

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Eric Miller, Vice President Doug Sholtis, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Ryan Porupski, Carla Franks (arrived 6:15 pm), David Howard, Carl Planiczka, Jamey Capozza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Solicitor Lee Price

Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Natalie Messich, High School Art Instructor recognized sophomore, Halayna Brangard for winning the Gold Key Award in the Southwest Regional Scholastic Art Awards for her artwork “We Can Fix It.” Her artwork will be submitted to the national level of judging in March.

Teona Newson of Masontown, PA addressed the board regarding an incident that took place on Literacy Night at Masontown Elementary School.

Tom Colebank, High School Instructor and extra-curricular NAACP sponsor presented information to the board on the NAACP club and Diversity club regarding Black History Month activities and contest throughout the district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Porupski to enter in an executive session at 6:22 pm for personnel and student confidentiality.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to resume meeting at 6:51pm.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 from 6:50 pm – 7:45 pm for collective bargaining, personnel and student confidentiality.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to amend the agenda to remove Number 4 under Item H under Personnel and adopt amended agenda.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 18, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for January 2023 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2023.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,015,396.66
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,359,001.58.
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$99,445.63

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU GENERAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2023-2024 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$2,553,939.00 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$23,893.37 which is an \$18.03 decrease from 2022-23.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ALARM SYSTEM PURCHASE

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to approve purchase and installation of alarm system at High School through Guardian Protection at a cost of \$16,267.78. System includes all exterior doors, motion sensors where applicable, and multiple fixed keypads. Monthly recurring monitoring fee of \$54.99.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ALARM SYSTEM UPDATES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve purchase and installation of cellular service modules to existing alarm systems at Friendship Hill Elementary, South Middle, Smithfield Elementary, and Masontown Elementary schools at a cost of \$4,548.99. Cellular service will replace current copper POTS phone lines that will be discontinued by Verizon.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CHANGE ORDER

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$3,312.00 necessary due to the discovery of brittle concrete under existing tile of the high school. General construction on the vestibule project.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HEALTHY VENDING MACHINES

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve contract with Healthy Vending to place healthy option vending machines at the high school at no cost to the district with percentage of sales proceeds for the student activity funds, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BID SEAL COATING

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to grant permission to bid parking lot seal coating and lining painting for three schools to be determined.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

UPGRADE SECURITY CAMERAS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve Biztec, LLC for upgrade security camera system at Masontown Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$65,474.50 pricing as per PEPPM number 533902-155.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ROOF REPAIRS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve TMR Roofing for roof repairs at the high school in the amount of \$7,800.00.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

1. MFAC, LLC \$8,485.00 for track high jump mat pit replacement at the high school.
2. Omega Building Co. \$196,092.73 for secure vestibule entrance project.
3. Pro Sports Equipment \$11,000.00 for portal volleyball net systems at the high school.
4. Equiparts \$29,700.00 for Wall MT Refrigerated Bottler Filler.
5. Whitby Plumbing & Heating for water bypass line for back flow preventer at the high school.

Total Capital Projects: \$249,977.73

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Howards second by Porupski to approve second reading of Policy 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to approve second reading of Policy 218 Student Discipline.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to approve second reading of Policy 227 Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to approve second reading of Policy 815 Acceptable Use of Internet.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to approve the first reading and waive the second and third readings of Policy 150.1 Federal Programs Conflict of Interest.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar with August 29, 2023 as first day of school for students and graduation and last day of school for students on June 4, 2024.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Rachel Chapman, Secretary an FMLA retroactive January 23, 2023 through March 3, 2023.

A motion was made by Moser second by Sholtis to grant Megan Ulishney, Elementary Instructor, an FMLA to commence on March 8, 2023 through June 5, 2023.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to grant Eugene Franks a leave of absence from February 3, 2023 through March 20, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Franks

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to accept the resignation of Jamie Maust, Hall Monitor effective January 24, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to accept the resignation of Nicole Lovis, Bus Monitor effective January 23, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to hire Scott Arbogast as 180 Day Security Guard.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to hire Sean Nose as 180 Day Security Guard.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACH

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

1. Shea Fleenor as high school assistant track coach for one season.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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

2. Michael Belt as volunteer middle school assistant track coach, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to hire the following coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

3. Kylee Myers Head Middle School Girls Basketball

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Drew Dindl as High School Head Football Coach for two seasons to commence with the 2023-2024 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to award James Comunale the high school extracurricular Envirothon Club Sponsor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to award Terri Handlin the temporary 4.5 hour cafeteria position at AL Wilson Elementary from April 3, 2023 through January 1, 2024 or upon return of permanent employee.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to award the following High School extra-curricular musical activity sponsors for the 2022-2023 school year.

1. Producer/Director - Toby Maykuth
2. Art Director - Lynn Wagner
3. Music Director – Megan Cerullo
4. Technical Director - Jeremy Kendall
5. Program Director – Toby Maykuth and Megan Cerullo
6. Choreographer – Kaylie Valusek
7. Faculty Musicians - Charles Durso, Jeremy Kendall, Mary Kendall, Wyatt Wilson, James Miller, Gail Diamond, Brandon Gift

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AGEA HOMEBOUND RATE MOU

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve the AGEA Homebound Instructional Rate Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional: Tonya Kurilla, Jessie Risha

All members present voting in favor of motion.

POLICY

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve third reading of Policy 620 Fund Balance.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to AG North Middle Student Council to use the AG North Gym and Cafeteria on February 10, 2023 from 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm for dance; Taylor Bella

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant final approval to AG High School Band/Choral/Drama Department for overnight trip to Walt Disney World from May 5, 2023 through May 8, 2023 at no cost to the district; Charles Durso, Megan Cerullo, Toby Maykuth, Gail Diamond.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FBLA CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Moser second by Porupski to grant approval of the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 16, 2023 through April 19, 2023 at a cost of \$12,378.00 with Albert Gallatin District to share in the amount of \$5,763.00; Karla Lent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FAC HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to grant approval of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FAC) club at the high school.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to adjourn the meeting 7:08 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.