

## **Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING**

**D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **II. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Washington Health System Teen Outreach 2023 Educator Award recipient: Gary Serock
- Matt Stackhouse, High School Instructor – Course Elective
- Melonie Lewellen – School curriculum, newspaper article, etc.

#### **Student Recognition- Kim Swaney Instructor**

- Kade Clark, Senior: Scholastic Art and Writing Silver Key Award
- Grayson Smith, Senior: George and Stella Knight Essay Contest (Regional Winner)
- Patrica (Trystan) Adams, Senior: Scholastic Art and Writing Gold and Silver Key Award
- Joselyn Kuhns, Junior: poem, "Pieces of Me," second prize in Category I of Ligonier Valley Writers' Student Poetry Contest.
- Karen Westerlund and Lance Westerlund -present Grayson Smith's Award (\$100.00, a medallion, and certificate, Kahlen Darnell Participation Certificate in George and Stella Knight Essay Contest. (SAR Chapter).
- Acknowledgement of principal/teacher based on the two students' recommendations.

### **III. SECRETARIAL**

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, May 15, 2023 from 7:38 pm – 8:51 pm for personnel, student confidentiality and grievance.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the regular meeting held on April 19, 2023.

### **IV. FINANCIAL**

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for April 2023 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2023:
  - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,023,368.90
  - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$482,472.59
  - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$108,623.78
- C. Accept activity account report as presented by building principals.
- D. Approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:
  - a. TriStar Chevrolet \$56,108.00 for the purchase of an Express 3500 Box Truck.
- 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, 2023 in the amount of \$62,726,911 as presented and authorizes that a tax on real estate be levied at the rate of 15.592 mills which represents a no mill increase 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.

- 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, 2023 under the provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1, 2006), as presented.
- G. Award bid to Brite Stripe for parking lot sealing and line painting at Masontown, George J. Plava, and AG North in the amount of \$62,425.00.
- H. Award bid to Brite Stripe for playground area sealing at Masontown and George J. Plava in the amount of \$3,120.00.

## **V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

### **VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- A. Approve the 2023 Graduation List as presented.
- B. Approve the 2023-2024 High School Course additions as presented.
- C. Motion to award the Science of Reading Project as stated in the RFP to Step By Step Learning contingent on allocation of Title I funding.
- D. Approve purchase of Spanish language books from Vista Higher Learning at a cost of \$74,889.58 for a six-year license agreement.
- E. Approve the contract extension of Into Math K-5 for additional three years at a cost of \$91,983.92.
- F. Approve the contract extension of Into Math 6-8 for additional three years at a cost of \$32,366.96.
- G. Approve the one year contract extension of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Journeys K-6 Reading Series not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- H. Approve the articulation agreements with the following universities:
  - 1. Pennsylvania State University
  - 2. Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania

### **VII. PERSONNEL**

- A. Accept the retirement of Marycarol Kezmarsky, Elementary Secretary effective June 15, 2023.
- B. Grant Stephanie Humbert, Elementary Secretary an intermittent FMLA effective April 10, 2023.
- C. Grant Thomas Shiflett, Custodian an FMLA effective April 19, 2023 through May 12, 2023.
- D. Grant Raegan Jordan an unpaid leave of absence from May 9, 2023 through June 8, 2023.
- E. Grant Karla Lent, high school instructor a Sabbatical for the 2023-2024 school term.
- F. Hire James Sadler for Afternoon Shift Custodian at George J. Plava Elementary School.
- G. Hire Kendra Guthrie as Custodian to be placed in the next open position.
- H. Hire Clarence Sawyers as Custodian for a second floating custodian position, to be eliminated when an open position becomes available.
- I. Award the following High School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2023-24 school year:
  - 1. Art Club – Kristen Venturino
  - 2. Interact Club – Rebecca Taylor
  - 3. Academic League – Rebecca Taylor
  - 4. Math Team – Julia Pillar
  - 5. Mock Trial/Debate Team – Rebecca Taylor
  - 6. Newspaper – Eric Nuttal
  - 7. Young Astronauts – Mike Revak
  - 8. Future Educators – Allie Richter
  - 9. Geology Club – Kim Swaney
  - 10. Honor Society – co-sponsors Allison Perry & Elizabeth Mulac
  - 11. Yearbook – Taylor Saghy
  - 12. Student Council – Christy Wolfe and Joyce Umble
  - 13. Book Club – Alison Vandegrift

14. Freshman/Sophomore Activities—co-sponsors Alison Perry and Elizabeth Mulac with shared contractual stipend
  15. Junior/Senior Activities - co-sponsors Christy Wolfe and Joyce Umble with shared contractual stipend
  16. Video Productions – Eric Nuttal
  17. SADD – Alison Perry
  18. NAACP Youth Club – Tom Colebank
  19. Diversity Club – Megan Smiley
  20. Envirothon Club – James Comunale
  21. E Sports Club – Jonathan Clark
  22. Vocal Music Director – Gail Diamond
  23. Choral Pep Club – Gail Diamond
  24. Drama (plays) – Toby Maykuth and Megan Cerullo
  25. Musical (as per Board budget) – Toby Maykuth
- J. Award the following High School Department Heads for the 2023-24 school year:
1. Math – Cindy Kopas
  2. English – Kim Swaney
  3. Science – Bethany Herman
  4. Social Studies – Jeff Kopas
  5. Electives/Specialists – Ken Musko
  6. Special Education – Megan Smiley
- K. Award the following Middle School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2023-24 school year:
1. Student Council – AG South – Andrew Hostetler
  2. Newspaper Sponsors – AG South – Andrew Hostetler
  3. Yearbook Sponsor – AG North – Jeri Turner
  4. Band Directors – AG South - Mary Kendall
  5. Vocal Music Director – Gail Diamond
  6. Elementary Band Director - Brandon Gift, Megan Cerullo, Jeremy Kendall
- L. Award the following Head Teachers for the 2023-24 school year:
1. AG North Middle School - Tiffany Duncan
  2. AG South Middle School – Brooke Patterson
  3. AL Wilson Elementary – Stacey Peton-Tenny
  4. Friendship Hill Elementary – Tammy Bricker
  5. Smithfield Elementary – Toby Maykuth
  6. George J. Plava Elementary – Jamie Kamp
- M. Grant permission to eliminate the following positions for the 2023-24 School Year:
1. Grade K at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  2. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  3. Grade 4 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  4. Grade 2 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
  5. Grade 3 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
  6. Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
  7. Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
- N. Grant permission to create and post the following positions for the 2023-24 School Year:
1. Grade K at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  2. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary - 1 year only
  3. Grade 2 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  4. Grade 5 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
  5. Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
  6. Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
  7. Grade 3 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only

- 8. Grade 4 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
- O. Grant permission to create and post Summer School Instructor positions.
- P. Grant permission to create and post Elementary Assessment Team positions.

#### **VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.  
Professional: Tammy Rinkhoff, Harley Constable
- B. Approve the Educational Services Agreement with the Intermediate Unit 1 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C. Approve the AGEA In-House ESY and Summer Program Memorandum of Understanding as presented.
- D. Grant approval for five students of the Envirothon team, who won first place at the Fayette County Competition, to attend the state Envirothon competition held at Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA from May 23, 2023 to May 24, 2023 at no cost to the district. A district van will be used for transportation; James Comunale and Katie Turner
- E. Approve Grand Canyon University student teacher, Amber Gibbs to complete student teaching from August 2023 through December 2023, placement to be determined.
- F. Grant permission to Duck Hollow Learning Center to use AG High School Auditorium on May 26, 2023 and May 27, 2023 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm for Pre-K graduation ceremony; Rebecca Belski
- G. Grant permission to Application Participation Certification – Consortium Members only to authorize and complete the Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) application.
- H. Approve agreement resolving special education services for student X as presented.
- I. Grant permission to AG Girl's Basketball to use the AG High School Gym from June 7, 2023 through August 23, 2023 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm for 5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball practice: Sydney Phillips, Coach

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.