

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

### **D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk, Solicitor Russ Lucas

Porupski 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**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 from 7:15 pm to 8:17 pm for personnel, collective bargaining, and school safety.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to enter in to an executive from 6:02 pm for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Moser to resume meeting at 6:30 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

### **ADODT AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on May 18, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve minutes of the special meeting held on May 31, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **FINANCIAL--ALL ITEMS A-Q**

A motion was made by Franks second by Sholtis to approve all items A – Q in Financial. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

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

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

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

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,952,438.52
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$738,802.19

3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$64,514.02

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

**MUSIC BIDS**

- D. Awards Band bids for high school, middle school, and elementary schools for 2022-2023 school year to Fawley Music at a cost of \$28,557.35.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

- E. Grant permission to pay the following bill through Capital Projects:
  1. H.F. Lentz Company \$13,125.00 for engineering services provided in the replacement of Fire Alarm and Secure Vestibule Project.

**CONCRETE WORK**

- F. Approve the District advertising for bids to complete concrete work at the Senior High School in the courtyard and sidewalk areas.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

- G. Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Albert Gallatin Area School District, hereby adopts the General Fund Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 in the amount of \$60,199,447.00 as presented; and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 15.592 mills or \$1.56 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of all property taxable for school purposes located within the School District. This represents a no mill increase in real property taxes. All Act 511 and other School Code Taxes will remain in effect at the same rates.

**HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD RESOLUTION**

- H. Approve Resolution authorizing the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion real estate assessment reduction for the Albert Gallatin Area School District's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1, 2006), as presented.

**BUDGETARY TRANSFERS**

- I. Grant permission to make all necessary budgetary transfers for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

**DEPOSITORIES**

- J. Approve the following depositories for the 2022-2023 school year:
  1. First National Bank
  2. PSDLAF Fund (Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund)
  3. PLGIT – Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust
  4. United Bank

**ACSHIC**

- K. As required by the affordable Care Act, authorize offering the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium (ACSHIC) to uninsured employees of the Albert Gallatin Area School District.

**WORKERS COMPENSATION**

- L. Grant permission to purchase Workers Compensation with Caputo Insurance Agency as broker of record, provided the policy is written by Synergy Comp Insurance Co; at a premium of \$134,462 and an additional fee of \$24,000 for safety loss.

**INSURANCE PACKAGE**

- M. Grant permission to purchase Insurance Package (Property, Liability, Auto, Inland Marine, Crime, School Leaders E&O, and Umbrella coverage) with Utica National Ins. Co. at a premium of \$166,047.90 which includes an increase to \$1,000,000 the Cyber Liability Limit.

**E-RATE CONSULTING**

- N. Award the proposal for providing 22-23 E-Rate consulting services to Van Strien Consulting, LLC per the terms and conditions as presented for the 22-23 E-Rate Funding Year.

**PURCHASE BOX TRUCK**

- O. A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award the proposal for purchasing a Box Truck from TriStar Chevrolet, Inc. at a cost of \$56,108.00. The purchase is made in accordance with PA Costars -Municipal Work Vehicles 025 337 and funds are provided by the Capital Projects Account.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**MILK BID**

- P. Award the Milk Bid for the 2022-2023 school year to United Dairy.

**COMBI OVENS**

- Q. Award the bid for Combi Ovens to TriMark at a cost of \$22,154.00 per unit plus installation charges of \$3,645.00 per unit. Total for all three units is \$77,397.00. Funds are provided by ARP ESSER.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION-ALL ITEMS A-C**

- A motion was made by Sholtis second by Franks to approve all items A – C in Curriculum and Instruction.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONAL TIME TEMPLATE**

- A. Accept the Albert Gallatin Area School District's Emergency Instructional Time Template Section 520.1 and Temporary Provisions of Instruction Resolution - 2022-23 School Year as presented.

**ACT 44**

- B. Approve the Act 44 Report as presented.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

- C. Accept the Albert Gallatin Area School District's 2022-23 Health and Safety Plan as presented.

**PERSONNEL ALL ITEMS A-L**

- A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to approve all items A – L in Personnel.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**AWARD CAFETERIA POSITION**

A. Award Jami Kimmel the 4.5 hour cafeteria position at D. Ferd Swaney

**ELIMINATE POSITION**

B. Eliminate Grade 5 position at AL Wilson Elementary.

**AWARD POSITIONS**

- C. Award the following Instructor positions according to contract:
1. Luke Zelich – Learning Support Masontown Elementary
  2. Karen Yasko – Grade 4 AL Wilson Elementary
  3. Stephanie Baker – Grade 1 AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  4. Crystal Eicher – Grade 4 at AL Wilson Elementary -1 year only
  5. Christine Spaw-Moats – Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
  6. Christine Rerko – Learning Support at AL Wilson Elementary
  7. Jessy Madison – Learning Support at Masontown Elementary
  8. Karen Dunham – Learning Support at Friendship Hill Elementary
  9. Jeff Egnot – Technology Education at AG North Middle
  10. Justin Malik – Technology Education at AG South Middle
  11. Iolanda Policicchio – Spanish I/English – ½ day at AG North and ½ day AG South Middle
  12. Jennifer Hartman – Grade 4 AL Wilson Elementary
  13. Tiffany Jobes - Grade 2 Friendship Hill Elementary
  14. Stephany Daniels – Grade 4 Friendship Hill Elementary
  15. Laura Chapman – Grade 1 George J. Plava Elementary
  16. Ashley Winkler - Grade 5 Friendship Hill Elementary
  17. Michelle Myers - Grade 2 Friendship Hill Elementary

**JROTC INSTRUCTOR CONTRACTS**

- D. Re-appoint Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Walsh as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Senior Army Instructor for the term commencing August 1, 2022 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2023 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.
- E. Re-appoint Command Sergeant Major Alexander Lashendock as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Army Instructor for the term commencing August 1, 2022 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2023 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. Command Sergeant Major Alexander Lashendock shall be employed the appropriate number of days as required by the U.S. Army for salary and reimbursement purposes.

**ELEMENTARY TUTORS**

F. Grant permission for Administration to hire five (5) Elementary tutors for one school year only, compensation equivalent to Step 2 of the teacher’s salary schedule, with benefits. To be placed by Administration.

**RESIGNATION**

G. Accept the resignation of Robin Wilson, Bus Monitor effective June 1, 2022.

**COACH**

H. Hire Adam Simon as high school assistant boys soccer coach for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

**CREATE AND POST POSITION**

I. Create and post Canvas Support Position as presented.

**CONTRACT**

J. Approve contract of Justin Keller as Assistant to the Director of Technology pursuant to contract.

**NEW HIRES**

K. Hire the following Elementary Instructors to be placed by the Superintendent at the appropriate step.

1. Emery (Vic) Dirda
2. Kayla Grimm
3. Dorothy Holbert

L. Hire the following Special Education Instructors to be placed by the Superintendent.

1. Ashtin Primus at Step 8 salary
2. Olena Primus at Step 5 salary

**ACT 67 TRAINING**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission for Officer Don Alston, Officer Delmar Shipp and Officer Carl Guthrie to attend the Act 67 training at Laurel Highlands High School from June 13 through June 17, 2022 at a cost of \$495 per officer.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant permission to AG Volleyball Boosters to use the AG High School Gym from June 13, 2022 through July 13, 2022 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for volleyball summer league; Baylee Powell

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to grant permission to AG Cross Country Boosters to use the AG High School Stadium on June 25, 2022 from 7 am – 12 pm for a 5K Run/Walk; Tammy Bixler

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve Gary Kelly, 11<sup>th</sup> grade student to complete his Eagle Scout Project at the high school as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SALE/DISPOSAL OF UNUSED ITEMS**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to direct Administration to solicit quotes from Companies to coordinate the sale or disposal of unused equipment and furniture throughout the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**DISPOSAL OF CONEX TRAILER**

A motion was made by Franks second by Dunham to direct Administration to solicit quotes for the disposal of the Conex Trailer located next to the High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to adjourn the meeting 6:42 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.