

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Board Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney

December 7, 2020 – Zoom and Livestreamed

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice-President Michael Dunham, Carla Franks, David Howard, Secretary Betty Moser, Jamey Capozza

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM OR PHONE: Paul Dunham, Treasurer Carl Planiczka, Charity Grimm Krupa

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Controller Vincent Belczyk and Attorney Lee Price

President Franks called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Board Member M. Dunham thanked Mrs. Franks for a job well done during these trying times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to enter in to an executive session from 7:35 pm to 8:16 pm for personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2020 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard 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 \$TBA
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$TBA
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$TBA
4. Contingency plan of operation for payroll, utility bills, cafeteria fund bills, and capital project invoices, to be paid after review by the Superintendent and/or Business Manager.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACT 1 MAILING

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to approve Act 1 mailing not to exceed \$4,800.00. All members present voting in favor of motion.

SWRTB REPRESENTATIVES

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to appoint Vince Belczyk to Southwest Regional Tax Bureau 2021 Representative for a one year term and Ryan Porupski as Alternative. All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPORTS CAMERA SYSTEM

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to approve the purchase of a Pixellot Sports Camera System for the High School. One system will be installed in the gymnasium and one will be installed at the stadium at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 All members present voting in favor of motion.

PRELIMINARY MASONTOWN BORO TAX ABATEMENT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to Preliminarily approve the Albert Gallatin Area School District's willingness to participate in a tax abatement program pursuant to the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act for residential property located in Masontown Borough. Any further District preliminary approval is conditioned upon review of the Program as prepared by Masontown Borough, including a description of the proposed eligible properties, eligible territory and the abatement schedule. All members present voting in favor of motion.

ROOFING BIDS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to table roofing motion bids. All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Price thanked the board for reappointing the firm and wishes all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to approve second reading of revised Policy 209.1 Head Lice. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve second reading of revised Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response. All members present voting in favor of motion.

SABBATICAL

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to grant Heather Lux, elementary instructor a sabbatical from December 8, 2020 for approximately 121 days for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school term. All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant Linda Mongell, Elementary Speech Instructor a paid leave of absence from December 14, 2020 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACH REHIRES

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to rehire the following Coaches for one season during the 2020-2021 school year, subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating during the 2020-2021 school year. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated:

1. High School Head Softball – Larry Flowers
2. High School Head Track – Jeremy Keefer
3. High School Head Baseball – Ron Popovich
4. High School Head Football – Drew Dindl
5. High School Volunteer Assistant Varsity Wrestling – Harley Constable
6. Middle School Head Volleyball – Baylee Powell
7. Middle School Assistant Volleyball – Kristin Dunham

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

Nays: Krupa

Abstain: P. Dunham Number 7 only.

WINTER SPORTS HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to approve Winter Sports Health and Safety Plan as presented.

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

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa

EXTRA-CURRICULAR HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve Extra-Curricular Health and Safety Plan as presented (Chorus/Drama/Band/JROTC).

Ayes: Capozza, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: M. Dunham, P. Dunham

REMOTE LEARNING EXTENSION

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to add motion to extend remote learning.

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

Nays: Franks

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to extend remote learning until December 22, 2020 and tentative return to in-person instruction on January 4, 2021.

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

Nays: Franks

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to grant permission to add Kayla Grimm to the Professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg announced a Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 21, 2020 regarding roofing bids.

Superintendent Pegg congratulated Mr. Porupski, Mr. M. Dunham, Mrs. Moser and Mr. Planiczka on their appointments, thanked Mrs. Franks for serving as President and thanked all members for their service to the district.

Superintendent Pegg wished everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 21, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.