lisa Miller, Madison Fisher

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **24-25 DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE LIST**

A motion was made by Moser second by Janesko to approve the District Substitute List for the 2024-25 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **24-25 BUS DRIVER, SUB DRIVER LIST**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve Bus Driver, Substitute Driver and Bus Monitor list for the 2024-25 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **24-25 BUS ROUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to approve Bus Routes for the 2024-25 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **FACILITIES USE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to grant permission to Grant permission to WFC Boy Scouts of America to use George Plava, Masontown, Friendship Hill and Smithfield Elementary cafeterias on September 19, 2024 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm for cub scout sign ups; Kristen Eagle

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant permission to AG Elementary Basketball League to use the AG North/South cafeteria and gym from September 30, 2024 through December 19, 2024 from Monday – Friday 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for Basketball practice and games; Bryan Usher

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NONRESIDENT TUITION PAYING STUDENT**

A motion was made by Janesko second by Howard to accept SN as a nonresident tuition paying student for the 2024-2025 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **EASEMENT**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to approve proposed Right of Way Easement between Grantor, Albert Gallatin Area School District, and Developer, Cody and Casey Illian, and Grantee, Fairchance-Georges Joint Municipal Sewage Authority granting both a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement at the Administration Building, Tax Map #14-15-0051-01, for purposes of extending the municipal sanitary sewage system to property of Cody and Casey Illian, Tax Map #14-15-0051. Authorize agents for Cody and Casey Illian to physically

stake the easement's parameters on the District's property for purposes of verifying physical location of the easement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced that the district will hold a Back to School Kickoff at the High School on Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

Superintendent Pegg proposed to the board the purchase of additional walk through metal detectors for events.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion