

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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

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

Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session has held on Monday, August 1, 2022 from 6:45 pm to 7:40 pm for personnel, collective bargaining and student confidentiality.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Franks to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on July 20, 2022.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for August 2022:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month
in the amount of \$1,740,732.92
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,791,595.04

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

STEP BY STEP LEARNING

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to award the Science of Reading Project as stated in the RFP to Step By Step Learning paid for through the following: Title I, ESSER II, ARP ESSER and ARP 7% Set Aside Learning Loss Grants.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant permission to purchase Practical Assessment Exploration System in the amount of \$36,530.60 from Talent Assessment, Inc.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PERSONNEL ALL ITEMS A-H

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve all items A – H in Personnel.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A. Accept the resignation of Tammy Kezmarsky, Emotional Support Instructor effective July 27, 2022.

RESCIND HIRE

B. Rescind the hire of Ashley Butorac, Learning Support Instructor.

NEW HIRES

C. Hire James Pierce as Chief of School Security for a five-year term commencing August 15, 2022 at a salary of \$62,500 with 2% annual increases, same paid holidays as the Act 93 Administrators. This position is a ten and one-half month position. This hiring is subject to the parties entering into a written employment contract.

D. Hire David Angelo as 180 day full time security guard.

AWARD POSITIONS

E. Award the following Instructor positions according to contract:

1. Alex Mears - Chemistry
2. Julie Bell – Grade 1 Masontown Elementary
3. Hillary Sharek – School Counselor – AG High School

NEW HIRES

F. Hire the following Instructors to be placed by the Superintendent.

1. Maria Woodmancy – Biology at Step 3
2. Brittany Skinner - School Counselor at Step 7
3. Shane King - Learning Support at Step 8
4. Zachary Beegle - Learning Support at Step 5
5. Lee Levi - Learning Support at Step 1

COACH HIRES

G. Hire the following High School Coaches for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Stanley Wolfe – Assistant Football
2. Jeff Myers – Volunteer Assistant Football
3. Kristen Dunham – Assistant Volleyball
4. Donna Jo Thomas – Volunteer Assistant Volleyball

Abstain: Dunham – only item 3

AMEND SECURITY GUARD WAGES

H. Amend starting wages for Security Guards as follows: \$15.00 per hour during probationary period; and regular hourly rate thereafter. Subject to approval by Local 502 of the SPFP of America.

2022-23 SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to approve the Teacher, Nurse, Custodian, Secretary, Cafeteria, Security, Aide substitute lists for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2022-23 BUS DRIVER, SUB DRIVER, BUS MONITOR LIST

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve Bus Driver, Substitute Driver and Bus Monitor list for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2022-23 BUS ROUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve Bus Routes for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FOOD SERVICE PILOT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to approve Director of Food Service Pilot Cooperation Agreement between Albert Gallatin Area and Southeastern Greene School Districts, subject to approval of the agreement by the District's Solicitor as to form. Southeastern Greene will reimburse the district 10% of the Food Director total employee cost.

Ayes: Capozza, Miller, Planiczka, Moser, Porupski, Dunham, Sholtis, Howard

Nays: Franks

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission to Cub Scouts Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary cafeteria on September 15, 2022 from 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm for cub scout sign ups; Lisa Burdett

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant permission to Cub Scouts Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary cafeteria from 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm on October 11, 2022 through May 13, 2023 on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month for meetings; Lisa Burdett

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on September 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to adjourn the meeting 6:09 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.