

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Meditation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- Recognize the following Fayette County Firefighters' Association essay winners: Abigail Lavish, Myla Pattison, Luke Whoolery; Megan Hadenak
- Recognize Camdyn Holbert and Paxton Kendall – PMEA participates in Music Festival; Mary Kendall

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, January 13, 2025 from 7:28 pm to 8:47 pm for personnel and litigation.
- C. Amend the agenda to add Item P under VIII Administration to appoint a district representative to fill a building authority vacancy at the Fayette CTI. The matter of business has arisen within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, is de minimis (minor) in nature, and does not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract or agreement.
- D. Adopt agenda as amended.
- E. Approve minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held on December 3, 2024.
- F. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2024.
- G. Accept the resignation of appointment of Carl Planiczka as FCCTI Joint Operation Committee board member.
- H. Approve the Resolution to appointment Carl Planiczka to fill the vacancy on the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors until the 2025 annual election.
- I. Appoint Jeff Myers to the FCCTI Joint Operation Committee commencing January, 2025 through December 2025.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for December 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for December 2024:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,912,283.08
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$451,428.95
- C. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for January 2025:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,251,222.85
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$3,223,050.27
 - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$155,636.91
- D. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- E. Grant permission to give financial support to the following public libraries:
 - 1. German Masontown - \$6,800.00
 - 2. Smithfield - \$2,500.00
 - 3. Point Marion - \$2,500.00Total: \$11,800.00
- F. Approve Act 1 Homestead/Farmstead mailing not to exceed \$1,800.00.

- G. Approve the Resolution indicating that Albert Gallatin Area School District will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the 2025-2026 fiscal year by more than the Act 1 inflationary index, which is 5.9%.
- H. Appoint Vince Belczyk to Southwest Regional Tax Bureau 2025 Representative for a one-year term and _____ as Alternative.
- I. Approve Administration to move forward on the program to upgrade the Cisco Wireless Access Points and Licensing for all district buildings. Funds will be provided through the E-Rate program and the District's Capital Projects Fund. (The District's estimated cost is 15% of the project).
- J. Grant permission to pay Open Systems Pittsburgh LLC Payment Application No. 6 in the amount of \$75,773.75 representing the balance of the Fire Alarm Panel Phase of the Vestibule Project through Capital Projects.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve second reading of Policy 308 – Employment Contract/Board Resolution.
- B. Approve second reading of Policy 005 – Organization.
- C. Approve second reading of Policy 823 – Opioid Antagonist.
- D. Approve first reading of Policy 800-AR-0, 800-AR-1, and 800-AR-2 – Records Management Administrative Regulations.
- E. Approve revised 2024-2025 School Calendar.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Accept the retirement of Tammy Kisko, Bus Monitor effective December 10, 2024.
- B. Hire Brandon Saghy as 180 Day Substitute at George Plava Elementary effective December 9, 2024.
- C. Hire Bradleigh Lincoln as 180 Day Substitute at AL Wilson Elementary effective December 18, 2024.
- D. Grant Julie Bell, Elementary Instructor an intermittent FMLA to commence on October 28, 2024.
- E. Grant Elissa Christopher a paid and nonpaid leave of absence from February 18, 2025 through May 27, 2025.
- F. Accept the retirement of Cindy Halfin, High School Instructor effective end of the 2024-2025 school term.
- G. Hire Lance Mitchell as 180 Day Security Guard pending receipt of all proper documents.
- H. Hire Melissa Hustosky as 180 Day Security Guard pending receipt of all proper documents.
- I. Grant Jared Plisko, Administrator a leave of absence from December 18, 2024 through January 22, 2025.
- J. Accept the retirement of Cindy Kopas, High School Instructor effective February 7, 2025.
- K. Hire the following high school coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Assistant Girls Softball – Annalia Paoli
 - 2. Assistant Girls Softball – Maddie Flowers
 - 3. Assistant Boys Baseball – Mike Etheridge
 - 4. Assistant Boys Baseball – Nate Zimcosky
 - 5. Volunteer Assistant Boys Baseball – Mark Smith
 - 6. Winter Conditioning – Dylan Rush
 - 7. Volunteer Wrestling - Jonathan Chapman
- L. Hire the following middle school coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Head Baseball – Jeff Rush
 - 2. Assistant Baseball – Dylan Rush
 - 3. Head Girls Volleyball – Bailey Powell
 - 4. Assistant Girls Volleyball – Kristen Dunham
 - 5. Spring Athletic Director – Joe Embacher

- M. Award the following High School extra-curricular musical activity sponsors for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - 1. Producer/Director – Rebecca Taylor
 - 2. Art Director - Lynn Wagner
 - 3. Music Director – Megan Cerullo
 - 4. Technical Director - Jeremy Kendall
 - 5. Program Director –Megan Cerullo
 - 6. Choreographer – Justin Cerullo
 - 7. Faculty Musicians - Charles Durso, Jeremy Kendall, Mary Kendall, Wyatt Wilson, James Miller, Gail Diamond, Brandon Gift, Edward (Dane) Shultz, Lori Greene
- N. Hire Bernard Caffery as Bus Monitor pending receipt of all proper documents.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - Professional: Lynda Livingstone, Samuel Tinker
 - Non-Professional: John Janesko
- B. Grant permission to Whitehouse Free Methodist Church to use AG South gym from January 2025 through June 2025 on Friday's from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for youth activities; Jeff Myers
- C. Grant permission to AG Student Council to use AG South gym on January 17, 2025 from 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm for school dance; Andrew Hostetler
- D. Grant permission to Middle School Boys Basketball to use AG High School gym on January 31, 2025 from 6 pm – 9 pm for set up and February 1 and 2, 2025 from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm for basketball tournament; Jules Quertinmont.
- E. Grant permission to JROTC to use the AG High School Cafeteria on April 26, 2025 from 8:00 am – 11:00 pm for Commanders reception, social hour formal attire, dinner and dance; LTC Cassem
- F. Grant permission to Fayette County Church Basketball League to use AL Wilson Cafeteria on Thursday's from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm from January 2, 2025 through March 3, 2025 for elementary church league basketball practice; Neeley Clelland
- G. Grant permission to FCCBL/Prophets to use the AL Wilson Cafeteria on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from January 13, 2025 through March 14, 2025 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm for basketball practice; TJ Fowler & Jennifer Whoolery.
- H. Authorize Western Governors University student teacher Prophecy Burk to be placed at Masontown Elementary and AG High School from February 3, 2025 through May 15, 2025.
- I. Approve the following WVU student nurses for clinical's at various times, throughout the district, from January 14 through May 2, 2025, pending receipt of clearances: Ashley Apisa, Emily Brooks, Lauren Kerscher and Nicole Catalfo
- J. Accept the Single Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024 as prepared by McClure and Wolfe, Certified Public Accountants.
- K. Request approval for Jared Plisko to attend a PDE Special Education conference in Hershey, PA from February 5 through 7, 2025 at a cost to not exceed \$900.
- L. Grant permission for Duane Dupont to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Association Conference from March 18 through March 21, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$900.00.
- M. Approve agreement resolving special education services for student X-25 as presented.
- N. Approve Resolution setting compensation for future elected Tax Collectors, as presented.
- O. Ratify Attorney-Client Fee Contract between the District and Frantz Law Group, APLC for purposes of participating in the Insulin Pricing Litigation on a contingency fee basis, which is a mass action lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey against certain pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers claiming that they artificially inflated the price of diabetes medications.
- P. Appoint a district representative to fill the building authority vacancy at the Fayette CTI.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.