

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

MEMEBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Mike Dunham, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Carl Planiczka, Paul Dunham, Carla Franks, David Howard, Jamey Capozza, Phillip Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President 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

Bryn Bezjak recognized for scoring a record 1,160 high school career points in girls basketball her senior season.

Nate English recognized for scoring a record 1,153 high school career points in boys basketball his senior season.

Superintendent Pegg announced Kindergarten Register opens online April 1, 2021.

Superintendent Pegg announced that 21-22 school year planning surveys will be posted online for parents, students and teachers to complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Porupski announced an executive session was held on Monday, March 15, 2021 from 7:02 pm – 8:47 pm for personnel, real estate, security, collective bargaining and litigation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Franks second by P. Dunham to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 17, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to accept treasurer’s report including tax collections for February 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 March 2021:

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,126,987.56
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,345,664.51
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$42,009.09
4. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

JOHN DEERE MOWERS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to award the purchase of two John Deere Z930 M Z Trak and two John Deere X580 mowers; two John Deere 48 inch front blade plows; and one John Deere Gator Model TS 2021 from Middletown Tractor Sales at a cost of \$33,268.10. All purchases are in accordance with PA CoStars contract PA Ag and Grounds Keeping Type Power Equipment # 4400020085 (PG 61 CG 22) and is to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund. Price includes a credit of \$8,007.00 for the trade in of old equipment. All members present voting in favor of motion.

INTERNET SERVICES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve and enter into 36-month agreement with Atlantic Broadband for Internet services commencing on (or before) July 1, 2021. ABB will provide AGASD with dedicated 2GB x 2GB fiber / ethernet connection, UTP demarc for LAN connection, and 24x7 technical support. Connection is scalable to 10GB for future growth. Cost is \$1,500 per month in which 85% is paid by ERate funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NETWORK FIREWALL

A motion was made by Jones second by Planiczka to approve network firewall PEPPM bid with En-Net Services. Cost for Sophos XG750 Firewall Appliance, 10GB SFP+ Expansion Module, and engineering services not to exceed \$23,130.96 in which 90% is paid by Erate funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

MATH 6-8 SERIES DIGITAL LICENSES

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to grant approval to purchase the 2 year extension Math 6-8 series digital licenses/textbooks/kits at a cost of \$78,887.00 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to be paid by the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LITERATURE 6-8 SERIES DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION

A motion was made by Moser second by Planiczka to grant approval to purchase the 3 year Literature 6-8 digital subscription/writable/novel points/workbooks/textbooks at a cost of \$113,894.44 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to be paid by ESSER 1 funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

READ 180 DIGITAL LICENSES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant approval to purchase the Read 180 digital licenses at a cost of \$18,522.40 from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to be paid by the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant Debra Burnett a leave of absence commencing May 28, 2021 to October 8, 2021 official retirement date.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Deb on her many years of service and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Roxanne Winkleblech a leave of absence commencing April 8, 2021 through June 11, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to grant Krysten Hanchek a leave of absence to commence approximately May 3, 2021 through June 11, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to accept the resignation of Mary Comunale, Biology Instructor effective February 24, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SABBATICAL

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant Charles Courie, Middle School Instructor a full-term Sabbatical retroactive March 8, 2021 through March 8, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Tina Muzina-Blevins, Spanish Instructor a FMLA retroactive March 9, 2021 through April 26, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to award Susan Davis the 3.5 Hour Cafeteria Position at Masontown Elementary according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to award Tina Miller the 12 month Business Office/Accounts Payable secretary position according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to hire Tina Murphy for the open 2.5 hour Cafeteria position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to hire Chelsie Myers as Secretary to be placed by the Superintendent.

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

Abstain: P. Dunham

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to accept the retirement of Shonda Guthrie, cafeteria worker effective June 9, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Shonda on her many years of service and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept the retirement of James Bielecki, Chief of Police effective April 5, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Chief on his years of service and what he brought to the AG Police Department and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

COACHES

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to accept the resignation of Mark Dunham for Middle School Head Track & Field coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Austin Bergman for High School Assistant Boys Baseball coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Daniel Morgan as Middle School Head Track & Field coach for one season 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.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Richard Jolliff as High School Assistant Boys Baseball coach for one season 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.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to hire Nate Torbich as high school volunteer assistant boys baseball coach pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Mark Ferris as high school volunteer assistant boys soccer coach pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to add Erika Riedmann to the professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADELPHOI EDUCATION LEASE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to approve the Adelphoi Education, Inc. Lease Agreement, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPUTO INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to reappoint Caputo Insurance Agency, Inc. as the Broker of Record in providing Albert Gallatin Area School District insurance coverage for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

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

Abstain: Jones

ECKLES ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING SECURE ENTRANCE VESTIBULES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to accept January 25, 2021 Letter Proposal from Eckles Architecture and Engineering for Secure Entrance Vestibules for a lump sum fee not to exceed \$12,000, as presented. There will be an additional fee of \$2500 for bidding documents and bidding phase services should the District choose to competitively bid the Project in lieu of a state cooperative purchasing program.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

H.F. LENZ COMPANY ELECTRICAL DESIGN SERVICES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to accept March 12, 2021 Letter Proposal from H.F. Lenz Company for electrical design services for fire alarms, fire panels, PA system replacements, and secure entrance vestibules for a flat fee of \$37,500, as presented. There will be additional hourly fees for additional services requested by the District as noted in the Letter Proposal.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to adjourn the meeting 6:35 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.