

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, , Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Eric Miller, Carl Planiczka, Carla Franks, David Howard-via telephone conference, Douglas Sholtis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice President Paul Dunham, Jamey Capozza

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

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Superintendent Pegg reviewed the updated Health and Safety Plan and answered questions from members of the audience and online. The updated plan would make masks optional but highly recommended effective January 24, 2022. The plan outlined updated testing and timeline for quarantining with or without symptoms for vaccinated or unvaccinated staff, students, etc. Information will be posted on the district website.

Bryan Carrey, 203 River Avenue, Masontown, PA ask the question regarding testing of a child if they become sick at school and sent home for Covid like symptoms. Superintendent Pegg responded they would have to be seen by a doctor to be tested.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Planiczka to enter in to an executive from 6:03 pm for potential claim and personnel.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Franks to resume meeting at 6:23 pm.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 7:11 pm – 8:31 pm for personnel, real estate and collective bargaining.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Franks 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 Moser to approve minutes of the following meetings:

1. Reorganization Meeting – December 6, 2021

2. Regular Meeting – December 8, 2021
3. Special Meeting – December 14, 2021
4. Special Meeting – December 17, 2021

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Sholtis to nominate Carl Planiczka second by Porupski.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Miller to appoint Carl Planiczka to stand for election or appointment to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors for a 2-year term.

BLANKET FINANCIAL MOTIONS

President Porupski made a motion to blanket all motions listed under Financial items A-G. The motion to blanket items made by Planiczka second by Franks.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FINANCIAL-ALL ITEMS A-H

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to accept all motions A-H under Financial.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

Accept treasurer's report including tax collections for December 2021 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

B. BILLS AND PAYROLL

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for January 2022:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,655,055.83
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,821,488.41
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$72,831.78

C. ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

D. FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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. ACT 1 INFLATIONARY INDEX RESOLUTION

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 2022-2023 fiscal year by more than the Act 1 inflationary index, which is 5.0%.

F. WAN SERVICES TO CROWN CASTLE

Award 5-year contract for 10GB Fiber WAN services to Crown Castle. Contract is per ERate 470 #220003917. Term commences July 1, 2022 through June 20, 2027.

G. CAPITAL PROJECTS PAYMENTS

Grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:

- a. Piccolomini Contractors, Inc. \$16,725.00 for Landscaping performed at Smithfield Elementary
- b. Advent Communications \$15,928.13 for paging system at Smithfield Elementary
- c. Hranec Sheet Metal, Inc \$9,575.00 for AG North roof duct work
- d. Safety First Fire Equipment \$8,423.78 Duck Hollow IP Video Intercom System

Total Capital Projects: \$50,651.91

Abstain: Miller Item C only.

H. APPROVE PROJECTS THROUGH CAPITAL PROJECTS

Approve the Following Projects to be Funded through Capital Projects:

- a. Friendship Hill Fence - \$2,606.00
- b. Advent Communications Systems Updates to Paging Systems – cost includes Valcom Overhead Paging system, primary paging server, gateway amplifier and installation. Price is based on Costars Number 034-120 agreement.
 - i. High School - \$65,277.45
 - ii. North Middle School - \$33,998.18
 - iii. South Middle School - \$29,799.02
 - iv. Friendship Hill Elementary – \$21,253.55
 - v. Masontown Elementary School – \$26,358.03

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to review, discuss and approve the Albert Gallatin Area School District’s Health and Safety Plan as presented.

Ayes: Moser, Miller, Porupski, Franks

Nays: Sholtis, Planiczka, Howard

POLICIES

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to approve first reading of revised Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Porupski to approve first reading of revised Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to approve first reading of revised Policy 626 Procurement – Federal Program – Attachment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to approve the revised 2021-2022 School Calendar.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to accept the resignation of Karen Sullivan, Bus Monitor effective December 10, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Planiczka to accept the resignation of Garrett Wingrove, Tutor effective December 22, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Franks second by Planiczka to grant Robert Pope, Custodian a leave of absence extension from January 3, 2022 through February 11, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to grant Michele Jacobs, Cafeteria employee a leave of absence extension from January 3, 2022 through April 1, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to grant Regina Shaffer, Music Instructor a leave of absence from January 5, 2022 through March 17, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to grant Courtney Phillips, Special Education Instructor an unpaid leave of absence from approximately January 22, 2022 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school term, as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to award Jennifer Whoolery the 4.25 hour Cafeteria Position at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to award Kara Arnold the 6.5 hour Cafeteria Position at George J. Plava Elementary School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to hire Jennifer Wrona as 10 month Secretary at Masontown Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to hire/rehire the following high school coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. George McLaughlin – Assistant Baseball
2. Richard Joliff – Assistant Baseball
3. Bernie Dolobach – Volunteer Assistant Baseball
4. Randy Wilson – Volunteer Assistant Baseball

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to hire/rehire the following middle school coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Adam Simon – Head Track
2. Logan Embacher – Assistant Track
3. Stephanie Smearcheck – Assistant Track
4. Andrew Larkin– Volunteer Assistant Track

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional – Marsha Banton, Matthew Conley, Kyleigh Felio, Joyce Royster, Emily Ewart

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AGHS BASEBALL FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to grant final approval of the AG High School Baseball team trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the Ripken’s Baseball Spring Training on March 24, 2022 through March 28, 2022 at no cost to the district; Rebecca McGee

All members present voting in favor of motion.

WVU STUDENT NURSES CLINICALS

A motion was made by Moser second by Sholtis to approve the following WVU student nurses for clinical’s at various times, throughout the district, pending receipt of clearances: Paige Rager, Annie McMillen, Jacob Pleva, Brittany Tuttle, Kate Salmans, Ashley Nunes.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to authorize California University student teacher placements: January 18, 2022 – May 2, 2022:

- a. Maria Anslinger –K-4 – Toby Maykuth, Smithfield Elem.
- b. Rubidia Salley – K-4 – Jillian Brown, George Plava Elem.
- c. Brooke Timko – K-4 – Amanda Chipps, George Plava Elem.
- d. Sharena Groover – Math – Cindy Kopas, AG High School

January 18, 2022 – March 4, 2022:

- a. Emily Hillsman - K-4 – Tiffany Jobses – Friendship Hill Elem.
- b. Rachel Wagner – K-4 – Elizabeth Fike – Smithfield Elem.
- c. Miranda White - Special Education – Tammy Kezmarsky – AG North Middle

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March 7, 2022 – May 2, 2022:

- a. Emily Hillsman – Special Education – Tammy Kezmarsky – AG North Middle
- b. Rachel Wagner – Special Education – Brooke Patterson – AG South Middle
- c. Myranda White – K-4 – Christine Rerko – AL Wilson Elem.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Franks second by Miller to adjourn the meeting 6:56 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.