

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

MEMEBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Mike Dunham, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Carl Planiczka, David Howard, Jamey Capozza, Phillip Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Carla Franks

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

Mrs. April Serock announced the winners of the 2021 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards:

Trysten Adams 5 Silver Keys

Angelina Brennsteiner 2 Silver Keys

Morgan Hershberger 2 Silver Key

Chace Theodori Silver Key

Jerry Jiang Honorable Mention

Megan Shaw Honorable Mentions

Gianna Valenti Honorable Mentions

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Porupski announced an executive session was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 7:15 pm – 8:13 pm for personnel, real estate and litigation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 20, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to nominate Michael Dunham to stand for election or appointment to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2021 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 Howard to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2021:

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,570,053.75
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,322,777.65
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$55,765.76
4. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU GENERAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2021-2022 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$2,360,703.00 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$23,816.45 which is a \$499.28 decrease from 2020-2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

2021-2022 DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar with August 30, 2021 as first day of school for students and graduation and last day of school for students on June 1, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to accept the retirement of Anita Olesh, cafeteria worker effective February 22, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg congratulated Mrs. Olesh on her retirement and wished her a happy and health retirement.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to award Kara Arnold the 4.5 Hour Cafeteria Position at George J. Plava Elementary according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating during the 2020-2021 school year, award the following High School extra-curricular musical activity sponsors for the 2020-2021 school year; if an extra-curricular activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the stipend paid shall be prorated:

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones 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 Assistant Boys Baseball – Austin Bergman
2. High School Assistant Boys Baseball – George McLaughlin
3. High School Volunteer Assistant Boys Baseball – Tyler McLaughlin
4. High School Assistant Girls Softball – Co-assistants – Bethanie Kern and Jennifer Sroka
5. High School Assistant Girls Softball – James Hershberger
6. High School Volunteer Assistant Girls Softball – Rick Turtzer
7. High School Assistant Track & Field – Russell Psenicska
8. High School Assistant Track & Field – James (Andy) Miles
9. Middle School Head Baseball – Jeff Rush
10. Middle School Assistant Baseball – Dylan Rush
11. Middle School Head Track & Field – Mark Dunham
12. Middle School Assistant Track & Field – Stephany Smearcheck
13. Middle School Assistant Track & Field – Logan Embacher
14. Middle School Head Girls Basketball – Sara Larkin
15. Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball – Breanna Otto
16. Middle School Spring Athletic Director – Joe Embacher

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: M. Dunham on Item 11 only

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to hire Jamie Maust as Hall Monitor to be placed at AL Wilson Elementary School pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

Professional: Mark Ferris, Rhianna Sphar, Elizabeth Quairiere

Non Professional: Paul Ludrosky

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to accept the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020 as prepared by McClure and Wolfe, Certified Public Accountants.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICIT BROKERAGE SERVICES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to authorize Administration to solicit Request for Proposals to provide Comprehensive Brokerage and Risk Management Services as Broker of Record.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on March 17, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to adjourn the meeting 6:14 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.