

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- Recognize senior high school student Paxton Kendall, Violinist – PMEA All State conference orchestra selection.
- Recognize NAACP Diversity Essay, Poster and Coloring Contest for the 2024-25 school year: Avrey Myers, grade 11; Brooklyn Tingler, grade 8; Brooklyn Wooten, grade 6; Emma Sholtis, grade 4; Alayna Noakes, grade 2; Wyatt Cottrell, grade 1; Aubree Tringes, Kindergarten

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An Executive Session was held on Monday, March 17, 2025 for personnel, student confidentiality, tax appeal, potential claim by the School District, and real estate.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2025.
- E. Approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 3, 2025.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for February 2025 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for March 2025:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,742,294.88
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$513,808.88
 - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$113,723.72
- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- D. Approve and sign contracts for the two E-Rate Equipment/Service Category 2 Mini-Bid winners: Communications Consulting, Inc to upgrade the access points with a total cost of \$345,150.00, effective for the Funding Year 2025, pending E-rate funding approval. CCL Technologies to upgrade the switching hardware and licensing with a total cost of \$38,186.00, effective for the Funding Year 2025, pending E-rate funding approval. The District portion of the project totaling \$72,162.40 is to be funded through the Capital Projects Fund.
- E. Award the proposal for auditing services to _____ of _____, PA for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027 at a base fee of \$ _____, \$ _____, and \$ _____.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve third reading of Policy 800-AR-0, 800-AR-1, and 800-AR-2 – Records Management Administrative Regulations.
- B. Approve first reading of Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.
- C. Approve first reading of Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted.
- D. Approve first reading of Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance.
- E. Approve the 2025-26 High School Course additions as presented.

- F. Grant approval for the Albert Gallatin Area School District's 2025 Comprehensive Strategic Plan to be made available for a 28-day public inspection and comment period.
- G. Approve the Seton Hill University College in High School Dual Credit Agreement for a three-year term to commence July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028 as presented.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Grant Regina Fiffik, Middle School Instructor a leave of absence from March 12, 2025 through June 4, 2025.
- B. Accept the retirement of Regina Fiffik, Middle School Instructor effective end of 2024-25 school term.
- C. Award the following positions according to contract.
 - 1. Jennifer Hartman – Head Teacher – AL Wilson Elementary (remainder of school term)
 - 2. Stephanie Baker – Grade 5 – AL Wilson Elementary (effective 2025-26 school term)
 - 3. Tiffany Jobes – Grade 3 – AL Wilson Elementary (effective 2025-26 school term)
 - 4. Skylar Wellington – Kindergarten – Smithfield Elementary (effective 2025-26 school term)
- D. Hire Christopher Rosano as Event Security and Substitute School Police Officer at an hourly rate of \$17.00.
- E. Approve the payment of \$800.00 to Duane Dupont for the extra duties performed in the girl's varsity wrestling program for the 2024-25 season.
- F. Hire Brandon Saghy as High School extra-curricular faculty musician for the spring musical.
- G. Rescind the hire of substitute custodian(X) effective March 18, 2025.
- H. Hire/rehire the following high school coaches for the Fall season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Kristin Dunham -Assistant Volleyball
 - 2. Bell Bergman – Assistant Volleyball
 - 3. Jeff Rush - Assistant Football
 - 4. Dylan Rush – Assistant Football
 - 5. Dan Morgan – Assistant Football
 - 6. Zack Dillow – Assistant Football
 - 7. Stan Wolfe –Assistant Football
 - 8. Thomas VanCamp - Assistant Boys Soccer
 - 9. Christi Eicher – Assistant Girls Soccer
 - 10. Hannah Trump – Co-Head Cheerleading
 - 11. Angela Robinson – Co-Head Cheerleading
 - 12. Nikki Trump – Volunteer Asst. Cheerleading
 - 13. Spring Conditioning – Codie Mack
 - 14. Summer Conditioning – Drew Dindl
- H. Hire/rehire the following middle school coaches for the Fall season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Makayla Munchinski – Head Softball
 - 2. Jason Rosner – Head Football
 - 3. Melanie Rua – Head Cheerleading
 - 4. Annalia Paoli – Assistant Softball
 - 5. Maddie Flowers - Assistant Softball
 - 6. Codie Mack – Assistant Football
 - 7. Mike Etheridge – Assistant Football
 - 8. Jamie Tanner – Volunteer Cheerleading
 - 9. Joe Embacher as Middle School Athletic Director
- I. Approve employment contract for the District's newly appointed Business Manager, Dr. Joshua Chicarelli, for the three year term ending midnight June 30, 2028, as presented.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - Professional: Mia Swanson, Richard Banton
 - Nonprofessional: Berle Pastories

- B. Grant permission to AG South Class of 2031 to use AG South gym and cafeteria on March 14, 2025 from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm for dance; Brooke Patterson
- C. Grant permission to AG Elementary Boys Basketball All Stars to use the AG South Gym on Wednesday and Thursday from February 26, 2025 through April 10, 2025 from 4:15 am – 5:15 pm for Boys Basketball (3rd & 4 grades); Randi Higman
- D. Grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use AG North Auxiliary Gym on Monday and Thursday from April 28, 2025 through May 30, 2025 from 5:45 pm – 8:15 pm for wrestling conditioning; Brian Carey
- E. Grant use of AG High School Auditorium on Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm for rehearsal and Friday, June 6, 2025 from 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm for piano recital; Jeremy Kendall/Sandy Lowe
- F. Grant permission to Fayette County Youth Soccer Club to rent the AG High School field on Sundays beginning April 6, 2025 through June 8, 2025 for travel soccer games. Times vary week to week/no holiday games; Tony Fornili
- G. Approve the Carlow University Education Department Student Teacher Affiliation Agreement for five-year term commencing February 1, 2025 as presented.
- H. Authorize Beth Guty, Carlow University student teacher from August 25, 2025 through December 12, 2025 to be placed at Friendship Hill Elementary.
- I. Approve the Laurel Business Institute Affiliation Agreement for Technology Intern to commencing May 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025 as presented.
- J. Approve the student technology intern from Laurel Business Institute to intern with Technology Department from May 5, 2025 through August 31, 2025 pending receipt of required documents.
- K. Request approval for two administrators and one secretary to attend the 2025 PAFPC Conference held in Hershey, PA from May 11-14, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 to be paid using Federal Funds.
- L. Authorize Administration to advertise for bids for the following service, Liquid Propane Gas (LPG), Garbage Removal, and Snow Removal.
- M. Grant approval to reimburse Mary Kendall, Music Instructor in the amount of \$374.15 for PMEA regional orchestra competition.
- N. Grant approval for Mary Kendal, Music Instructor to attend the PMEA All State Conference April 9 through April 12, 2025 at PA Kalahari Resorts Conventions at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.
- O. Approve along with German Township and Fayette County the Stipulation and Order of Settlement of the tax assessment appeals for contiguous Tax Parcel Nos. 15-30-0076-01, 15-30-0076-02, 15-30-0076-03, and 21-01-0005 at total combined assessment of \$12,250,000 for tax year 2024 and \$11,700,000 for tax year 2025.
- P. Authorize Administration to obtain prices for the purchase of a new District van and new District truck utilizing a cooperative purchase such as CoStar.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.