

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice President Mike Dunham

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk

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

Mr. Pegg recognized the Board Members for School Board Appreciation Month.

Board Appreciation month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees. The foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students. School Boards lead and advocate for quality and accountable public schools that ensure all students have opportunities to reach their maximum potential.

Our school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of 56 million dollars, over 3,100 students, and more than 400 employees.

They preserve the core of our democracy – public education!

In recognition of School Board Appreciation month, I would like to thank our school board members for their dedication and service to our district.

Erin Eckerd – Member Services Manager for PSBA went over some Professional Development opportunities available to the School Board Members. She also thanked the Board for their service and dedication in honor of School Director Recognition Month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to enter in to an executive from 6:08 PM to 6:41 PM for potential litigation and collective bargaining.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

President Porupski announced an executive session was held on January 19, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 8:11 PM for personnel, collective bargaining, and real estate.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve the minutes of Reorganization meeting held December 7, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve the meeting minutes of regular meeting held December 7, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the meeting minutes of special meeting held December 21, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham 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 December 2020:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,817,251.64
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,571,604.92
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$10,257.62
4. Contingency plan of operation for payroll, utility bills, cafeteria fund bills, and capital project invoices, to be paid after review by the Superintendent and/or Business Manager.
5. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A motion was made by Franks second by Planiczka to 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 - \$2,500.00
- Total: \$11,800.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to 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 2021-2022 fiscal year by more than the Act 1 inflationary index, which is 4.4%.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

INSURANCE POLICY

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to renew the Crime Insurance Policy with Caputo Insurance Agency at a cost of \$1,198.00.

Ayes: Franks, P. Dunham, Planiczka, Howard, Porupski, Moser, Capozza

Abstain: Jones

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the following bills to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund:

1. District Wide Paving Project – Friendship Hill Light Poles - Miller Company Electrical \$3,200.00
2. Networking Services – CCL Technologies - \$35,402.20 Broken Down as such:
 - a. George Plava Elementary - \$6,832.95
 - b. Masontown Elementary - \$2,301.45
 - c. Smithfield Elementary - \$4,012.20
 - d. AL Wilson Elementary - \$5,071.20
 - e. North Middle School - \$3,879.45
 - f. South Middle School - \$3,879.45
 - g. High School - \$9,425.50

Total to be paid \$38,602.20

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve final reading of revised Policy 209.1 Head Lice. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by P. Dunham to approve final reading of revised Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Michelle Andrews, special education aide effective January 4, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SABBATICAL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to extend Rachel Wolf, elementary instructor, sabbatical from January 30, 2021 to the end of the school year June 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozzi to approve Memorandum of Understanding for cafeteria staffing for “4 day in-person/1 day remote student day for remainder of 2020-21 school year between Albert Gallatin Area School District and SEIU, Local 32 BJ, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REHIRE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to rehire furloughed classroom aide Jennifer Sebulsky as a special education aide at Masontown Elementary, according to contract. Start date to be determined by Superintendent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

STUDENT NURSES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozzi to approve the following WVU student nurses for clinical's at various times, throughout the district, pending receipt of clearances: Meredith Koerber, Hannah Claycomb, Maria Myers, Shane Lawler, Lacie Minichelli, Jenna Miller, Lauren Graham.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

INTERNSHIP

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozzi to authorize California University School Counseling graduate program student, Emily Dillinger an elementary internship placement commencing January 25, 2021 with Jillian Ciarrocchi, School Counselor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to authorize California University School Counseling graduate program student, Nick Groover an elementary internship placement commencing January 25, 2021 with Keli DeCarlo, School Counselor at Friendship Hill.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE CONTRACT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to pursuant to the District-Wide Roof Project award to Garland/DBS, Inc., approve the contract between the District and Garland/DBS, Inc. for Albert Gallatin High School and North Middle School roof replacements, North Middle School Skylight Dome Alternate, and D. Ferd Swaney School, Friendship Hill Elementary School and South Middle School roof restorations in the amount of \$3,107,522, pursuant to the Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with OMNIA Partners, Public Sector (U.S. Communities) Contract # PW1925, Garland Proposal # 25-PA-200821, as presented. Contract price includes all labor, materials, performance and payment bonds, permits, inspections, project design, project supervision, and 32 year warranty for replacement and 20 year warranty for renovation. There will be a 10% contingency for unforeseen conditions. Subject to approval of Solicitor as to form, not substance.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve Letter Agreement between School District and Fayette County for License to Use German Park Baseball Field, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Mr. Price informed the board the agreement has been changed from 4 years to 5 years.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to authorize Administration to use Crossroads Speech and Hearing for substitute speech and therapy services on an as needed basis at an hourly rate of \$60.00. Any therapist assigned to the District must have completed all criminal and child abuse clearances, including the PDE 6004 Arrest/Conviction Report.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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

Mr. Pegg announced the next Work Session will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday, February 15, 2021.