

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
D. Ferd Swaney – Zoom and Livestreamed
Monday, December 21, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice-President Michael Dunham, Treasurer Carl Planiczka, Jamey Capozza, Paul Dunham, Carla Franks, David Howard

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Secretary Betty Moser

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Attorney Lee Price

ALSO PRESENT: Business Manager Vince Belczyk

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joe Candiotto-(Zoom) of Carlisle ask the board if they had any questions regarding the proposals for the roof restoration or replacement projects that were mailed to them.

Sam Roberts-(Zoom) of the Garland Company ask the board if they had any questions regarding the proposals for the roof restoration or replacement that were mailed to them. Mr. Roberts briefly reviewed the scope of each project including materials used, preparation, installation of the work involved and warranty.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADOPT AGENDA

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

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for November, 2020 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for December, 2020:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month
in the amount of \$2,195,591.46
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,622,455.52
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$32,708.18

All members voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects:

1. Advent Communications Systems - \$6,769.00–phone system upgrade

All members voting in favor of motion.

FIRSTNET PROGRAM - SMARTPHONES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve the purchase of District smartphones to be used by principals and administrators from AT&T through the FirstNet program at a cost of \$.99 per device. Monthly charge is \$39.99/ea for unlimited talk/text/data. AT&T will provide a \$200 credit for each device purchased through the program. The District will also migrate all current Verizon phones to this program. Pricing is CoStars approved and to be paid using grant funding.

All members voting in favor of motion.

AIRCARDS

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve the purchase of 75 aircards to be given to students/families in need of internet connection for educational purposes from AT&T through the FirstNet program. The devices are free to the District with a monthly charge of \$36.99/ea for unlimited data. Pricing is CoStars approved and to be paid using grant funding.

All members voting in favor of motion.

ROOF BIDS

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to award the Garland Company the roofing bid proposals.

All members voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Price wishes all a Merry Christmas.

Superintendent Pegg announced that the drama, choral and band posted a Christmas Video online. Mr. Pegg wishes the AG community a Merry Christmas and a happy and health New Year.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Moser to accept the resignation of Meghan Howard, health room aide effective December 23, 2020.

All members voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanks Meghan for her years of service and commitment to the students and district and wishes her much success on future endeavors.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of school board member Charity Grimm Krupa effective December 12, 2020.

All members voting in favor of motion.

APPOINT BOARD MEMBER

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to appoint Phillip Jones to the school board effective immediately.

Ayes: M. Dunham, Franks, Moser, Howard, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: Capozza, P. Dunham

FFRCA SICK LEAVE

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to resolved that any employee of the Albert Gallatin Area School District that has already or in the future takes an approved leave of absence under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFRCA) be reported to PSERS as being on approved Special Sick Leave, provided the employee used or uses the FFRCA leave for the employee's own illness or physical condition. Physical condition includes an employee having to quarantine due to COVID-19 related concerns. This Resolution expires midnight, December 31, 2020.

All members voting in favor of motion.

REMOTE LEARNING EXTENSION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Capozza to extend remote learning to January 8, 2021 with return to in-person instruction on January 11, 2021.

Ayes: Capozza, M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Moser, Howard, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: Franks

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on January 20, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

All members voting in favor of motion.