

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

D. Ferd Swaney

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer, Michael Dunham; Paul Dunham, President Carla Franks, Charity Grimm Krupa, Vice President Ryan Porupski, Jamey Capozza, Secretary Betty Moser, David Howard, Carl Planiczka

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Controller Vince Belczyk and Attorney Lee Price

President Franks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joseph Davis of 416 Blaney Hollow Road, Smithfield, a former student of Albert Gallatin. Mr. Davis addressed the board in support of the band, drama and choral programs and the importance of the programs and would like the position reinstated.

Alyson Hice of 51 Sheldon Avenue, Fairchance, PA, upcoming senior at the high school addressed the board in support of the band, drama and choral programs and the importance of the programs and would like the board to reconsider the elimination of the program.

Michele Drabish of 131 West Run Road, Smithfield, PA, spoke on behalf of the concerned parents. Mrs. Drabish presented the board with a handout. Mrs. Drabish addressed the board to stress the importance of the music program and ask the board to reconsider the elimination.

Stacy Clark of 269 Windy Hill Road, New Salem, PA addressed the board in support of the music program. He is in support of the band, drama and choral programs and the importance of the programs and would like the position reinstated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by M. Dunham and second by P. Dunham to enter in executive session at 6:18 pm for personnel and real estate.

All members present voting in favor of motion

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to resume meeting at 7:10 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, July 20, 2020 from 7:50 pm to 9:42 pm for personnel.

ADOPT AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to adopt amended agenda to add under Administrative Item B: Grant permission to approve partnership with Seneca Valley to support the AG School District cyber program funded through the ESSER grant for one year. Personnel Item M: Grant permission to create a 2 year tech position to support district Chromebook program through ESSER grant funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by Krupa to amend the agenda to add a line item to rescind elimination of middle school band director.

Motion dies due to lack of second motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made Howard by second by Planiczka to approve minutes of the special meeting held on June 30, 2020 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 special meeting held on July 13, 2020 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Planiczka to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for June 2020 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 Howard to grant permission to pay bills and payroll for July 2020.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,141,618.49
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,950,129.73
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$1,262.84
4. Contingency plan of operation for payroll, utility bills, cafeteria fund bills, and capital project invoices, to be paid after review by the Superintendent and/or Business Manager.
5. Accept activity accounts reports as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects:

1. Combustion Services & Equipment Co. - \$1,541.70 installation of solar control on boiler at George J. Plava Elementary.
2. K2 Engineering - \$19,600.00 - Parking Lot Repair Engineering and Construction Documents
3. Slagle Roofing & Construction, Inc. - \$95,000.00— Smithfield Elementary Roof Project

Total: \$116,141.70

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TAXABLE ASSESSMENT PROPERTIES

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to grant permission to hereby request that the Tax Assessment Office of Fayette County place the following commercial properties located in the Fayette Business Park, Georges Township on the taxable assessment rolls effective January 1, 2021: Parcel Id No. 14-25-020706; Parcel Id No. 14-25-020719; and Parcel Id No. 14-25-020722.

The District's Business Manager is directed to so notify the Tax Assessment Office.

Ayes: Capozza, M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: P. Dunham

FAY PENN KOEZ OR KOIZ RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Porupski second by Planiczka to approve KOEZ or KOIZ resolution extending the terms of the tax exemptions for undeveloped portions of Fayette Business Park until December 31, 2030 as presented.

Ayes: Capozza, M. Dunham, Howard, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: P. Dunham, Krupa, Franks, Moser

ATHLETIC BIDS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award Athletic bids for Fall 2020 as follows:

1 Century Sports - \$8,286.07

2. Riddell - \$2,707.04

3. Masontown Trophy - \$231.00

Total Bids - \$ 11,224.11

Ayes: Capozza, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Planiczka

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve second reading of revised Policy 220 Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials.

Ayes: Capozza, M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve third reading of revised Policy 913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve third reading of revised Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve third reading of merged Policy Section 300 Employees.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve third reading of revised policy 200 Enrollment in District.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve first reading of revised Policy 223 Use of Motor Vehicles by Students.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve first reading of revised Policy 709 Building Security.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve first reading of revised Policy 709.1 Exterior Access Doors

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve first reading of revised Policy 711 Parking and Traffic Enforcement School Property

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve first reading of revised Policy 713 Key Control

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IU 1 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to approve the 2020-2021 IU1 Educational Services Agreement as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Kristen Bishop, middle school assistant co-ed soccer coach effective July 14, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONTRACT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the individual contract extension of Duane Dupont, Athletic Director for one year with no salary increase as presented.

Ayes: Capozza, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Planiczka

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION PLAN

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to adopt Act 93, Administrator Compensation Plan for a 5-year term retroactive to July 1, 2020 pursuant to the terms and conditions of the written agreement as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Stephanie Humbert as secretary at Masontown Elementary School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHING POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to renew the following Middle School Head Coaches for one season during the 2020-2021 school year, subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating

during the 2020-2021 school year. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated:

1. 8th Grade Boys Basketball – Chris Myers
2. 7th Grade Boys Basketball – Harrold Pierce

Ayes: Capozza, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Planiczka

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

TENURE

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

1. Jillian Ciarrocchi, Counselor
2. Breanna Otto, Communications Instructor
3. Alison Perry, Biology Instructor
4. Courtney Phillips, Elementary Instructor
5. Amanda Vielma, School Nurse

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Mr. Pegg congratulated the professionals for granting of their tenure status.

CREATE AND POST

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to create and post the following positions for the 2020-2021 School Year:

1. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary School – one year only
2. Grade 1 at Smithfield Elementary School – one year only

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESCIND MOTION

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to rescind the motion to eliminate the Grade 4 position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ELIMINATE SEIU POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission eliminate four (4) SEIU Classroom Aide Positions and one (1) Special Education Aide Position.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FURLOUGH SEIU CLASSROOM AIDES

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to furlough the following SEIU Classroom Aides effective the start of the 2020-2021 school term (currently August 24, 2020):

1. Ruth Kaiser
2. Shelly Reckard
3. Jennifer Sebulsky

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VOLUNTARY TRAVEL GUIDELINES

A motion was made by Moser second by Krupa to approve the Voluntary Travel Guidelines for Employees as presented (for summer and fall 2020)

Ayes: Capozza, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski

Nays: M. Dunham

JROTC INSTRUCTOR REAPPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to re-appoint Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Walsh as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Senior Army Instructor. 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.

CREATE TECH POSITION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to create a 2 year tech position to support district Chromebook program through ESSER grant funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REOPENING HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept Revision 1 of the Albert Gallatin Area School District's Re-Opening Health and Safety Plan as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SENECA VALLEY PARTNERSHIP – CYBER PROGRAM

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to approve partnership with Seneca Valley to support the AG School District cyber program funded through the ESSER grant for one year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on August 19, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Porupski second by M. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.