

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Jeff Myers, Vice President Eric Miller, Secretary Betty Moser, Dan Janesko (arrived 6:10 pm), Carl Planiczka, Ryan Porupski, Doug Sholtis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Howard

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

President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Zack Dillow recognized Cami Williams AG South Middle School Student. Cami won the Autism Student Design T-Shirt Contest sponsored by Work Place Pro Clothing website! Cami's shirt theme is "It's a Sea Full of Acceptance." Cami was inspired by her mother's (Nikki Williams) students in the high school life skills classroom. She won shirts for all of the students and staff in her mother's life skills room and also a gift card.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to enter into an executive session at 6:05 pm for personnel and real estate.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Moser to resume meeting at 6:49 pm

All members present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Thursday, January 23, 2025 from 4:04 pm to 5:28 pm potential litigation

An executive session was held on Monday, February 3, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 4:32 pm for potential litigation and personnel.

An executive session was held on Monday, February 17, 2025 from 6:42 pm to 8:25 pm for personnel, tax Litigation, student confidentiality and administrator contract.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Porupski second by Dunham to adopt agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2025.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Dunham second by Moser to nominate Carl Planiczka to stand for election or appointment to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors for a 2-year term effective July 1, 2025.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2025 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 Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2025:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,328,845.57
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$330,749.45
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$93,205.47

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

IU 2025-26 GENERAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2025-2026 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$2,765,405 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$23,942.88 which is an \$62.28 decrease from 2024-25.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to approve the purchase of three 20" walk behind floor scrubbers from Fagan Sanitary Supply at cost of \$3,270.60 each for a total of \$9,811.80. Prices were solicited from three other prospective vendors and Fagans' price represents the lowest responsible quotation meeting district specifications. Funds are to be provided by the Capital Projects Fund.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

WALL WRAP

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Janesko to table the purchase of wall wrap and wrap installation for the high school cafeteria at the cost of \$9,781 to be paid out of the Food Service Fund as per attachment.

All members present voting in favor to table motion.

Motion Tabled

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTOIN

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to seek blanket approval for Curriculum and Instruction motions A-G.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

POLICIES

A. Approve third reading of Policy 308 – Employment Contract/Board Resolution.

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- B. Approve third reading of Policy 005 – Organization.
- C. Approve third reading of Policy 823 – Opioid Antagonist.
- D. Approve second reading of Policy 800-AR-0, 800-AR-1, and 800-AR-2 – Records Management Administrative Regulations.
- E. Grant permission to retire Policy 249.1 – Bullying/Cyberbullying.

UPDATED 24/25 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- F. A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve revised 2024-2025 School Calendar.

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- G. Approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Janesko second by Sholtis to seek blanket approval for Personal motions A-K
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

- A. Accept the resignation of Frances Sherman, Bus Monitor effective February 7, 2025.
- B. Accept the resignation of Rebecca Sykes, Elementary Instructor effective conclusion of the 2024-25 school term

RETIREMENT

- C. Accept the retirement of Vince Belczyk, Business Manager effective June 30, 2025.

Superintendent Pegg congratulated Vince on his many years of service with the district and wished him a long, health and happy retirement.

FMLA

- D. Grant Chrystal Roderick, Elementary Instructor an intermittent FMLA to commence on January 6, 2025.
- E. Grant Eva Warner, Elementary Instructor an intermittent FMLA to commence on December 17, 2024.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- F. Grant Stephanie Jenkins, Cafeteria employee a nonpaid leave of absence from April 4, 2025 through May 16, 2025.

AWARD POSITION

- G. Award Megan Hadenak the head teacher position at AG North according to contract.

COACH HIRES

- H. Hire Drew Dindl as High School Head Football Coach for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
- I. Hire Spencer Macke as High School Head Boys Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 seasons.
- J. Hire Bruce Guesman as High School Head Boys Soccer Coach for the 2025-26 season.

INSTRUCTOR HIRE

K. Hire Dylan Rush as Math Instructor at the High School at the appropriate step.

PRINCIPAL HIRE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to hire Stacey Peton-Tenny as Principal for George J. Plava Elementary School, start date to be determined by the Superintendent, at the following salary: \$105,575 prorated as of start date.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional: Melanie Rua

Non-Professional: Jennifer Walters, Amos Lewis

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to grant permission to AG High School Softball Team to use AG South gym on March 23, 2025 from 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm for girls' softball camp (AG students ages 6-14-); Makayla Munchinski

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Miller second by Janesko to grant permission to JROTC to use the AG High School Gym on April 12, 2025 from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm for JROTC League Archery Competition; LTC Cassem

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use AG North Cafeteria & Gym on April 5, 2025 from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm for wrestling banquet; Brian Carey

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant final approval of the AG High School Band/Choral Department for overnight trip to Kings Island in Cincinnati, OH from April 25-26, 2025 at no cost to the district; Charles Durso and Gail Diamond

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to grant approval of the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 6, 2025 through April 9, 2025 at a cost of \$3,384.00 with Albert Gallatin District to share in the amount of \$2,617.00; Karla Lent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

GRADUATION ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve agreement between Graduation Alliance, Inc. and Albert Gallatin for Pennsylvania Dropout Recovery Program, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACT 93 ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION PLAN

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to adopt Act 93, Administrator Compensation Plan for a 5-year term effective to July 1, 2025 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the written agreement as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.