

## **Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**D. Ferd Swaney**

**Wednesday, July 21 2021**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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**

Caleb Dempsey, 58 S. Morgantown Street, Fairchance, PA addressed the board regarding reviewing the hiring of candidates for varsity baseball coaches. Mr. Dempsey stated he was speaking on behalf of the concerned parents and players. They want the program to be successful. Mr. Dempsey offered to volunteer coach.

Ken Mildren, 83 Kyle Avenue, Fairchance, PA addressed the board as a follow-up to Mr. Dempsey and ask the board to review candidates for baseball coach. He stated that the program would be more successful if the district provided more funding to the program.

Superintendent Pegg announced Step-up/Meet the Teacher Day will be Thursday, August 26 from 12:00 pm – 6 pm for grade K – 12 with a 3 pm – 4pm break.

Superintendent Pegg announced August 30 and August 31 will be school for transition students Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9. Transportation will be provided. The Kindergarten Orientation will be embedded into the August 30 and 31 transition days.

There are still spaces available for the Duck Hollow Pre-K Program at D. Ferd Swaney School. Contact Lara Beznak for more information.

Superintendent Pegg announced that on August 3, 2021 from 1 pm – 9 pm a free vaccination clinic will be held at Giant Eagle for any Albert Gallatin student or family member who would like to get the Pfizer Vaccine. The second shot vaccine will be held on August 24, 2021. There is information posted on the district website and an advertisement will run in the Herald-Standard.

Superintendent Pegg reviewed the Health and Safety Plan and the Emergency Instructional Time Template. Information will be posted on the district website.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to enter in to an executive from 6:35 PM for personnel and real estate.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to resume meeting at 7:17 pm.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham that an executive session was held on Monday, July 19, 2021 from 6:38 pm – 7:42 pm for collective bargaining, personnel and real estate.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks 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 the regular meeting held June 16, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Jones second by P. Dunham to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for June 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 Capozza to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for July 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$6,472,115.10
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,617,919.90
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$8,614.52

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:

1. Garland/DBS, Inc. \$931,050.71 Invoice 42785235097 for district wide roofing projects (third payment)
2. Eckles Architecture and Engineering \$3,000 for professional services through June 26, 2021 for the vestibules.
3. All American Athletics, LLC \$18,750 for AG South gym floor resurfacing (payment 1 and 2)

Total Capital Projects: \$952,800.71

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **DISTRICT-WIDE NETWORK SWITCHING & UPGRADES**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Capozza to approve purchase of District-wide network switching and UPS upgrade through CCL Technologies at a cost of \$553,607.00 to be paid using ESSER II funds. Costs include core switch upgrade, remaining edge switching upgrade, new UPS devices for all MDF/IDF locations, configuration, and installation labor. Pricing is per COSTARS 2021 contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

A motion was made by Franks second by Planiczka to accept the Albert Gallatin Area School District's Health and Safety Plan as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONAL TIME TEMPLATE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the Albert Gallatin Area School District's Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 – 2021-22 School Year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**JEFFERSON-MORGAN JROTC PROGRAM ACCESS AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Jones second by P. Dunham to approve the continuation of the JROTC Program Access between Albert Gallatin School District and Jefferson-Morgan School District for the 2021-22 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**WILSON READING PROGRAM**

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to grant approval to purchase Wilson Reading Program/Materials in the amount of \$12,077.40 to be paid by ESSER I funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Charles Depp, School Police Officer effective June 28, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Jones to accept the resignation of Pamela Dodson, Hall Monitor effective June 18, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept the resignation of Jason Kurek, High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach effective June 29, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to accept the resignation of Diana Bossart, 12 month High School Secretary effective June 23, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FMLA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to grant Rhonda Shrout, Custodian an FMLA from June 16, 2021 to July 23, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Moser to grant Marcia Pukl, Elementary Instructor a paid leave of absence for the 2021-22 school term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Courtney Phillips, Special Education Instructor an unpaid leave of absence from approximately August 23, 2021 through January 21, 2022, accrued sick days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant Lisa Dye, Elementary Instructor a paid leave of absence for the 2021-22 school term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**REAPPOINT JROTC SENIOR ARMY INSTRUCTOR**

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to re-appoint Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Walsh as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Senior Army Instructor for the term commencing August 1, 2021 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2022 pursuant to employment contract as presented. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Walsh shall be employed the appropriate number of days as required by the U.S. Army for salary and reimbursement purposes.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**TENURE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant tenure to the following teachers as defined in PA School Code:

1. Krysten Hanchek, Elementary Instructor
2. Kaela Myers, English Instructor
3. Hillary Redman, School Counselor
4. Ashley Rolaf, Special Education Instructor
5. Lauren Smochinsky, Special Education Instructor
6. Rebecca Taylor, English Instructor
7. Katie Turner, Special Education Instructor

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg congratulated on earning their professional status.

**AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award the following positions according to contract:

1. Christine Spaw-Moats - Grade 3 Friendship Hill Elementary – one year only
2. Beth Hines – Grade 3 AL Wilson Elementary
3. Kim Hellen – Family Consumer Science – AG High School
4. Sarah Lohr – Special Education - AL Wilson Elementary
5. Bethany Chicarelli – School Counselor – AG South Middle School
6. Ashley Rolaf – Special Education - AG North Middle School
7. Charles Courie – Social Studies - AG High School

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award Chris Kurilla Maintenance I/Sewage position, according to the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to award Derek Dice Maintenance I/Sewage position, according to the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to award Dustin Reynolds Maintenance I/Sewage position, according to the Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to Hire Rebecca Clark for the 2.5 hour cafeteria position at George J. Plava Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to hire Amber Paschke as Hall Monitor at Friendship Hill Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to hire Alex Mears as temporary professional employee for the Biology position at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to hire Beth Weeks as temporary professional employee for the Speech position at Smithfield Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to hire Luke Zelich as temporary professional employee for the Autistic Support position at Masontown Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to hire Allie Richter as temporary professional employee for the Special Education position at AG High School – one year only.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to hire Genna Naymick as temporary professional employee for the Special Education/ESL position at the AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to hire Jessy Madison as temporary professional employee for the Special Education ½ day Friendship Hill Elementary; ½ day Masontown Elementary position – one year only.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to hire Andrew Hostetler as professional employee for the Social Studies position at AG South Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SECRETARY POSITION**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Jones to place Rachel Chapman in the open 12 month secretary position at the AG High School, start date to be determined by the Superintendent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

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

Non Professional – Felice Hart, Brenton Fant, Amber Paschke; Professional – Joseph Novotny

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **WVU STUDENT NURSES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the following WVU student nurses for clinical's at various times, throughout the district, pending receipt of clearances: Sophia Lopez, Sydney Oldaker, Lauren Riner, Rylie Hollar, Madalyn Sparks,

Ashton Hamrick.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **JROTC NEW YORK CITY TRIP**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Capozza to grant permission to the JROTC (16 cadets) to participate in the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk in New York City on September 25-26, 2021 with request the use of two school vans: LTC Walsh/CMS Lashendock and two (2) chaperones, at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to renew affiliation agreement with California University of Pennsylvania for student teaching placements for a five year term as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **FACILITIES USE**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to grant use of AG North & AG South gym and cafeteria to AG Elementary Basketball from September 27, 2021 to December 17, 2021 from 4:30 pm – 9:30 pm for basketball practice and games; group representative-Bryan Usher.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Jones to grant use of AG North & AG High School fields to AG Youth Football from July 26, 2021 to November 22, 2021 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for practice and games; group representative-Ashley Yeager.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**WILSON READING SYSTEM TRAINING**

A motion was made by Moser second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay Provident Charter School Foundation for onsite training of the Wilson Reading System to 10 teachers in the amount of \$5,200 to be paid by ESSER I funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**DUCK HOLLOW DISCOVERY LEARNING CENTER LEASE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve Lease Agreement with Duck Hollow Discovery Learning Center, Inc. for portions of the D. Ferd Swaney School Building and grounds for a 3 year term commencing July 1, 2021 and an additional 2 year automatic renewal, as presented. The rent is \$800.00 per month for each day care room commencing in year 2, and \$800.00 per month for each pre-k room commencing in year 2.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held on August 11, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to adjourn the meeting 7:36 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.