

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Jeff Myers, Secretary Betty Moser, Carl Planiczka, Dan Janesko, David Howard, Doug Sholtis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham, Eric Miller

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

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

- Tom Colebank, Sponsor introduced Jayden Dent-Miller, President of the NAACP and Diversity Club. Jayden announced the winners of the essay, coloring and poster contest: Avery Myers, grade 10; Kelsey Ream, grade 9; Airianna Sharp, grade 6; Kennedy Baisden, grade 4; Greyson Graham, grade K; Emilia Spak, grade K; Sarah Plum, grade 2 and Walter Molek, grade 2.

Tim Kelley, Coach announced the PJW Jr. High State Wrestling Championship participants: Jackson Mickens-1st place (5th state title overall); Jenna Chapman-4th place; Za'mirrah Hodge-5th place; also qualifying for states: Bryce Kelley, Gavin Morris, Bentley DeLorenzo, Clayton Bolinger, Averyon Darnell and Roman Smith

Sgt Major Lashendock announced the members of the JROTC drill competition team. Each team member spoke on behalf of the competitions and awards they received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Moser to enter in an executive session at 6:26 pm for personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Janesko to resume the meeting at 6:33 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, March 18, 2024 from 7:32 pm to 8:43pm for personnel, potential legal claim on behalf of the district and school safety and security.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to adopt agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Janesko second by Planiczka to approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 29, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for February 2024 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 Moser to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for March 2024:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,117,849.62
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,045,947.49
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$104,118.94

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Janesko second by Sholtis to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NETWORK FIREWALL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve purchase of network firewall through CCI Pittsburgh, as solicited through the FCC E-Rate program. Total project cost is \$68,206.42 of which USAC/E-Rate will pay \$37,382.89 and AGASD’s share being \$30,823.53. Cost includes appliance, initial setup/configuration, and 3-year license. To be paid using the District Capital Reserve Fund.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COMBI OVEN FILTER

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to approve the purchase of 32 combi oven filters at a cost of \$6,016 from TopJetSales.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PROPANE BUFFER

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the purchase of a Burnisher Optima XR PB27K17HP 27” Propane Buffer for D. Ferd Swaney at a cost of \$4,576 from Desantis Solutions.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

GAS VALVE

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Myers to approve the purchase and installation of a gas valve for the Domestic Hot Water Boiler at the high school in the amount of \$3,650 from Combustion Service & Equipment Co.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

None

UPDATED SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to approve the revised 2023-2024 School Calendar.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg announced April 1, 2024 is a make-up day which will be an ACT 80 day for teachers and no school for students. April 8, 2024 is an early dismissal for students due to the eclipse – High School 11:30 am; Middle School 11:45 am and Elementary 12:30 pm.

2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Moser to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Myers to approve first reading of Policy 237 –Responsible use of Technology.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Myers to approve first reading of Policy 217 – Graduation Requirements. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve first reading of Policy 241- Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to approve first reading of Policy 202.1 (retired policy) – Non-resident attendance/enrollment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to approve first reading of Policy 903 – Public Participation/Comment in Board Meetings.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PERSONNEL

President Porupski seeks permission for blanket approval for all items listed under Personnel A-F.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to approve all items listed under Personnel A-F

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A. Accept the retirement of Charles Myers, maintenance effective April 30, 2024.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Chuck for his 35 years of service and wishes him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

FMLA

B. Grant Sheri Dunham intermittent FMLA to commence March 21, 2024 through June 21, 2024.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

C. Grant Scott Arbogast, security guard a nonpaid leave of absence from March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024.

D. Grant Elizabeth Neal, Elementary Intervention Specialist a nonpaid leave of absence from April 8, 2024 through May 28, 2024.

AWARD POSITIONS

E. Award the following positions according to contract:

1. Edie Howell – Afternoon Shift Custodian at Masontown Elementary
2. Wayne Tate – Dayshift Custodian at AG High School
3. Allen Howell – Afternoon Shift Custodian at Smithfield Elementary
4. Patricia Michaels – Afternoon Shift Custodian at AG High School

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

F. Approve Edward (Dane) Shultz high school extra-curricular faculty musician for the 2023-2024 school year.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional: Jennifer Anderson, Angelina Brady, James Cook, Irmgard (Sue) Jarrett

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Janesko to grant permission to Fayette County Church Basketball League to use AL Wilson Cafeteria on Mondays from February 23, 2024 to March 22, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for girl's basketball practice; Justin Campbell

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to grant use of AG High School Auditorium on Monday, June 3, 2024 from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm for rehearsal and Friday, June 7, 2024 from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm for Piano Recital; Jeremy Kendall and Sandy Lowe

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Sholtis to grant final approval of the AG High School Band/Choral Department for overnight trip to Virginia Beach and Williamsburg, VA from April 11-13, 2024 at no cost to the district; Charles Durso and Gail Diamond

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ELIMINATE BOARD MEETING RECORDINGS/LIVESTREAMING

A motion was made by Howard second by Janesko to eliminate the video recording /livestreaming of monthly school board work sessions and regular voting meetings.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FIRE PANEL BIDS

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to authorize Administration to advertise for bids for the following service, Fire Panel for AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.