

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Sholtis

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Solicitor Lee Price

President Miller 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

Lena Hannah, PSBA presented awards to David Howard for his 24 years of service on the board and Paul Dunham for his 8 years of service on the board.

Steve Hranec and Tim Matthews presented a new product they are manufacturing. Their company is seeking school district approval for LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act) on a new manufacturing facility they plan to build in German Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 6:43 pm to 7:45 pm for personnel, collective bargaining, possible litigation, student confidentiality.

AGENDA

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to approve minutes of the special meeting held on August 3, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for July 2023 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 Capozza to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for August 2023.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,158,422.41
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$2,991,810.47
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$60,343.51

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept activity account report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second Capozza to grant permission to pay H.F. Lentz \$3,350.00 for Replacement of Fire Alarm, PA and Addition of Secure Entrance Vestibules through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

WALL WRAP

A motion was made by Capozza second Dunham to grant permission to purchase Wall Wrap for Masontown/AG South Sensory Rooms from Stick Inc. Morgantown, not to exceed \$5,500.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BOILER FLUES

A motion was made by Howard second Capozza to grant permission to pay J&J Mechanical \$9,800.00 for HVAC scope of work to include demolition and replacement of boiler flues at AG South Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept the resignation of Maria Woodmancy, Secondary Instructor effective August 6, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to accept the retirement of Virginia Costa, Cafeteria employee effective October 13, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanks Virginia for her 30 years of service and wished her a healthy, happy and lengthy retirement.

RESCIND MOTION

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to rescind the awarding of Rebecca Taylor as extra-curricular Interact Club Sponsor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to award the following positions according to contract.

1. Kate Armstrong - Head Teacher at AG North Middle School
2. Alex Mears - Biology Instructor at AG High School
3. Beth Hines - Learning Support Instructor at AG High School
4. Mike Cartwright - Lead Maintenance I position
5. Regis Yuras - Lead Maintenance II position

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REASSIGNMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission to reassign Donald Moats as Hall Monitor at AG South Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SECURITY HIRE

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to hire Scott Arbogast as 12 month Security Guard.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACH HIRES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to hire Stanley Wolfe as Volunteer High School Assistant Football Coach for one season.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to hire Nicholas Groover as Head Varsity Baseball Coach pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to grant Kim Riley, School Nurse an intermittent FMLA effective August 21, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Porupski to grant Kayla Grimm, Elementary Instructor an FMLA effective August 21, 2023 through November 16, 2023; paid and unpaid leave for the remainder of the 2023/24 school term.

Rescind prior motion from August 3, 2023 for unpaid leave.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

180 DAYS SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to advertise for day to day substitutes to be paid \$40,000 if willing to commit to availability of 180 days for the 2023-24 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional: Britney Pollock, Colin Lemmon

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2023-24 SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to approve the Teacher, Nurse, Custodian, Secretary, Cafeteria, Security, Aide substitute list for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2023-24 BUS DRIVER/SUB DRIVER/BUS MONITOR LIST

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve Bus Driver, Substitute Driver and Bus Monitor list for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2023-24 BUS ROUTES

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve Bus Routes for the 2023-24 school year as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

STUDENT TEACHING/RUTLEDGE SCHOLARSHIP MOU

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve the AGEA Student Teaching and Rutledge Scholarship Students Temporary Supplement Memorandum of Understanding as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant permission to AG Elementary Basketball League to use the AG North/South cafeteria and gym from September 25, 2023 through December 15, 2023 from 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm for Basketball practice and games; Bryan Usher, Coach
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use the AG High School Auxiliary Gym from August 7, 2023 through October 23, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm for wrestling conditioning; Amber Wheeler
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use the AG High School Auxiliary Gym from October 30, 2023 through April 1, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for youth wrestling practice; Amber Wheeler
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to grant permission to Cub Scouts Pack 654 to use AL Wilson, George Plava, Masontown and Smithfield Elementary cafeterias on September 14, 2023 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm for cub scout sign ups; Kristen Eagle
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

A motion was made by Moser second by Dunham to approve agreement for special education services for student 2023-1 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SEWER EASEMENT

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to grant preliminary approval for sewer easement to benefit property owned by Cody Illian, subject to the parties agreeing on the location and the property owner paying all costs including filing fees and survey.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced the first day of school is August 28 for Kindergarten, grade 6, grade 9 and all students on August 29. Schedule posted on the district website.

A motion was made by Howard and second by Franks to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.
All members present voting in favor of motion.