

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

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Paul Dunham, Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary Betty Moser, Jamey Capozza, Carla Franks (via conference call), David Howard, Carl Planiczka, Doug Sholtis

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

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**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on Monday, July 18, 2022 from 6:50 pm to 7:40 pm for personnel and collective bargaining.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to enter in to an executive from 6:01 pm for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to resume meeting at 6:15 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

### **ADOPT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to adopt agenda to as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on June 15, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **FINANCIAL--ALL ITEMS A-H**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve all items A – H in Financial. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for June 2022 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for July 2022:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,609,722.31
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,374,725.40
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$3,380.56

### **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

D. Grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:

1. K-2 Engineering Vestibule Project Building permit application fees for Smithfield and High School portions \$3,128.66.
2. Combustion Service & Equipment Company \$44,535.00 for the hydrotherm hot water boiler replacement at Smithfield Elementary. (This amount represents a progress billing.)
3. H.F. Lentz replacement of Fire Alarm, PA and Addition of Secure Entrance Vestibules \$1,875.00.
4. Yocca Business Systems Inc. \$12,017.50, representing the balance of the Turf Installation; and \$6,054.95, representing 90% of the total for installation of the Playground Equipment at D Ferd Swaney Elementary.
5. Advent Communications \$77,706.34 technology upgrades.
6. Blout Paving – \$5,200.00 for student parking lot

Total Capital Projects: \$150,517.45

### **SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

E. Approve purchase of complete surveillance system upgrade at A.L. Wilson Elementary School at a cost of \$65,474.50 from BizTec, LLC. System includes 10-year license and warranty for all cameras. Pricing is per PEPPM Contract #528897-284 and is to be paid using Capital Projects fund.

### **HVAC CONTROLS**

F. Renew the Combustion Service & Equipment HVAC Controls for all school buildings at an annual price of \$13,320.00 to be paid using ESSERS II funds.

### **SAPPHIRE SOFTWARE RENEWAL**

G. Approve subscription order for subscription and services renewal with Sapphire Software at \$84,159.00 per year for a five-year term.

### **CHEERLEADING UNIFORMS**

H. Approve purchase of Torch Uniforms for the Cheerleaders from Champion Sportswear at a cost of \$2,159.64.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **JROTC AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to approve the continuation of the JROTC Program Access between Albert Gallatin School District and Jefferson-Morgan School District for the 2022-23 school year. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN**

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to approve the Special Education Plan as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to approve the revised 2022-23 School Calendar as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept the resignation of Jonathan Grabiak, Chief of Police effective July 15, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Miller to accept the resignation of Breanna Otto, Middle School Instructor effective June 23, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to accept the resignation of Sierra Fitch, Bus Monitor effective July 29, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept the resignation of Alicia Soto, High School Instructor effective July 18, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **RETIREMENT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to accept the retirement of William Best, Custodian effective June 30, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Moser to award the following Instructor positions according to contract:

1. Cindy Kopas – Canvas Support Position
2. Megan Hadenak – Grade 7/8 ELA – AG North Middle
3. Jennifer Leighty – Kindergarten – AL Wilson – One Year Only

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TENTURE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant Bethany Kern, Elementary Instructor tenure as defined in PA School Code.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg congratulated Bethany.

### **ELEMENTARY TUTORS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to hire the following elementary tutors for one school year only, compensation equivalent to Step 2 of teacher's salary schedule, with benefits.

1. Joy Hertlein - AL Wilson Elementary
2. Marieli Edwards - Smithfield Elementary School
3. Carole Whetzel - George J. Plava Elementary School
4. Brenda Cousins - Friendship Hill Elementary School
5. Shawnte Sanger – Masontown Elementary School

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to award the following High School Department Head Extracurricular Positions:

1. Cindy Kopas – Mathematics

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2. Kimberly Swaney - English
3. Bethany Herman - Science
4. Jeffrey Kopas - History
5. Ken Musko - Electives

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**NEW HIRES**

A motion was made by Moser second by Dunham to hire the following Instructors to be placed by the Superintendent at the appropriate step.

1. Rosa Stoffa – Elementary
2. Rachael Sunyak - Elementary
3. Elizabeth Roderick -Elementary
4. Sara Strosnider – Learning Support
5. Ashley Butorac – Learning Support

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Sholtis to appoint Harlyrae Geary as a School Police Officer for a three-year term commencing her first workday of the 2022-23 school year and terminating June 30, 2025. Pursuant upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas so appointing her pursuant to Section 1302-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, written employment agreement as presented and pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ACT 93 CONTRACT ADDENDUM**

A motion was made by Moser second by Planiczka to approve the Addendum to Administrators Compensation Plan (Act 93) as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**CREATE AND POST POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to create and post a one year only Kindergarten position at AL Wilson Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to create and post a High School Counselor Position.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Miller second by Capozza to create and post a Learning Support Instructor at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Sholtis to grant permission to post Teacher of Record positions.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**COACH HIRES**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to rehire Ron Popovich for High School Head Varsity Baseball Coach for two seasons commencing with the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to accept the resignation of Adam Simon Assistant Boys Soccer coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to rehire/award the following High School Coaches for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Jacob Magerko and Jeff Kopas – Assistant Boys Basketball
2. Kylee Myers and Chris Myers – Assistant Girls Basketball
3. Jesse Varndell – Assistant Boys Soccer

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to rehire/award the following Middle School Coaches for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Jordan Alderson – co-head Boys Basketball
2. Joe Embacher – Winter Athletic Director

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Dunham for Item 1 only

#### **TEACHER INDUCTION MENTOR**

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Albert Gallatin Education Association creating a new supplemental position for Teacher Induction Mentor and setting the stipend, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SABBATICAL**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant Eric Witt, Principal a full school term Sabbatical to commence with the start of the 2022-23 school term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SECURITY CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and the Security\*Police\*Fire Professionals of America, Local 502 for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2022, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTES**

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

Non-Professional: Heather Romito, Bobbi Jo Hice, Roxanne Shultz, Helen Miller; Professional: Ryan Martelli

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to request approval for Jenelle Meyokovich, Special Education Instructor to attend the National Autism Conference held at the Penn Stater Conference Center from August 1 – 3, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITIES USE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to AG Volleyball to use the High School Gym from July 25, 2022 through July 28, 2022 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for youth volleyball summer league; Baylee Powell

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FIELD TRIPS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to grant permission to the JROTC (8 cadets) to participate in an education staff ride of Gettysburg Battlefield from August 16-18, 2022 with request the use of one school van: LTC Walsh/CMS Lashendock, at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Sholtis to grant permission to the JROTC (8 cadets) to participate in the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk in New York City on September 24-25, 2022 with request the use of one school van: LTC Walsh/CMS Lashendock, at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be changed to Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria. The work session will be held on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Moser second by Miller to adjourn the meeting 6:30 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.