

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice President Doug Sholtis, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Ryan Porupski, Paul Dunham, Carla Franks, David Howard, Carl Planiczka, Jamey Capozza

MEMBERS ABSENT: President Eric Miller

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Solicitor Lee Price

Vice President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Melonie Lewellen addressed the board how the grace of God and the power of prayer healed her from cancer that was thought to be terminal. Request to promote prayer in school and to address the students at the high school with a presentation of her story.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to enter in an executive session at 6:14 pm for personnel and potential legal claim.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

Meeting resumed at 6:35 pm.

An executive session was held on Monday, July 17, 2023 from 6:37 pm – 7:19 pm for personnel.

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to amend the agenda adding Item E. Approve High School Careers and Society course, remove Item H. under Personnel and replace with accept the retirement of Shawn Chory effective July 19, 2023. Solicitor Price added the items came in after the 24-hour rule at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on June 21, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for June 2023 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for July 2023.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,482,634.07
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,212,946.31
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$414.35

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Dunham second Franks to grant permission to pay the following bill through Capital Projects:

1. H.F. Lentz for replacement of fire alarm, PA and addition of Secure Entrance Vestibules - \$375.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MILK BID

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to award 2023-2024 Milk Bid to United Dairy, with the possibility of a 1 year extension for the 2024-2025 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Porupski – father is employee

BREAD BID

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award 2023-2024 Bread Bid to Nickels Bakery, with the possibility of a 1 year extension for the 2024-2025 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

INCREASE ADULT LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PRICE

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to increase Adult Lunch Price to \$5.00 and Breakfast Price to \$2.50 for the 2023-2024 school year in accordance with Federal Regulations.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SEALCOATING, LINE PAINTING, CRACK FILLING PAYMENT

A motion was made by Porupski second by Capozza to grant permission to pay Brite Stripe LLC \$68,045.00 for sealcoating, line painting and crack filling at AG North, George J. Plava and Masontown Schools.

Final payment on work completed.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ZONAR PAYMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant permission to pay Zonar \$18,505.55 for Zonar Essentials, GPS Logging Service and GSM Activation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to approve second reading of Policy 800 Records Management. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to approve second reading of Policy 830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to approve second reading of Policy 830.1 Data Governance – Storage/Security. All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU TITLE I, IIA AND IV SERVICES

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to approve agreement with Intermediate Unit I to provide Title I, Title IIA, and Title IV services to home district students and staff of nonpublic schools within district boundaries as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ADDITION

Motion was added after the 24-hour rule at no cost to the district. A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to approve High School Careers and Society course as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept the resignation of Ronald Popovich, Coach effective June 22, 2023. All members present voting in favor of motion.
Nay: Dunham

A motion was made by Dunham second by Moser to accept the resignation of Shane King, High School Instructor effective July 13, 2023. All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to grant Robert Tate, Custodian a FMLA from July 7, 2023 through October 12, 2023. All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to award the following positions according to contract:

1. Dayshift Custodian Position at AG North Middle – Jamie Kubina
2. Midnight Shift Custodian at AG High School – Clarence Sawyers
3. Maintenance Position – Regis Yuras

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to award the following position for the 2023-24 School Year:

1. Canvas Support Position – Cindy Kopas

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ELEMENTARY INTERVENTION TEACHERS

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to hire the following Elementary Intervention Teacher positions for one school year only, compensation equivalent to Step 2 of teacher's salary schedule, with benefits:

1. Brenda Cousins - Friendship Hill Elementary
2. Marieli Edwards – Smithfield Elementary
3. Carole Whetzel – George J. Plava Elementary
4. Shelly Hall – AL Wilson Elementary
5. Elizabeth Neal – Masontown Elementary

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to hire the following Instructors at the appropriate step.

1. Makayla Munchinski – 1st Grade at AL Wilson – 1 year only
2. Sarah Rockwell - 5th grade at AL Wilson – 1 year only
3. Emily Singo – Learning Support, to be placed by Superintendent

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve Section 1127 Resolution and Notice for Employee No. 1-2023-24.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT – ADDED TO AGENDA

Motion was added after the 24-hour rule at no cost to the district.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to accept the retirement of Shawn Chory effective July 19, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE CAFETERIA RATE

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to grant permission to the increase the substitute cafeteria worker rate to \$12.00 per hour (3 hour shift guaranteed).

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Non Professional: Terrence Fisher; Tanya Forsythe

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AGEA GENERAL RELEASE

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to approve the AGEA General Release document as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to grant permission to AG Volleyball to use the AG High School Gym from August 7 through August 10, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for Youth League Volleyball Camp: Baylee Powell, Coach

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Moser to grant permission to Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) to use the AG High School Football Field (gym if inclement weather) on October 22, 2023 from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm for fellowship events: Timothy Florian

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All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced there may be a need to move the August meeting to an earlier date due to hiring of personnel.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to adjourn the meeting 6:46 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.