

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- Recognize the following Fluid Power Challenge - Design and Operation Champions from AG South. Robert McCormick, Riley Allen, Sebastian Roderick, and Khloe Brown: Allison Haragos, Instructor
- Recognize the following Quiz Bowl Team members from AG South on their 1st place win at the Academic League Tournament: Owen Hintz, Elliott Sines, Nathan Rockwell, Blake Cobb, Xavier Murphy, Xander Bogden, Sebastian Roderick, Khloe Brown, Riley Allen, Kyhaire Pruitt and Robert McCormick: Allison Haragos
- Recognize the following Firemen's essay winners from AG North Middle School: Jacob Cunningham, Bailey Guty, Brynn Starke. Winners from AG South Middle School: Kylie Krupa, Sophia Stafford: Megan Hadenak
- Steve Hranec and Tom Matthews, Steve Clark – LERTA
- Michelle Cartwright, Parent – Updating the board on Sapphire Portal and IEP issues
- Renee Rosie, Principal – PTO storage shed
- Dr. Joyce Royster – Diversity
- Erin Mudery – middle school basketball coaching positions
- Russ Mudery – middle school basketball coaching positions

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. Adopt agenda as presented
- C. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 18, 2023.
- D. Nominate _____ to stand for election or appointment to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors for a 3-year term effective July 1, 2024.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for December 2023 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for January 2024:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,284,971.54
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,299,380.31
 - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$60,065.72
- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- D. 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
- E. Award contract for district internet connection to DQE Communications, solicited through the FCC E-Rate program. 2-year agreement will commence on July 1, 2024 for a 2Gbps fiber connection at a cost of \$1,350.00 per month after eligible discount.

- F. Approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with PALCO Power Systems to provide semi-annual service (two visits) at a cost of \$2,346.43.
- G. Approve the transfer of \$800,000 to the Capital Projects Account for future projects. Funds are provided from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve the revised 2023-2024 School Calendar.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Hire Joshua Hall as Bus Monitor.
- B. Hire Tanya Forsythe as Special Education Aide at Friendship Hill Elementary effective 2024-25 school year.
- C. Approve the updated James Pierce, Chief of School Security contract as presented.
- D. Accept the resignation of Nicholle Knox, cafeteria employee effective January 4, 2024.
- E. Grant Richard Nevlud, Custodian a leave of absence from December 20, 2023 – January 19, 2024.
- F. Grant Scott Arbogast, security a nonpaid leave of absence from January 8, 2024 through February 5, 2024.
- G. Accept the resignation of Kate Armstrong as Head Teacher at AG North Middle School effective January 3, 2024.
- H. Award Tiffany Duncan as Head Teacher at AG North Middle School.
- I. Approve Section 1127 Resolution and Notice for Employee No. 1-2023-24.
- J. Accept the resignation of Harlyrae Geary, School Police Officer effective January 15, 2024.
- K. Award the following High School extra-curricular musical activity sponsors for the 2023-2024 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
- L. Hire the following high school coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Assistant Track and Field – Russ Psenicska
 - 2. Assistant Track and Field – Andy Miles
 - 3. Assistant Track (field events) – Matthew (Shea) Fleenor
 - 4. Volunteer Assistant Track and Field – Brady Shore and Andrew Larkin
 - 5. Assistant Girls Softball – Marissa Dugan
 - 6. Assistant Girls Softball – Makayla Munchinski
 - 7. Volunteer Assistant Girls Softball – Jonathan Chapman
 - 8. Assistant Baseball – Mike Etheridge
- M. Hire the following middle school coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Head Track and Field – Logan Embacher
 - 2. Assistant Track and Field – Lea Epps
 - 3. Assistant Track and Field – Stephany Smearcheck
 - 4. Volunteer Assistant Track and Field – Darrell Samuel
 - 5. Head Girls Basketball – Sydney Phillips
 - 6. Assistant Girls Basketball – Craig Hoone
 - 7. Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball – Jules (Buddy) Quertinmont
 - 8. Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach – David Lowry

9. Head Baseball – Jeff Rush
10. Assistant Baseball – Dylan Rush
11. Spring Athletic Director – Joe Embacher

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
Professional: Rebecca Sykes, Felicia Young, Rachael Grimm, Melanie Rua, Eric Sheetz
Non-Professional: Devon Fulmer
- B. Grant permission to Fayette County Church Basketball League to use AL Wilson cafeteria on Wednesdays from December 20, 2023 through March 14, 2024 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm for elementary age basketball practice; Neeley Clelland
- C. Grant permission to Fayette County Church Basketball League (Blue Team) to use AL Wilson cafeteria on Mondays from January 8, 2024 through April 29, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8 :00 pm for elementary age basketball practice; Brittany Myers
- D. Grant permission to CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) to use Smithfield Elementary cafeteria on Mondays from February 5, 2024 through March 25, 2024 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm for Good News Club – after school bible club; Jennifer Rossi
- E. Grant permission to AG Track and Field to use High School Track and Football field from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm on May 1, 2024 for middle school track event; Jeremy Keefer
- F. Grant permission to AG Elementary Basketball to use AL Wilson Elementary cafeteria on Thursdays from January 11, 2024 through March 31, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for grades K -2 basketball practice; Eric Miller
- G. Grant permission for Duane Dupont to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Association Conference from March 19 through March 22, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$700.00.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The February Work Session will be held on Tuesday, February 20 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria. The regular meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.