

**Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Jeff Myers, Secretary Betty Moser, Carl Planiczka, Dan Janesko, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Eric Miller, Doug Sholtis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Solicitor Lee Price

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on Monday, February 19, 2024 from 7:15 pm – 8:30 pm for personnel, collective bargaining and student confidentiality.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser 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 16, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for January 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Janesko second by Myers to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2024:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,504,835.23
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,203,978.15
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$109,528.10

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the Unreserved Designated Fund Balance for Capital Improvements and Deferred Maintenance Resolution as presented.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**MEETING ROOM**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the D Ferd Meeting Room project at a cost not to exceed \$14,000.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS**

A motion was made by Janesko second by Dunham to approve addition of playground improvements at AL Wilson through Yocca Business Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$14,393.90 in accordance with Omnia Partners Contract. Funds paid by AL Wilson PTO.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**IU GENERAL BUDGET**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 2024-2025 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$2,686,303 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$24,005.16 which is an \$111.79 increase from 2023-24.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FREEZER CONDENSER**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Moser to grant approval to purchase freezer condenser for AG South from Eastern Refrigeration Supply in the amount of \$4,863.32.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**PARKING LOT LIGHTS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to grant approval to replace six parking lot lights at High School from Miller Corporation in the amount of \$4,200.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve the revised 2023-2024 School Calendar.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**MENTAL HEALTH BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Myers to table permission to approve Renaissance Quote #3089782 in the amount of \$52,950 for Middle and High School mental health benchmark assessment package for a three (3) year term.

Motion Tabled

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Myers to table permission to approve Renaissance Quote #3092103 in the amount of \$56,628 for K-12 mental health benchmark assessment package for a three (3) year term.

Motion Tabled

**PERSONNEL**

President Porupski seeks permission for blanket approval for all items listed under Personnel A-M.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to approve all items listed under Personnel A-M. All members present voting in favor of motion.

**NEW HIRE**

A. Hire George Cumberland as Bus Monitor.

B. Hire Elaine Byington as Bus Monitor.

C. Hire Stephanie Palmer for the 4.5 hour cafeteria position at D. Ferd Swaney effective January 22, 2024.

**RETIREMENT**

D. Accept the retirement of Mark Switch, custodian effective January 18, 2024.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mark for his 17 years of service and wishes him a long healthy and happy retirement.

E. Accept the retirement of D. Eric Nuttal, secondary Instructor effective the last day of the 2023-24 school year.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Eric for his 25 years of service and wishes him a long healthy and happy retirement.

F. Accept the retirement of Richard Nevlud, custodian effective April 15, 2024.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Rich for his 26 years of service and wishes him a long healthy and happy retirement.

**RESIGNATION**

G. Accept the resignation of Jessica Stallard, cafeteria employee effective January 24, 2024.

H. Accept the resignation of Carrie Wotring, cafeteria employee effective February 15, 2024.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

I. Grant Scott Arbogast, security guard a nonpaid leave of absence from February 5, 2024 through February 29, 2024.

J. Grant Richard Nevlud, custodian a leave of absence from January 22, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

K. Grant Charles Myers, maintenance a leave of absence from January 26, 2024 through April 30, 2024.

**FMLA**

L. Grant Amanda Leichliter, Technology Integration Specialists a FMLA to commence January 27, 2024.

**COACHES**

M. Hire the following middle school coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Head Girls Basketball – Sydney Phillips
  2. Assistant Girls Basketball – Craig Hoone
  3. Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball – Jules (Buddy) Quertimont
- Abstain: Moser (Item M. 2 only)

**SUBSTITUTE LIST**

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

Professional: Stefanie Zungri, Logan Embacher

Non-Professional: Ricki Foster, Thomas Machosky, Jennifer Williams, Stephanie Powell

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Janesko to grant permission to Grant permission to AG High School Drama Club to use high school cafeteria on Sunday, March 3, 2024 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm for Sponge Bob character lunch; Megan Cerullo

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Janesko second by Myers is to grant permission to Duck Hollow Learning Center to use D Ferd Swaney Cafeteria on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 11 am – 4 pm for Spring Fling for Families; Rebecca Belski

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant permission for Makayla Munchinski to attend the Network Innovation Trends conference held March 4 through March 7, 2024 in Austin, TX in the amount of \$545 sponsored and paid for by Remake Learning Grant.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to request approval for two administrators and one secretary to attend the 2024 PAFPC Conference held at The Westin in Pittsburgh, PA from April 14-17, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 to be paid using Federal Funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to request approval for Jared Plisko to attend a PDE Special Education conference in Hershey, PA from February 28, 2024 through March 1, 2024 at a cost to not exceed \$900.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Janesko second by Dunham to grant approval for five administrators to attend the Western PA School Leaders' Summit on February 29, 2024 at Grove City College with a cost not to exceed \$1,500.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FIELD TRIP**

A motion was made by Janesko second by Howard to grant preliminary approval of the AG High School Band/Choral Department for overnight trip to Virginia Beach and Williamsburg, VA from April 11-13, 2024 at no cost to the district; Charles Durso and Gail Diamond

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**STORAGE SHED**

A motion was made by Janesko second by Sholtis to grant permission to Smithfield Elementary School PTO to purchase a storage shed to be placed at Smithfield Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to accept the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 as prepared by McClure and Wolfe, Certified Public Accountants.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**GERMAN TOWNSHIP LERTA**

A motion was made Sholtis second by Myers to adopt Resolution approving LERTA for German Township, as presented.

Ayes: Planiczka, Howard, Myers, Janesko, Sholtis, Miller, Moser

Nays: Dunham

Abstain: Porupski

**FEASIBILITY STUDY**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to approve the proposal from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates as presented to perform a district wide feasibility study at a cost of \$14,500.00, pursuant to its February 12, 2024 proposal date.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.