

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Paul Dunham, Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary Betty Moser, Jamey Capozza, Carla Franks, David Howard, Carl Planiczka, Doug Sholtis

MEMBERS VIA PHONE: Eric Miller

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

Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Swaney, AG High School English Instructor recognized 11th grade student, Alcameano Kennedy on his 3rd place win in the Ligonier Valley Poetry Contest. Alcameano read his poem to the board and audience.

Zach Dillow, Principal at AG South Middle School recognized, honor student Cooper Hellen. Cooper plays on the Morgantown Mohawk Middle School hockey team. They defeated the Charleston Chiefs in an exciting matchup to win the Middle School State West Virginia Championship on March 20 at the Morgantown Ice Arena. He plays on this team that Albert Gallatin co-ops with to make middle and high school hockey possible for AG students. The Mohawks came back from a 4 goal deficit to defeat the Chiefs 6-5. Cooper contributed with 1 goal and 1 assist. The team will be getting championship rings to recognize the win. Thank you to Albert Gallatin and the athletic directors for making this hockey co-op possible with the Morgantown Mohawks.

Steve Hranec, Fred Meucci, and Chris Dutkewycz from the Hranec Corporation-HVAC Services addressed to board to present the services they offer for various projects such as HVAC, steel fabrication, direct bids small and large, air quality testing and control and welding. It was stated they employ many former Albert Gallatin graduates.

Superintendent Pegg announced that the items on display at the meeting were projects prepared by Albert Gallatin students and were on display at the Intermediate Unit #1 showcase dinner held in May. Grant Skala, 10th grade CTI welding student presented several sample of steel fabrication work and projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 from 6:42 pm to 8:23 pm for personnel, real estate, collective bargaining.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to enter in to an executive from 6:21 pm for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to resume meeting at 6:48 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

ADODT AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to adopt agenda to as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Planiczka to approve minutes of the special meeting held on May 4, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for April 2022 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2022:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,906,531.81
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$2,115,426.12
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$85,372.46

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bills through Capital Projects:

1. Yocca Business Systems, Inc. \$12,017.50 representing 50% of the purchase price for the playground grass at D. Ferd Swaney School – material has been delivered. Balance to be paid after installation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PROPOSED FINAL 2022-23 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Dunham second by Moser to approve the Proposed Final 2022-2023 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$60,265,254.00 subject to change upon final passage.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LIQUID PROPANE GAS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award the bid for Liquid Propane Gas to Ferrellgas of Morgantown at a fixed price of \$1.70 per gallon for 2022-2023 fiscal year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

GARBAGE REMOVAL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to award the bid for garbage removal to NEI Pennsylvania LLC (Noble Environmental/GFL Pennsylvania LLC) at a cost of \$8,150.43 per month fall, winter and spring hauling and \$3,653.25 per month for summer recess hauling for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SNOW REMOVAL

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to award the snow removal bids to Penn Plus for a three-year term per 2 inch plow as follows: George Plava at \$154.00; Masontown at \$144.00; Friendship Hill at \$134.00; North Middle School at \$154.00; South Middle School at \$206.00; AG High School at \$412.00; A.L. Wilson at \$170.00; Smithfield at \$154.00, Administration Office at \$154.00; and D Ferd Swaney at \$154.00; Cost per ton of salt \$265.00 and cost per ton pea gravel at \$160.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACSHIC RENEWAL

A motion was made by Dunham second by Franks to approve the renewal of medical benefit rates for the 2022-2023 fiscal year of the Allegheny County School Health Insurance Consortium as per the attached. Prices reflect an 8% increase over the 2021-2022 rates.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPYGLASS GROUP

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to approve The SpyGlass Group, LLC Snapshot Audit Agreement to analyze telecommunication accounts to seek cost recovery, service elimination savings, and cost reduction savings, as presented. Fee shall be 50% of any cost recovery refund; and 12 times any monthly savings if District implements a recommended service elimination and/or cost reduction.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TABLED MOTIONS

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Porupski to table the motions under Financial Item K Secure Entrance Motions and L. Fire Alarm Upgrades.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK RESURFACING

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award the High School Track Resurfacing Project to ATT Sports, Inc. at a cost of \$140,585.00. Price is in accordance with Costar Contract # 014-201. Funds are to be provided by the Capital Projects account.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg and Board Member Howard noted that track has not been updated for 20 years.

UPGRADE FITNESS CENTER EQUIPMENT & FLOORING

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to award the Upgrade to the Fitness Center Equipment and Flooring to Advantage Sports & Fitness Inc. at a cost of \$77,553.56. Price is in accordance with Costar contract #104784. Funds are to be provided by the Capital Projects account.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Mr. Belczyk noted that there is a grant that will possible pay for some of the center.

Superintendent Pegg announced the projects paid for by the ESSERS funding.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

2022 GRADUATION LIST

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to approve the 2022 Graduation List as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

2022-23 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Miller second by Capozza to approve the 2022-2023 High School Course additions as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

AGEA MOU OPTION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to approve the AGEA MOU option \$40 per teacher each day of livestreaming.
Ayes: Capozza, Planiczka
Nays: Sholtis, Porupski, Miller, Franks, Dunham, Moser, Howard
Motion Fails

AGEA MOU OPTION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to approve the AGEA MOU option \$1,500 and 5 Covid Days.
Ayes: Planiczka
Nays: Miller, Franks, Howard, Sholtis, Porupski, Capozza, Dunham, Moser
Motion Fails

AGEA MOU OPTION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to approve the AGEA MOU option \$2,000 and no Covid Days.
Ayes: Capozza, Miller, Planiczka, Moser, Porupski
Nays: Dunham, Sholtis, Howard, Franks

ADMINISTRATIVE-ALL ITEMS A-Z

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve all items A – I in Personnel.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

- A. Accept the retirement of Marica Pukl, Elementary Instructor effective June 2, 2022.
Superintendent Pegg thanked Marcia for her 23 years of service and wished her a very happy and healthy retirement.

- B. Accept the retirement of Bonnie Balas, Learning Support Instructor effective June 2, 2022.
Superintendent Pegg thanked Bonnie for her 24 years of service and wished her a very happy and healthy retirement.

- C. Accept the retirement of Regina Shaffer, Elementary Music Instructor effective, June 2, 2022.
Superintendent Pegg thanked Regina on her 21 years of service and wished her a very happy and healthy retirement.

RESIGNATION

- D. Accept the resignation of Sabrina Fishburn, Cafeteria employee effective May 10, 2022.
- E. Accept the resignation of Michael Bittner, School Police effective May 20, 2022.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

F. Grant Shawn Chory, High School Instructor a leave of absence from May 4, 2022 through June 2, 2022.

AWARD CAFETERIA POSITIONS

G. Award Tina Machosky the 7 hour cafeteria position at AG High School.

H. Award Autumn Dziak the 4.5 hours cafeteria position at AG High School.

AWARD INSTRUCTOR POSITION

I. Award Stacey Peton-Tenny the Grade 5 position at AL Wilson Elementary.

AWARD CUSTODIAN POSITION

J. Award Rhonda Shrout the Dayshift Custodian position at the AG High School.

NEW HIRE INSTRUCTOR

K. Hire Jonathan Clark as a temporary professional employee for an English position at the Albert Gallatin High School.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

L. Grant Elizabeth Mulac, High School Instructor an unpaid leave of absence from August 23, 2022 through October 14, 2022.

NEW HIRE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION SPECIALIST

M. Hire Amanda Lechlitter as Technology Integration Specialist for a three-year term, pursuant to contract.

NEW HIRE FLOATING CUSTODIAN

N. Hire Ricky Michaels as Floating Custodian.

ELMINATE AND REPLACE CUSTODIAN SHIFTS

O. Eliminate 11 pm – 7 am midnight custodian shifts for elementary and middle schools and replace with 4 pm – 12 am custodian shifts.

P. Eliminate one 11 pm – 7 am midnight custodian shift for high school and replace with 4 pm – 12 am custodian shifts.

RECALL FURLOUGH

Q. Recall Megan Cerullo, Furloughed Instructor to the open elementary music position, effective the start of the 2022-23 teacher work year, according to contract.

AWARD HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPONSORS

R. Award the following High School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2022-23 school year:

1. Art Club – Kristen Venturino
2. Interact Club – co-sponsors – Rebecca Taylor, Amanda Martin; with contractual stipend to be shared.
3. Academic League – Rebecca Taylor
4. Math Team – Julia Pillar
5. Mock Trial – Rebecca Taylor
6. Newspaper – Kristen Venturino
7. Young Astronauts – Mike Revak
8. Future Business Leaders of America – Karla Lent
9. Future Educators – Roxanne Winkleblech
10. Honor Society - Cindy Kopas
11. Yearbook – Taylor Saghy
12. Student Council – Christy Wolfe and Joyce Umble

13. Book Club – Alison Vandegrift
14. Freshman/Sophomore Activities – Cindy Kopas
15. Junior/Senior Activities - co-sponsors Christy Wolfe and Joyce Umble with contractual stipend to be shared.
16. Video Productions – Eric Nuttal
17. Robotics – Joe Walsh
18. SADD – Alison Perry
19. Geology – Kim Swaney
20. NAACP Youth Club – Tom Colebank
21. Drama (plays) – Toby Maykuth and Megan Cerullo
22. Musical (as per Board budget) – Toby Maykuth

AWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPONSORS

- S. Award the following Middle School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2022-23 school year:
1. Student Council – AG South – Andrew Hostetler
 2. Newspaper Sponsors – AG North – Breanna Otto; AG South – Andrew Hostetler
 3. Math Counts – AG North – Katrina Majoros
 4. Band Directors – AG South Middle - Mary Kendall
 5. Elementary Band Director - Brandon Gift

AWARD HEAD TEACHERS

- T. Award the following Head Teachers for the 2022-23 school year:
1. AG North Middle School - Tiffany Duncan
 2. AG South Middle School - Matthew Fleenor
 3. AL Wilson Elementary – Stacey Peton-Tenny
 4. Friendship Hill Elementary – Jennifer Hartman
 5. Smithfield Elementary – Toby Maykuth

ELIMINATE POSITIONS

- U. Grant permission to eliminate the following positions for the 2022-23 School Year:
1. Grade K at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
 2. Grade 2 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
 3. Grade 3 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
 4. Grade 1 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
 5. Grade 2 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
 8. Learning Support at AG High School – 1 year only
 9. Learning Support ½ day at Masontown/Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
 10. Technology Education ½ year AG North and ½ year AG South Middle Schools
 11. Intro to Foreign Language ½ year AG North and ½ year AG South Middle Schools

CREATE POSITIONS

- V. Grant permission to create and post the following positions for the 2022-23 School Year:
1. Grade 1 at AL Wilson Elementary - 1 year only
 2. Grade 4 at AL Wilson Elementary – 1 year only
 3. Grade 3 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
 4. Grade 5 at Friendship Hill Elementary – 1 year only
 5. Grade 2 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
 6. Grade 3 at George J. Plava Elementary – 1 year only
 7. Lifeskills at AG North Middle School
 8. Learning Support at AL Wilson Elementary

9. Learning Support at George J. Plava Elementary
10. Learning Support at Masontown Elementary
11. Learning Support at Friendship Hill Elementary
12. Learning Support/Math at AG High School
13. Technology Education AG North Middle School
14. Technology Education at AG South Middle School
15. Spanish I/English - ½ day at AG North and ½ day AG South Middle Schools

NEW HIRE LEARNING SUPPORT INSTRUCTORS

- W. Hire the following Learning Support Instructors to be placed by the Superintendent, pending receipt of all proper documents.
1. Emily Clinton
 2. Emily Hillsman
 3. Madison Groover

REHIRE/AWARD HIGH SCHOOL HEAD COACHES

- X. Rehire/Award the following High School Head Coaches for two seasons commencing with the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.
1. Cross Country – Joe Thomas
 2. Golf – Bernie Wydo
 3. Wrestling – Duane Dupont
 4. Boys Basketball – Matthew Fleenor
 5. Girls Basketball – Craig Hoone
 6. Cheerleading – co-head – Jodie Lytle and Hannah Trump
 7. Cheerleading – Volunteer – Nikki Trump

REHIRE/AWARD HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT COACHES

- Y. Rehire/Award the following High School Assistant Coaches for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.
1. Assistant Football – Jeff Rush, Dylan Rush, Danny Morgan, Larry Flowers, Aaron Early
 2. Assistant Girls Soccer – Tim Grimes

REHIRE/AWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES

- Z. Rehire/Award the following Middle School Coaches for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.
1. Football – Mark Dunham
 2. Softball – Bethanie Kern
 3. Cheerleading – co-head and assistant- Nikki Trump & Hannah Trump
 4. Co-ed Soccer – Christie Eicher
 5. Assistant Softball – Jennifer Sroka
 6. Assistant Football – Jason Rosner, Chris Colgan
 7. Fall Athletic Director – Joe Embacher

SUBSTITUTES

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

Professional – Felicia Young, Abigail Fleenor, Adam Simon

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NOVACARE ATHLETIC TRAINER

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to grant permission to enter into agreement with NovaCare Rehabilitation for Athletic Trainer for a two-year contract commencing with the 2022-2023 school term at a cost of \$40,000 for the first year and \$41,500 for the second year, pursuant to proposal letter dated April 6, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

EQT GAS LEASE

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Planiczka to approve the non-surface oil and gas lease with EQT Production Company for a five year term as presented.

Ayes: Capozza, Dunham, Franks, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka, Sholtis

Abstain: Miller

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced there will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6 pm at D. Ferd Swaney to discuss budget and other matters that may become before the board.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Dunham to adjourn the meeting 7:25 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.