

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

MEMEBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Mike Dunham, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Carl Planiczka, Jamey Capozza, Paul Dunham, Carla Franks, David Howard, 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 6:00 PM followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Allison Haragos, Gifted Instructor introduced the AGN Gifted Students who are recognized for their 3rd Place win in the IU Stem Design Competition; Eva Anderson, Lena Larew, Caileigh Theodori, Olivia Eicher, Landon Eicher and Paityn Stout.

Kelly Stout of Madison Drive, Smithfield, PA wanted to thank Mr. Pegg, administration, principals and teachers on their hard work during the pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Franks to enter in to an executive from 6:08 PM for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Jones to resume meeting at 6:40 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

President Porupski announced an executive session was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 from 7:28 pm – 8:38 pm for collective bargaining, personnel and lease/real estate.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

BOARD TREASURER

A motion was made by Porupski second by Franks to appoint Jamey Capozza as Board Treasurer for the 2021-22 school year, July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2021. All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve the minutes of the special meeting held May 5, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for April 2021 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Jones second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,451,495.07
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$906,575.28
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$55,686.59
4. Contingency plan of operation for payroll, utility bills, cafeteria fund bills, and capital project invoices, to be paid after review by the Superintendent and or Business Manager.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Franks second by Jones to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BAND BID

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award Band bid for high school, middle school, and elementary schools for 2021-22 school year as follows:

1. Fawley Music - \$31,078.55

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FALL ATHLETIC BIDS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to award Athletic bids for Fall 2021 as follows:

1. Century Sports - \$8,002.67
2. Riddell - \$2,280.00

Total Bids - \$ 10,282.67

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:

1. Garland/DBS Inc. \$841,820.39 invoice # 42785234603 for the District Wide Roofing Projects (First Payment Application).
2. H.F Lentz Company \$4,000.00 for engineering services provided in the Replacement of Fire Alarm and Secure Vestibule Project.

3. Advent Communications \$ 967.00 for the phone system upgrade at Masontown Elementary.
4. Eckles Architecture & Engineering, Inc. \$3,000.00 for professional services to explore options at building entrances.

Total Capital Projects: \$849,787.39

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PROPOSED FINAL 2021-22 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve the Proposed Final 2021-22 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$61,446,826 subject to change upon final passage.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OF AMERICA (STA)

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to approve the payment of the negotiated agreement with Student Transportation of America at a rate 52.5% to cover fixed costs on the transportation days lost due to Covid 19 pandemic, subject to Student Transportation of America complying with Section 1501.8(m.1) of the Pennsylvania Public School Code. Final amount not to exceed \$387,498.99.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PORTABLE CLASSROOM TRAILERS

A motion was made by Franks second by Jones to award the following bids for the sale of the Portable Classroom Trailers to:

Mario Piccolomini Option 2 – Friendship Hill, D. Ferd Swaney, Smithfield Trailers 1, 2 and 3 for \$1.00 each – Total Bid: \$5.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) UPGRADE

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to approve Wide Area Network (WAN) infrastructure upgrade of Point to Point 10GB Metro-E Advanced Private Line through our current fiber provider, Crown Castle, at a cost of \$189,600.00 to be paid using ESSER II funding. Costs include a complete equipment refresh and full monitoring capabilities.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

GOGUARDIAN SUITE SOFTWARE

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve purchase of GoGuardian Suite (includes Content Filtering, Teacher Classroom Management, Fleet Management, and DNS Protection) software through Trafera at a cost of \$52,359.00 for a 2-year license to be paid using ESSER II funding. Pricing is per NCPA Technology Solutions Contract # 01-43.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

THINKPAD LAPTOPS PURCHASE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve purchase of (300) Lenovo ThinkPad E14 laptops for District Faculty and Staff through Trafera at a cost of \$278,400.00 to be paid using ESSER II funding. Costs include 3-year warranty. Pricing is per NCPA Technology Solutions Contract # 01-43.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DELL DESKTOP PC -ELEMENTARY TEACHER MACHINES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to approve purchase of (150) Dell Optiplex 7040 desktop PC's to replace all elementary teacher machines through Trafera at as cost of \$78,600.00 to be paid using ESSER II funding. Costs include a 6-year warranty. Pricing is per NCPA Technology Solutions Contract # 01-43.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve second reading of revised Policy 201.1 Early Admissions of Students.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to approve first reading and waive the second and third readings of revised Policy 249 Cyber Bullying.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Jones to approve first reading and waive the second and third readings of revised Policy 249.1 Bullying/Cyber Bullying.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2021 GRADUATION LIST

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve the 2021 Graduation List as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2021-22 HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve the 2021-2022 High School Course additions as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAY (FID)

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to approve the 2021-2022 Albert Gallatin Area School District's Flexible Instruction Day (FID) proposal as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award the following High School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2021-22 school year; if an extra-curricular activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the stipend paid shall be prorated:

1. Math Team – Julia Pillar
2. Future Business Leaders of America Sponsor – Karla Lent
3. Student Council – Co-Sponsors Bethany Chicarelli and Christy Wolfe; with contractual stipend to be shared.
4. Book Club – Alison Vandegrift

5. Art Club – Kristen Venturino
 6. Young Astronauts – Mike Revak
 7. Honor Society - Cindy Kopas
 8. Freshman/Sophomore Activities Sponsor –Co-Sponsors Alison Perry and Elizabeth Mulac; with contractual stipend to be shared.
 9. Junior/Senior Activities Sponsor –Co-Sponsors Bethany Chicarelli and Christy Wolfe; with contractual stipend to be shared.
 10. Senior Class Project/College Career Sponsor – Amanda Martin
 11. Vocal Music Director – Gail Diamond
 12. Choral Pep Club – Gail Diamond
 13. Drama (plays) – Toby Maykuth and Megan Cerullo
 14. Musical (as per Board budget) – Toby Maykuth
 15. Band Director – Charles Durso
 16. Assistant Band Director – Chaz Gibson
 17. Auxiliary Band Choreographer – Amber Hildock
 18. Percussion Instructor – Elizabeth Rockwell
- All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to award the following Middle School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2021-22 school year; if an extra-curricular activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the stipend paid shall be prorated:

1. Student Council Sponsors – Co-sponsors for AG North Middle – Megan Hadenak & Sara Lohr; with contractual stipend to be shared.
2. Newspaper Sponsors – AG North Middle – Breanna Otto
3. Yearbook – AG South Middle – Kaela Myers
4. Band Director – AG South Middle - Mary Kendall
5. Vocal Music Director – Gail Diamond

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg commented that the Middle School Vocal Music program is going to be held after school.

AWARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ELEMENTARY BAND DIRECTOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award the following Elementary Band Director extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2021-22 school year; if an extra-curricular activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the stipend paid shall be prorated:

1. Jeremy Kendall
2. Brandon Gift
3. Regina Shaffer

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD HEAD TEACHER

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to award the following Head Teachers for the 2021-22 school year:

1. AG North Middle School - Tiffany Duncan

2. AG South Middle School - Matthew (Shea) Fleenor
3. AL Wilson Elementary – Stacey Peton-Tenny
4. Friendship Hill Elementary – Jennifer Hartman
5. George Plava Elementary – Theresa Wadsworth
6. Smithfield Elementary – Toby Maykuth

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Moser to award Virginia Costa the 7 hour Cafeteria Manager Position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to award Janet Smearcheck the 7 hour Cafeteria Position at Masontown Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to award Audra Kenney the 7 hour Cafeteria Manager Position at AG South Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to award Cindy Desko the 6.5 hour Cafeteria Position at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Raegan Jordan, Custodian a FMLA leave of absence retroactive April 15, 2021 through May 24, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to hire Jon Grabiak as Chief of School Security for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2021 at a salary of \$50,000 with 2% annual increases, family health insurance, and same paid holidays as the Act 93 Administrators. This position is a ten and one-half month position. This hiring is subject to the Parties entering into a written employment contract.

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

Nays: M. Dunham

ELIMINATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Franks second by P. Dunham to grant permission to eliminate the following positions for the 2021-22 School Year:

1. Grade 4 at AL Wilson Elementary
2. Grade 1 at Smithfield Elementary

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CREATE AND POST POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to grant permission to create and post the following positions for the 2021-22 School Year:

1. Grade 3 at A.L. Wilson Elementary
2. Grade 2 at Smithfield Elementary

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REHIRE/AWARD HIGH SCHOOL COACHING POSITIONS

A motion was made by Franks second by Jones to rehire/award the following High School Coaches for one season during the 2021-22 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

1. Cross Country – Joe Thomas
2. Golf – Bernie Wydo
3. Cheerleading – Jenna Sackett
4. Girls Soccer – Mike Hart
5. Boys Soccer – Tim Flecker
6. Wrestling – Duane Dupont
7. Volleyball – Marissa Hart
8. Boys Basketball – Shea Fleenor

All members present voting in favor of motion.

(9) A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to hire Craig Hoone the High School Head Girls Basketball Coach for one season during the 2021-22 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

Ayes: M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Jones, Planiczka

Nays: Porupski, Capozza

Abstain: Moser

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to rehire/award the following High School Coaches for one season during the 2021-22 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

(10) Assistant Football – Jeff Rush, Dylan Rush, Danny Morgan, Larry Flowers

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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11. Volunteer Football – Zack Dillow, Alex Stoy
12. Assistant Volleyball -Baylee Powell
13. Assistant Boys Soccer – Bruce Guesman
14. Assistant Girls Soccer – Tim Grimes
15. Assistant Cheerleading – Jodie Lytle

All members present voting in favor of motion.

REHIRE/AWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHING POSITIONS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to rehire/award the following Middle School Coaches for one season during the 2021-22 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be paid shall be prorated.

1. Softball – Bethanie Kern
2. Football – Mark Dunham
3. Cheerleading – Hannah Trump
4. Co-ed Soccer – Christie Eicher
5. Assistant Softball – Jennifer Sroka
6. Assistant Football – Jason Rosner, Jeff Myers
7. Assistant Cheerleading – Nikki Trump
8. Assistant Co-ed Soccer – Adam Simon
9. Fall Athletic Director – Joe Embacher

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

Abstain: M. Dunham only on Item 2 – Mark Dunham

STANDALONE EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve the Standalone Early Retirement Incentive 2021 MOU as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

Non Professional – Joshua Locke; Professional – Cheryl Kurosky

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESURFACE AG NORTH GYM FLOOR

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to grant approval to allow All American Athletics to resurface the AG North Middle School gym floor with a ten (10) year warranty at a cost of \$19,800. Pricing per COSTARS #014-212.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESURFACE AG SOUTH GYM FLOOR

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant approval to allow All American Athletics to resurface the AG South Middle School gym floor with a ten (10) year warranty at a cost of \$18,450. Pricing per COSTARS #014-212.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VOLLEYBALL INSERTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to have the volleyball inserts installed at the AG North Middle School gym pending cost.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on June 16, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to adjourn the meeting 7:07 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.