

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk, Solicitor Russ Lucas

President Porupski 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

Christina Smith, Smithfield, PA addressed the board to ask permission for the boys baseball team to be excused from school March 24, 25 and 28, 2022 to attend The Ripken Experience Spring Training.

Superintendent Pegg stated they are to turn in an itinerary and the request for approval will be added to the January agenda.

Superintendent Pegg commented on the recent revised and adopted Policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings. There must be registration 2 days, in advance, before speaking at either work session or voting meeting. Forms available at the meeting, online and at Central Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 7:04 pm – 7:42 pm for personnel and potential legal claim.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve minutes of regular meeting held November 17, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for November 2021 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for December 2021.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,839,461.85
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$282,892.38
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$56,522.01

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals. All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to grant permission to pay Gaefke Installations, LLC \$10,865 for installation of Volleyball Sleeves at AG North Middle School through Capital Projects. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to award the Central Office Roofing Bids to Fuller Home Building, Inc. DBA Fuller Building Group based on the following bid: Base Bid \$44,000.00 Alternate #1 \$20,775.00 for a total of \$64,775.00. This project is to be funded by the Capital Projects Fund. All members present voting in favor of motion.

TIPS RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to approve Resolution and Agreement authorizing membership of Albert Gallatin Area School District in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), a National Cooperative Purchasing Program located in Pittsburg, Texas. All members present voting in favor of motion.

SWRTB 2022 REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to appoint Vince Belczyk to Southwest Regional Tax Bureau 2022 Representative for a one year term and Douglas Sholtis as Alternative. All members present voting in favor of motion. Abstain – Sholtis

HVAC CONTROLS UPGRADES AT MASONTOWN ELEMENTARY

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to pay Combustion Service & Equipment, Co. Invoice #72882 for HVAC Controls Upgrades at Masontown Elementary School in the amount of \$130,025 to be paid using ESSERS II funds. All members present voting in favor of motion.

PIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT MASONTOWN ELEMENTARY

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to acquire from Private Industry Council (PIC) the playground equipment at Masontown Elementary School for consideration of \$9000. All members present voting in favor of motion.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT DUCK HOLLOW LEARNING CENTER

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant permission to purchase playground equipment from Kaplan Playgrounds in the amount of \$20,017.95 and the installation of equipment at a cost of \$12,500.00. Cost of this equipment and installation will be reimbursed to the district by Duck Hollow Learning Center. All members present voting in favor of motion.

AGEA MOU

Approve the AGEA MOU for Livestreaming.
No Motion
Failed for lack of motion.

ADELPHOI EDUCATION MOU

A motion was made by Dunham second by Franks to approve the Adelphoi Education, Inc. MOU to implement a comprehensive behavioral health support system to be paid by ESSERS III funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Frances Sherman, Bus Monitor effective November 12, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Sholtis to accept the resignation of Tim Flecker, Boys Soccer coach effective November 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept the resignation of Jenna Sackett, high school co-ed cheerleading coach effective November 3, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Capozza second by Dunham to grant Alicia Soto, High School Instructor a FMLA commencing November 12, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to grant Janet Smearcheck, Cafeteria employee a leave of absence extension from December 6, 2021 to December 20, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award Stephanie Humbert the 10 month Secretary Position at Smithfield Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Dunham to award Sherry Wilson the 6.5 hour Cafeteria Position at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to award Tina Machosky the 4.5 hour Cafeteria Position at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to award the following positions for the 22/23 school term:

1. Heather Lux- Kindergarten at Smithfield Elementary
2. Tiffany Jobes – Special Education at Smithfield Elementary
3. Laura Chapman – Grade 2 Friendship Hill Elementary

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to hire/rehire the following high school coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. James Hershberger, Rick Turtzer – Assistant Girls Softball
2. James Miles, Russell Psenicska - Assistant Track & Field
3. Nikki Trump – Co -Head Cheerleading Coach
4. Hannah Trump – Volunteer Cheerleading Coach

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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

1. Jeff Rush – Head Baseball
2. Dylan Rush - Assistant Baseball
3. Joe Embacher - Spring Athletic Director
4. Kylee Myers – Head Girls Basketball
5. Chris Myers – Assistant Girls Basketball
6. Baylee Powell - Head Girls Volleyball
7. Kristin Dunham– Assistant Girls Volleyball

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain – P. Dunham on number 7 only

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional – Marcella Dantzler; Madison Groover

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg wished the AG community, staff and students a joyful and safe holiday season. Reminder to check the district website for any weather delays or remote instruction days due to weather.

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to adjourn the meeting 6:16 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

