

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

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to enter in an executive session at 6:01 pm for collective bargaining.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Porupski to resume meeting at 6:25 pm.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, December 5, 2022 from 7:20 pm to 8:42 pm for Personnel and Collective Bargaining.

**ADODT AGENDA**

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on November 16, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

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

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,060,682.28
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$751,065.97
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$84,599.42

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SWRTB REPRESENTATIVE**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to appoint Vince Belczyk to Southwest Regional Tax Bureau 2023 Representative for a one-year term and Doug Sholtis as Alternative.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Sholtis

**PETE&C CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant permission for Chris Bolin to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE & C) on February 12-15, 2023 in Pocono Manor, PA. Cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 and will be paid by the technology budget.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**BAG SCANNER**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve Access Control Systems, Inc. payment of \$5,987.09 for service maintenance, inspection and repair of bag scanner system at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FUND BALANCE RESOLUTIONS**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve resolutions establishing designated fund balances for the following three purposes: Health Insurance Stabilization; PSERS Stabilization; and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

A motion was made by Moser second by Sholtis to approve purchase of 11 replacement Lifepak CR2 Defibrillators from Stryker Medical at a cost of \$20,704.09; costars pricing.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects:

1. Kaplan Learning Center \$22,912.64 for playground equipment at D. Ferd.
2. Advent Communications \$26,554.90 for paging system installation at Smithfield and Friendship Hill.

Total Capital Projects: \$49,467.54

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**HIGH JUMP MATS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to grant permission to purchase high jump mats for track and field from M-F Athletic at a cost of \$9,715.50.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**VOLLEYBALL NET SYSTEMS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant permission to purchase two volleyball net systems from Pro Sports Equipment at a cost of \$11,000.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

Mr. Price wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to approve the revised 2022-23 School Calendar as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**POLICIES**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Planiczka approve first reading of revised Policy 200 Enrollment in District as presented.

Ayes: Sholtis, Porupski, Miller

Nays: Capozza, Franks, Howard, Planiczka, Dunham, Moser

Motion Fails

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant Jennifer Packroni, Elementary Instructor a paid and unpaid leave of absence from December 5, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to grant Hillary Sharek, High School Counselor a paid and unpaid leave of absence from January 3, 2023 through April 11, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FMLA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant Julie Bell, Elementary Instructor an intermittent FMLA to commence on November 10, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award Megan Smiley the High School Diversity Club Sponsor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to award Megan Smiley the High School Special Education Department Head.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ESL INTERPRETER**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve Jerome Simon as Spanish Interpreter for an ESL high school student at a daily rate of \$150.00 per day commencing November 29, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**NEW HIRE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to hire Christopher Uphold, Middle School Math Instructor at AG South Middle School at Step 3; start date to be determined by Superintendent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**COACHES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to hire/rehire the following coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Jon Chapman – assistant high school softball
2. Makayla Munchinski – assistant high school softball
3. Marissa Dugan – volunteer assistant high school softball
4. Russell Psenicska – assistant high school track and field
5. Andy Miles – assistant high school track and field
6. Andrew Larkin – volunteer assistant high school track and field
7. Gilbert (Jay) Morris – co-assistant middle school wrestling
8. Dylan Rush – co-assistant middle school wrestling
9. Jeff Rush – head middle school baseball
10. Dylan Rush – assistant middle school baseball
11. Baylee Powell - head middle school volleyball
12. Kristin Dunham – assistant middle school volleyball
13. Logan Embacher – head middle school track and field
14. Stephany Smearcheck – assistant middle school track and field
15. Joe Embacher – middle school spring athletic director

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain Item 12 only - Dunham

**SUBSTITUTE LIST**

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

Non-Professional: Victoria Augustine

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITIES USE**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to grant permission to 8th Grade Dance Group to use the AG South Gym and Cafeteria on December 16, 2022 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a dance; Nichole Trump

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to grant use of AG High School Library to TRIO Upward Bound from October 18, 2022 through May 2, 2023 from 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm for after-school tutoring sessions; Jennifer Ramsey and Eron McMillen.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**PASS ASSESSMENT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the purchase of the PASS Assessment and Intervention Guide at \$4.00 per student quote.

Ayes: Planiczka, Howard, Sholtis, Miller

Nays: Capozza, Franks, Moser, Dunham, Porupski

Motion Fails

**POLICY**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Franks to approve first reading of Policy 620 Fund Balance.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**STUDENT TEACHERS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to authorize Penn West University student teachers to be placed by the elementary supervisor:

January 17, 2023 – May 3, 2023:

- a. Makayla Munchinski
- b. Samantha Thompson
- c. Erika Vogel
- d. Noah Kendell

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**DIVERSITY AND EQUITY CONSULTANT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve Terry Vasser as a Diversity and Equity Consultant according to contract as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**AGEA TENTATIVE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Franks to ratify the tentative agreement between the Albert Gallatin Area School District and the Albert Gallatin Education Association for a collective bargaining agreement for a five-year term commencing August 15, 2023, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The January Work Session will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg wished the AG School District staff, students and families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. The Fayette County CTI will be serving a dinner for the board members at 5:00 pm on January 17, 2023 at D. Ferd Swaney.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting 6:44 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.