

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

D. Ferd Swaney

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer, Michael Dunham; Paul Dunham, President Carla Franks, Charity Grimm Krupa, Vice President Ryan Porupski, 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 6:03 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation in the memory of Mr. Ed Colebank, former board member and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Haragos recognized two students for AG North Middle School- Kelsey Ream and Parker Hopkins as the 2nd and 3rd place winners. The students competed in the Mark Your Mark Create for Good Competition sponsored by the IU. A cash prize of \$2,000 was awarded for classroom use.

Chaz Berkshire of Windy Hill Road, New Salem, PA, a student in the district presented the board with a handout. Mr. Berkshire addressed the board in support of the band, drama and choral programs and the importance of the programs and would like the position reinstated.

Kyle Belan of Sleepy Hollow Road, Smithfield, PA, a student in the district 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.

Taylor Tubbs of Columbus Avenue, Masontown, PA is an student in the district. Ms. Tubbs presented the board with a handout. Ms. Tubbs addressed the board to stress the importance of the music program and ask the board to reconsider the music director furloughed position.

Stan Burns of Honor Roll Road, Lake Lynn, PA a former band director in the district remarked on how the band program has grown over the years. He is concerned the band students will not get the appropriate amount of lesson time. He ask the board to reconsider the elimination of the music program.

Garrett Brown of W. Elm Street, Fairchance PA a former student. Mr. Brown 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

An executive session was held on Monday, June 29, 2020 from 8:08 pm to 9:28 pm for personnel and security.

A motion was made by Porupski and second by Howard to enter in executive session at 6:41 pm for personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion

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A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to resume meeting at 7:43 p.m.
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 Fails due to lack of no second motion.

ADOPT AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to adopt amended agenda to add under Financial Item N: Move to approve the purchase of 100 Inspired Tec Clear All Purposes Air Purification System at a cost of \$1,148.16 per unit - CoStars contract 005-06; and 100 RCI Cell Purification Unit at a cost of \$261.12 each. Funds are to be provided through Cares Funding.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve minutes of the special meeting held on June 10, 2020 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to approve minutes of the special meeting held on June 14, 2020 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,102,847.94
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$5,432,112.60
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$39,591.03
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.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

BAND BIDS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to award Band bid for high school, middle school, and elementary schools for 2020-2021 school year as follows:

1. Fawley Music - \$26,220.45

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ATHLETIC BIDS

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

1. Century Sports - \$9,812.45
2. Riddell - \$2,707.01
3. Masontown Trophy - \$231.00

Total Bids - \$ 12,750.49

Ayes: P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Planiczka

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

Motion Fails

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bill through Capital Projects:

1. K-2 Engineering Inc. - \$2,000.00 – Construction and bidding documents District wide Paving and Sealing bids.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham 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, 2020 in the amount of \$56,590,775 as presented and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 16.29 mills which is an increase of \$1.355 mills on the dollar, or \$1.62 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.

Ayes: P. Dunham, Howard, Franks

Nays: M. Dunham, Franks, Krupa, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski,

Motion Fails

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham 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, 2020 in the amount of \$56,590,775 as presented and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 15.50 mills which is an increase of \$.57 mills on the dollar, 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.

Ayes: P. Dunham, Howard, Franks

Nays: M. Dunham, Franks, Krupa, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski,

Motion Fails

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard 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, 2020 in the amount of \$56,590,775 as presented and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 14.935 mills which is an increase of \$1.49 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.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Howard, Moser, Porupski

Nays: Franks, Krupa, Planiczka

HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION

A motion was made by Porupski second by Moser 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, 2020 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 P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to make all necessary budgetary transfers for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DEPOSITORIES

A motion was made by Krupa second by Porupski to approve the following depositories for the 2020-2021 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.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT - ACSHIC

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard 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.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SECURITY WINDOW FILM

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to request approval for Security Window Film to be provided and installed by Window Film Depot at the high school as outlined in the PCCD 19-20 Safety Grant at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 to be paid from the PCCD grant.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CTI BUDGET

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve adoption of the 2020-2021 final Fayette County Career and Technical Institute budget in the amount of \$7,264,679. Albert Gallatin School Districts' share is \$1,621,649.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to move to approve the purchase of 100 Inspired Tec Clear All Purposes Air Purification System at a cost of \$1,148.16 per unit - CoStars contract 005-06; and 100 RCI Cell Purification Unit at a cost of \$261.12 each. Funds are to be provided through Cares Funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve third reading of revised Policy 006.1 Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve third reading of revised policy 335 Family and Medical Leaves.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

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: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski
Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by Planiczka second by M. Dunham to approve second reading of revised Policy 913 Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to approve second reading of revised Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to approve second reading of merged Policy Section 300 Employees.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to approve second reading of revised policy 200 Enrollment in District.
Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Planiczka, Porupski
Nays: Krupa

ATSI AND TSI PLANS

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve high school ATSI and TSI plans as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY PLAN

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the Athletic Department COVID-19 Return to Play Protocols as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

BAND REOPENING PLAN

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to approve the AG High School Band Reopening Plan – Summer 2020 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACT 44 REPORT

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to approve the Act 44 Report as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to accept the resignation of Thomas Malone, Bus Monitor effective June 3, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept the retirement of Bridgett Hathaway, Aide effective June 9, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanks Bridgett on her years of service and best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Barbara Harmon, JROTC Instructor effective July 31, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanks Barb on her years of service and best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made Howard by second by Planiczka to award Terry Ellsworth the 6.5 hour cafeteria position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to award Norma Kmetz the 4.25 hour cafeteria position at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to award Jennifer Rosier the 4 hour cafeteria position at Smithfield Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to award Autumn Dziak the 3.5 hour cafeteria position at AG South Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to appoint Sergeant First Class Christopher Bates as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Army Instructor pending receipt of all proper documents and executing an employment contract. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army. SFC Christopher Bates 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHING POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to award the following Middle School Coaching positions according to contract, subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating during the 2020-2021 school year. If an extra-curricular activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

1. Head Girls Softball- Bethanie Kern
2. Assistant Girls Softball- Jennifer Sroka
3. Head Co-ed Soccer- Christie Eicher
4. Assistant Co-ed Soccer- Kristin Bishop

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

Nays: Krupa, Moser

HIGH SCHOOL COACHING POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to award the following High School Coaching positions according to contract, subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating during the 2020-2021 school year. If an extra-curricular activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

1. Assistant Football- Dylan Rush

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

Nays: Krupa, Moser

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard:

2. Assistant Boys Soccer- Bruce Guesman

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

Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard:

3. Assistant Girls Soccer- Tim Grimes

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

Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham:

4. Assistant Volleyball- Bailey Powell

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

Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski:

5. Head Golf – Bernie Wydo

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

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to award the followings positions according to contract:

1. Grade 2 at AL Wilson Elementary (one year only) – Stephanie Baker
2. Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary (one year only) – Leandra Dirda
3. Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary (one year only) – Megan McGill
4. Grade 1 at George J. Plava Elementary (one year only) – Jennifer Barber
5. Grade 7/8 Math – ½ day AG North Middle School – ½ day AG South Middle School – Taylor Bella
6. Grade 7/8 ELA – ½ day AG North Middle School – ½ day AG South Middle School – Kaela Myers

7. Grade 7 ELA AG North Middle School – Breanna Otto
8. Introduction to Foreign Language – ½ year AG North Middle School/ ½ year AG South Middle School – Iolanda Policicchio

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUMMER ADVANCEMENT COURSES

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award the following Summer Advancement/Recovery Course Instructors from June 5 to June 20, 2020.

1. Tom Corazzi–Physical Education
2. Karla Lent- College/Career Readiness (Note: not needed due to low enrollment)-Formality

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FURLOUGH RECALL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to recall Krysten Hanchek to her Kindergarten position at Masontown Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to authorize Jennifer Lilley a practicum placement in the district for PA School Nurse Certification during the Fall of 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to authorize Emily Dillinger, graduate student a practicum placement with Jillian Ciarrocchi, Counselor during the Fall of 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BOARD VACANCY

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to nominate Jamey Capozza to fill Board vacancy for the term expiring December 2020.

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

Nays: Krupa, Porupski

ADJOURNMENT

The July Work Session and Regular meeting dates have been changed as follows: Work Session held on Monday, July 20, 2020 with Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced dates of graduation on July 16, 2020. A detailed schedule will be released.

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.