

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Meditation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. PUBLIC FORUM

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An Executive Session was held on Monday, June 17, 2024 from 7:05 pm to 8:57 pm for personnel, school safety and security and real estate.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 15, 2024.
- E. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 12, 2024.
- F. Appoint _____ as Board Treasurer for the 2024-25 school year effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for May 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for June 2024:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,914,157.40
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$447,055.86
 - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$94,362.74
- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- D. Awards Band bids for high school, middle school, and elementary schools for 2024-2025 school year to Fawley Music at a cost of \$ 31,599.80.
- E. Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Albert Gallatin Area School District, hereby adopts the General Fund Budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 in the amount of \$ 62,443,289 as presented and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 15.592 mills or \$1.55 of each \$100.00 assessed evaluation of all property taxable for school purposes located within the School District. All Act 511 and other School Code Taxes will remain in effect at the same rate. There is no tax increase.
- F. 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, 2024 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1, 2006), as presented.
- G. Grant permission to make all necessary budgetary transfers for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
- H. Approve the following depositories for the 2024-2025 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
- I. 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.

- J. Approve the refund of \$23,375.21 in Real Estate Taxes paid in 2023 to Coastal Forest Resources for two parcels numbered 36-21-0043 and 36-21-0048 that should have been enrolled in the Clean and Green program for 2023 as presented.
- K. Grant permission to pay Transfinder Corporation the yearly maintenance fee of \$15,892.00.
- L. Grant permission to purchase Workers Compensation with Caputo Insurance Agency as broker of record, provided the policy is written by Synergy; at a premium of \$118,959.00 and an additional fee of \$24,000.00 for safety loss.
- M. Grant permission to purchase Insurance Package (Property, Liability, Auto, Inland Marine, Crime, School Leaders E&O, and Umbrella coverage) with Utica Insurance Company through Caputo Insurance Agency at a premium of \$191,034.65 which includes a \$1,000,000.00 Cyber Liability Limit with Obsidian Specialty.
- N. Grant permission to purchase Workers Compensation with Baily Insurance Agency as broker of record, provided the policy is written by Encova Insurance; at a premium of \$104,818.00 and an additional fee of \$16,800.00 for risk management.
- O. Grant permission to purchase Insurance Package (Property, Liability, Auto, Inland Marine, Crime, School Leaders E&O, and Umbrella coverage) with CM Regent through Baily Insurance Agency at a premium of \$178,302.00 which includes a \$1,000,000.00 Cyber Liability Limit with Tokio Marine/Houston Casualty Company, plus a fee in lieu of commissions totaling \$23,855.00.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve third reading of Policy 249 – Cyber Bullying.
- B. Approve third reading of Policy 249.1 – Bullying/Cyberbullying.
- C. Approve third reading of Policy 202.1 – Non-resident attendance/enrollment.
- D. Approve the Act 44 Report as presented.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Award the following positions for the 2024-25 School Year:
 - 1. Summer Advancement/Recovery Physical Education Instructor– Tom Corazzi
 - 2. English Instructor at AG High School – Jackie Shultz
 - 3. Grade 2 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only – Christina George
 - 4. Grade 4 at Masontown Elementary– Rosa Stoffa
 - 5. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary – Makayla Munchinski
 - 6. Grade 5 at Masontown Elementary – Christine Spaw-Moats
 - 7. Grade 5 at AL Wilson Elementary – Sarah Rockwell
 - 8. K-5 AL Wilson Elementary Assessment Team Member - Jennifer Thrash
 - 9. K-5 George J. Plava Elementary Assessment Team Member – Jamie Kamp
 - 10. Maintenance Position – Allen Howell
 - 11. Afternoon Shift Custodian at Smithfield Elementary – Jon Dziak
 - 12. Afternoon Shift Custodian at AG High School – Brandon Pegg
- B. Grant Kaela Swengish, Middle School Instructor a paid and unpaid Leave of Absence from August 20, 2024 through October 28, 2024.
- C. Grant Alyssa Bright, Elementary Learning Support Instructor an unpaid Leave of Absence from August 20, 2024 through November 4, 2024.
- D. Grant permission to create and post an Afternoon Shift Custodian position at AL Wilson Elementary School.
- E. Grant permission to create and post a Second Floating Custodian position.
- F. Hire Marieli Edwards for Grade 5 – 1 year only position at George J. Plava Elementary at the appropriate step pending proper certification.
- G. Hire Shelly Hall for Grade 5 – 1 year only position at AL Wilson Elementary at the appropriate step.

- H. Hire Skylar Wellington for Grade 4 -1 year only at George J. Plava Elementary at the appropriate step.
- I. Hire Riley Ann Steeber as Speech Instructor at AL Wilson Elementary at the appropriate step.
- J. Hire _____ as Middle School English Instructor at AG North Middle School at the appropriate step.
- K. Hire George Cumberland as Custodian to be placed by the Superintendent.
- L. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Williams, Cafeteria employee effective June 4, 2024.
- M. Accept the resignation of Megan Ulishney, Elementary Instructor effective June 7, 2024.
- N. Create and post an additional Middle School Assistant Softball Coach position for the Fall 2024 season.
- O. Hire/rehire the following High School Coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Head Girls Basketball – Craig Hoone
 - 2. Head Wrestling – Duane Dupont
 - 3. Assistant Boys Basketball – Jules (Buddy) Quertinmont
 - 4. Assistant Boys Basketball – Justin Goletz
- P. Reappoint Command Sergeant Major Alexander Lashendock as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Army Instructor for the term commencing August 1, 2024 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2024 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.
- Q. Reappoint the following School Police Officer contracts for a three-year term commencing with first workday of the 2024-25 school year and terminating midnight, June 30, 2027, pursuant to employment contracts as presented.
 - 1. Don Alston
 - 2. Gary Smearcheck
 - 3. Gerald Furajter
 - 4. John Kraus
 - 5. David Bell

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
Professional: Sydney Petrowski; Annalia Paoli, Samantha Rosenberger, Madison Adams
- B. Approve day to day substitute teachers, who work a minimum of 100 days in the 2024-25 school term, receiving a bonus of \$1,000 to encourage the greater availability of day to day substitute teachers. Payment to be made at the conclusion of the school term.
- C. Approve Director of Food Service Cooperation Agreement between Albert Gallatin Area and Southeastern Greene School Districts, subject to approval of the agreement by the District's Solicitor as to form.
Southeastern Greene will reimburse the district 10% of the Food Director total employee cost.
- D. Approve the continuation of the JROTC Program Access between Albert Gallatin School District and Jefferson-Morgan School District for the 2024-25 school year.
- E. Approve the Amendment to Nova Care contract for providing Athletic Training Services as presented.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.