

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, July 15, 2024 from 6:50 pm – 7:30 pm for personnel, real estate and school safety and security.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2024.
- E. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 3, 2024.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for June 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for July 2024:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,947,702.28
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,183,108.45
 - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$747.01
- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- D. Grant permission to purchase lighting in amount of \$12,398.88 for High School and Central Office from Cardello Lighting & Electric Supply.
- E. Grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:
 - 1. Communications Consulting, Inc. \$30,819.28 for upgrades to cyber security
- F. Grant permission to purchase a vinyl cutter and printer for the high school from American Print Consultants in the amount of \$15,470.00.
- G. Grant permission to purchase Verkada license and equipment for security upgrades from Biztec LLC in the amount of \$74,102.00, COSTARS #0000540144.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve the motion to retire district Policy 249 – Cyber Bullying.
- B. Approve first reading of Policy 213 – Assessing and Reporting Student Progress.
- C. Approve first reading of Policy 801 – Public Records.
- D. Approve first reading of Policy 223 – Use of Motor Vehicles by Students.
- E. Approve ATSI Plan as presented.
- F. Motion to approve Special Education Consulting Services as stated in the updated RFP to MGT Step by Step Learning for the 2024-2025 school year paid by Special Education funding.
- G. Motion to approve Houghton Mifflin Harcourt middle school ELA proposal in the amount of \$125,447.74.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Grant John Martinko, Custodian a leave of absence from June 4, 2024 through July 15, 2024.
- B. Grant Cindy Kopas, High School Instructor a leave of absence from August 20, 2024 through January 21, 2025.
- C. Accept the resignation of Jacqueline Alston, Hall Monitor effective July 8, 2024.
- D. Award Julie Harvey as K-5 George J. Plava Elementary Assessment Team Member.
- E. Grant permission to hire the following Paraprofessional Learning Support/Classroom Aides to be placed by the Director of Special Education/Superintendent.
 - 1. Lana Berkshire
 - 2. Rosemary Olson
 - 3. Deborah Beck
 - 4. Mary Ann Pegg
 - 5. Virginia Miner
 - 6. Claudia Butorac
- F. Rescind motion to create and appointment Jennifer Sroka as the additional Middle School Assistant Softball Coach position for the Fall 2024 season.
- G. Ratify creating and posting an additional Middle School Assistant Softball Coach position for the Fall 2024 season.
- H. Grant permission to create and post an additional High School Assistant Volleyball Coach position for the Fall 2024 season.
- I. Hire Lee England as 180 Day Security Guard.
- J. Hire Patrick Odell as Middle School Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach for one season pending receipt of proper documents.
- K. Hire Gerald Arnold as High School Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach for one season pending receipt of proper documents.
- L. Hire Cody Mack as Middle School Assistant Football Coach for one season pending receipt of proper documents.
- M. Hire _____ as Middle School Assistant Softball Coach for the Fall 2024 season.
- N. Hire Meghan Howard as Health Room Aide.
- O. Hire the following Elementary Intervention Teacher positions for the 2024-25 school year, at appropriate step, with benefits:
 - 1. Brenda Cousins - Friendship Hill Elementary
 - 2. Sarah Tinker – Smithfield Elementary
 - 3. Carole Whetzel – George J. Plava Elementary
 - 4. Skyla Bradshaw – AL Wilson Elementary
- P. Hire the following as the 180 Day Benchmark Substitutes for the 2024-25 school year at the appropriate salary:
 - 1. Kaitlyn Kotarsky - Friendship Hill Elementary
 - 2. Cheryl Kurosky – Smithfield Elementary
 - 3. Megan Sterner – George J. Plava Elementary
 - 4. Emily Ewart – AL Wilson Elementary
 - 5. Annalia Paoli – Masontown Elementary
- Q. Grant tenure to the following teachers as defined in PA School Code:
 - 1. Luke Zelich, Special Education Instructor
 - 2. Genna Naymick, Special Education Instructor
 - 3. Beth Weeks, Speech Instructor
 - 4. Alex Mears, High School Instructor
 - 5. Jessy Franks, Special Education Instructor
 - 6. Abriana Gunnoe, Special Education Instructor
 - 7. Elizabeth Roderick, Elementary Instructor
 - 8. Emery Dirda, Elementary Instructor

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
Professional: Sharon Hays; Nonprofessional: Patty Lewis
- B. Approve the continuation of the JROTC Program Access between Albert Gallatin School District and Jefferson-Morgan School District for the 2024-25 school year.
- C. Approve the following WVU student nurses for fall clinical's at various times, throughout the district, pending receipt of clearances: Laura Keene, Abigail Castle, Kaitlyn Dellinger, Julia Chapman
- D. Approve for Albert Gallatin Area School District to proceed with a cooperative sponsorship with middle school students at Mt. Moriah Christian School for the 2024-25 school year term at no cost to the district.
- E. Approve for Albert Gallatin Area School District to proceed with a cooperative sponsorship with middle school students at Chestnut Ridge Christian School for the 2024-25 school year term at no cost to the district.
- F. Approve Lease Agreement with Duck Hollow Discovery Learning Center, Inc. for portions of the D. Ferd Swaney School Building and grounds for a 4 year term commencing July 1, 2024 and an additional 2 year automatic renewal, as presented. The rent is \$800.00 per month for each room.
- G. Authorize Bradleigh Lincoln, Grand Canyon University student teacher from September 2024 through January 2025 to be placed at Masontown Elementary and High School.
- H. Grant permission to the JROTC (16 cadets) to participate in an education staff ride of Gettysburg Battlefield from August 15-16, 2024 with request the use of two school vans: CMS Lashendock, at no cost to the district.
- I. Grant permission to AG Youth Football League to use the AG North Middle School for Football practice from 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm and AG High School for games from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm from July 29, 2024 through November 3, 2024; Jeff Marsh

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.