

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney

Wednesday, June 16, 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-*via Facetime*

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jared Plisko, Special Education Director presented to the board the high school ATSI and TSI plans.

LTC Walsh presented JROTC Cadet Landen Heeter with the Medal of Heroism. The Medal of Heroism is the highest award that a JROTC cadet can receive. Landen addressed the board regarding his act of heroism on arriving upon a scene of an accident. Landen provided lifesaving care to the injured citizen.

LTC Walsh - JROTC addressed the board to present information on the upcoming JROTC participation in the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk in New York City in September 2021. Requesting the use of school vans for transportation and all other costs are covered by fundraising.

Superintendent Pegg announced that in July the Health and Safety plan template and the Instructional Time Template will be reviewed for board approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to enter in to an executive from 6:29 PM for collective bargaining and personnel.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to resume meeting at 6:43 pm.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Capozza that an executive session was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 7:32 pm – 9.34 pm for personnel, real estate, collective bargaining and school safety and security.

All member present voting in favor of motion.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to adopt the agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,440,587.57
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$560,631.43
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$54,790.89

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

1. Eckles Architecture and Engineering \$3,000.00 for professional services through May 22, 2021 for the vestibule project.
2. Garland/DBS Inc. \$120,352.04 invoice # 42785234983 for the district wide roofing projects (second payment application).
3. H.F Lentz Company \$7,000.00 for engineering services provided in the replacement of fire alarm and secure vestibule project.
4. All Campus Security \$14,591.04 for 24 cameras to be placed throughout district.

Total Capital Projects: \$144,943.08

All members present voting in favor of motion.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to resolved, that the Board of Directors of Albert Gallatin Area School District, hereby adopts the General Fund Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 in the amount of \$62,752,298 as presented and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 15.592 mill. Based on an assessed value of \$50,000 an increase of 0.657 mills, would represent an increase of \$32.85 in annual real estate taxes billed by the School District. All Act 511 and other School Code Taxes will remain in effect at the same rate.

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

Nays: M. Dunham, Franks, Moser, Porupski

HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to 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, 2021 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1, 2006), as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to grant permission to make all necessary budgetary transfers for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DEPOSITORIES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve the following depositories for the 2021-2022 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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACSHIC

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve 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

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to 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 \$134,394 and an additional fee of \$24,000 for safety loss.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

INSURANCE PACKAGE

A motion was made by Franks second by Planiczka to 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 \$132,738 which includes an increase to \$500,000 the Cyber Liability Limit.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

IP VOICE SYSTEM UPGRADES

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve purchase of IP voice system handset upgrades through Advent Communications at a cost of \$107,951.67 to be paid using ESSER II funds. Costs include (325) J139 IP classroom phones, (90) J189 Administration phones, (415) power supply units, (415) IP upgrade licenses, and programming labor. Pricing is per PEPPM contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NETWORK UPGRADE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve purchase of network upgrade for the D. Ferd Swaney building through CCL Technologies at a cost of \$57,989.00 to be paid by Capital Projects. Cost includes necessary equipment, licensing, and engineering labor. Pricing is per Costars 2021 contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VOLLEYBALL INSERTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve installation of five pair of 3" sleeves with standard brass plates including brass cover plates at both North and South Middle School gymnasiums at a cost of \$8,800.00 by Gaefke Installations, LLC. (2 will be installed at North and 3 will be installed at South). Funded through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ASPHALT PATCHING

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve the proposal of Daniels Excavation to perform asphalt patching of approximately 1,271 sq. ft. at Smithfield Elementary at a cost of \$7,530.00. Funded through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Franks to approve third reading of revised Policy 201.1 Early Admissions of Students.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACT 44 REPORT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to approve the Act 44 Report as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HIGH SCHOOL ATSI AND TSI PLANS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve high school ATSI and TSI plans as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to accept the retirement of Linda Mongell, Speech Instructor effective June 11, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mrs. Mongell for her years of service with the district and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Franks to accept the retirement of Melinda Courie, High School Instructor effective June 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mrs. Courie for her years of service with the district and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

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A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Marsha McMinn, Special Education Instructor effective end of 2021-22 school term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mrs. McMinn for her years of service with the district and looks forward to working with her one more year before retirement.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept the resignation of Ephraim Yoder, Special Education Instructor effective June 11, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mr. Yoder for his years of service with the district and wishes him luck on his future endeavors.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to hire Diana Bossart as 12 month High School Secretary pending receipt of all proper documents; start date to be determined by the Superintendent.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

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

1. Stacey Bill the 12 month Business Office/Federal Programs Secretary position
2. Norma Kmetz the 4.5 hour Cafeteria Position at AL Wilson Elementary School
3. Sherry Wilson the 4.5 hour Cafeteria Position at AG High School
4. Tina Machosky the 4.25 hour Cafeteria Position at AG High School
5. Alexis McLaughlin the 4 hour Cafeteria Position at AG High School
6. Autumn Dziak the 3 hour Cafeteria Position at AG High School
7. Stephanie Baker - Grade 2 at AL Wilson Elementary – one year only
8. Ashley Winkler – Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary – one year only
9. Crystal Eicher – Grade 3 at AL Wilson Elementary – one year only
10. Heather Lux – Grade 2 at Smithfield Elementary – one year only
11. Megan McGill – Grade 5 Masontown Elementary
12. Jennifer Barber – Grade 2 Masontown Elementary
13. Larry Flowers – ½ day Lifeskills and ½ day Special Education at AG South Middle School
14. Tom Corazzi – Physical Education Instructor – Summer Advancement/Recovery Course
15. Laura Chapman – Grade 1 at George J. Plava Elementary – one year only
16. Beth Hines – Special Education at AL Wilson Elementary
17. Alison DeMarco – Canvas LMS/Remote Teacher Support Position

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ELIMINATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to grant permission to eliminate the following positions for the 2021-22 School Year:

1. Special Education Position - ½ day AG North Middle School, ½ day AG South Middle School
2. Special Education Position - AG High School

3. Special Education Position – ½ day Friendship Hill Elementary, ½ day George J. Plava Elementary
All members present voting in favor of motion.

CREATE AND POST POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to create and post one additional Maintenance/Sewage position.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant permission to create and post the following positions for the 2021-22 School Year:

1. Special Education/ESL position at AG High School
2. Special Education position at ½ day Friendship Hill Elementary, ½ day Masontown Elementary - one year only
3. Autistic Support position at Masontown Elementary
4. Special Education position at AG High School – one year only

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACH HIRES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to hire the following High School Coaches for one season during the 2021-22 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

1. Assistant Girls Basketball - Jason Kurek
2. Assistant Girls Basketball – Courtney Haines

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

Non Professional – Jennifer Walters, Beth Guty

Professional – Linda Nick

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on July 21, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

President Porupski announced the August meeting dates will be changed to the Work Session on Monday, August 9, 2021 and Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2021.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Planiczka to adjourn the meeting 7:08 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.