

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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

Mrs. Haragos, Gifted Instructor announced the AG North and AG South Middle School students who won first place in the Penn State Quiz Bowl: Kyhaire Pruitt, Riley Allen, Elliott Sines, Nathan Rockwell, Owen Hintz and Isabella Friend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Porupski second by Capozza to enter in to an executive from 6:06 pm for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to resume meeting at 6:20 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 from 7:05 pm to 7:35 pm for personnel and student investigation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Franks to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACSHIC TRUSTEE POSITION

A motion was made by Dunham second by Franks to nominate Doug Sholtis as a Trustee Position for the Southeastern Region of the Allegheny County School Health Insurance Consortium.

Ayes: Capozza, Dunham, Howard, Planiczka, Moser, Miller, Porupski, Franks

Abstain: Sholtis

BLANKET FINANCIAL MOTIONS

President Porupski made a motion to blanket all motions listed under Financial items A-H. The motion to blanket items made by Howard second by Dunham.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FINANCIAL-ALL ITEMS A-H

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept all motions A-H under Financial.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

Accept treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2022 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

B. BILLS AND PAYROLL

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2022:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,904,178.08
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,202,130.37
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$48,967.12

C. ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

D. IU I GENERAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

Approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2022-2023 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$2,236,974.00 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$23,911.40 which is a \$94.95 decrease from 2021-2022.

E. PIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-MASONTOWN ELEM.

Approve payment to Private Industry Council for purchase of playground equipment at Masontown Elementary, paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$9,000.00 through Capital Projects.

F. ENTRANCE DRAWINGS – ECKLES ARCHITECTURE

Approve the schematic design secure entrance drawings dated June 28, 2021 by Eckles Architecture and Engineering as presented, and authorize Eckles Architecture and Engineering to continue with preparation of bidding documents for project bidding in April of 2022.

G. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM UPGRADES – ECKLES ARCHITECTURE

Approve the schematic design Fire Alarm system upgrade drawings dated February 14, 2022 by Eckles Architecture and Engineering as presented, and authorize Eckles Architecture and Engineering to continue with preparation of documents to be used for requesting state contract or other governmental cooperation quotes on behalf of the School District in April of 2022.

H. CAPITAL PROJECTS PAYMENT

Grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:

1. Garland/DBS Inc. \$127,502.64 payment number 8 and \$155,376.10 payment number 9 for the District Wide Roofing Projects.
2. Advent Communications \$88,333.11 for upgrades to paging systems.
3. HF Lenz Company \$1,000.00 for upgrades to fire alarms.
4. Home Perfect \$6,596.92 for storage tank.
5. Eckles Architecture & Engineering Inc. \$1,500 for services provided in the Security Entrance Project.

Total Capital Projects: \$380,308.77

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to approve second reading and waive the third reading of revised Policy 626 Procurement –

Federal Program – Attachment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to approve first reading waive the second and third reading of revised Policy 217 Graduation Requirements.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve the Albert Gallatin Area School District’s Health and Safety Plan as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to accept the retirement of Keith Chapley effective April 1, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Keith for his close to 40 years of service to the district. He wished Keith a long, healthy and happy retirement.

President Porupski thanked Keith for his service.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to award Kelly Kotarsky the 4.5 hour Cafeteria Position at George J. Plava Elementary School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Dunham to award Chelsea Jacobs the 3.75 hour Cafeteria Position at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to award Eugene Franks the Lead Maintenance II Position start date to be determined Superintendent.

Ayes: Capozza, Dunham, Howard, Planiczka, Moser, Miller, Porupski, Sholtis

Abstain: Franks

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Capozza second by Dunham to appoint Michael Bittner as a School Police Officer for a term retroactive to January 31, 2022 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2023, subject to approval of the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas pursuant to Section 1302-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, and pursuant to the written employment agreement as presented, and pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to hire Joshua Lane as Event Security pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REAPPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to reappoint Vince Belczyk, Business Manager for a three year term commencing July 1, 2022 and terminating midnight June 30, 2025, pursuant to employment contract as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

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

1. Baylee Powell – Girls Volleyball
2. Bruce Guesman– Boys Soccer

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Non Professional – Kerry Whoolery, Joshua Braxton, Michelle Andrews, Ricky Michaels, Ronald Temple

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BAND/DRAMA FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to grant preliminary approval of the AG High School Band and Drama Club trip to Cleveland, Ohio on May 13, 2022 through May 15, 2022 at no cost to the district; Charles Durso

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission to AG North Student Council to use AG North Cafeteria and Gym on February 18, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm for a Valentine’s Dance; Megan Hadenak/Kate Armstrong

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to Duck Hollow Learning Center to use AG High School Auditorium on May 20, 2022 and May 21, 2022 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm for graduation ceremony;

Rebecca Belski

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant Duane Dupont permission to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Association Conference from March 15 through March 18, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission for Vince Belczyk to attend the PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA from March 8 through March 11, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.00. All members present voting in favor of motion.

JROTC ARCHERY PROGRAM

A motion was made by Dunham second by Sholtis to grant permission to create a JROTC Archery Program. All members present voting in favor of motion.

CREATE MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL BOOSTERS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant permission to create a Middle School Volleyball Boosters organization.

Ayes: Dunham, Franks, Howard, Planiczka, Moser, Miller, Porupski, Sholtis

Abstain: Capozza

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to accept the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021 as prepared by McClure and Wolfe, Certified Public Accountants.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EDINSIGHT RENEWAL

A motion was made by Howard second by Miller to approve the renewal of Education software - EdInsight with Harris Education Solutions for a three year term ending June 30, 2025 at costs of \$37,873.16 – year 1; \$39,388.09 – year 2; \$40,963.61 – year 3.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DR. JOYCE ROYSTER-CONSULTANT

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Capozza to approve Dr. Joyce Royster as a consultant for the Albert Gallatin School District at a rate of \$100 per hour.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FBLA CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant approval of the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 10, 2022 through April 13, 2022 at a cost of \$8,766.00 with Albert Gallatin District to share in the amount of \$2,786.00; Karla Lent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Miller to adjourn the meeting 6:36 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.