

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Michael Dunham, Vice President, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Jamey Capozza, Paul Dunham, Carl Planiczka, 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

Jared Plisko, Special Education Coordinator presented the Partial Hospitalization Program Services Agreement with the Intermediate Unit #1 to the board.

Superintendent Pegg announced the district is holding a Covid Booster Shot Clinic sponsored by Giant Eagle Pharmacy for students 5 + on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at the AG Senior High School. Dose 2 will be held for those who participate on December 14, 2021. Information posted on the district website.

Superintendent Pegg announced the district is holding an Act 158 Graduation Requirements informational meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the AG Senior High School Auditorium.

Superintendent Pegg announced the current masking order remains in effect continued to December 4, 2021.

Superintendent Pegg announced that Tuesday, December 7, 2021 will be Keystone testing. Any student not taking the Keystone will be on remote, asynchronous learning, for the day. Any teacher not assisting in the Keystone Testing will be attending trainings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, November 15, 2021 from 6:43 pm – 7:36 pm for personnel, collective bargaining and potential claim.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Jones second by M. Dunham to adopt agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 27, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BLANKET FINANCIAL MOTIONS

President Porupski made a motion to blanket all motions listed under Financial items A-G. The motion to blanket items by Franks second by Jones.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FINANCIAL-ALL ITEMS A-G

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to accept all motions A-G under Financial. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A. TREASURER'S REPORT

Accept treasurer's report including tax collections for October 2021 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

B. BILLS AND PAYROLL

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for November 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,126,117.91
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$500,298.17
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$71,228.87

C. ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

D. CAPITAL PROJECTS

approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:

1. Garland/DBS Inc. \$130,026.59 payment number 7 for the District Wide Roofing Projects.
 2. SupplyHouse.com \$7,399.99 for replacement of the water heater in the kitchen at AL Wilson Elementary.
 3. CCL Technologies \$51,995.00 for the technology upgrade and equipment at D. Ferd Swaney School.
- Total Capital Projects: \$189,421.58

E. PLAYGROUND GRASS AT D FERD

Approve the proposal of Forever Lawn to supply and install Playground Grass directly over the asphalt paving at D Ferd Swaney School at a cost not to exceed \$24,035.00. Price is based on Omnia Partners Contract Number 2017001135 and Vendor Number 303668 and will be paid with Capital Projects.

F. TRANSFER FUNDS TO FOOD SERVICE

Approve General Fund Transfer to the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$256,751.72 to cover current and prior year obligations.

G. PAGING SYSTEM UPGRADE

Approve purchase of paging system upgrade from Advent Communications for Smithfield Elementary at a cost of \$31,856.25. Cost includes Valcom Overhead Paging System, primary paging server, gateway, amplifier and installation. Price is based on Costars Number 034-120 agreement and will be paid with Capital Projects.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to approve third reading of revised policy 006 Meetings. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Capozza to approve third reading of revised policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to approve the Partial Hospitalization Program Services Agreement with Intermediate Unit I for the 2021-22 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Jones second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Diana Black, Special Education Instructor effective January 3, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Diana for her dedicated years of service in the district and wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Moser second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Andrew Zapotosky, 12 month Floating Custodian effective November 3, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to accept the resignation of Marissa Hart, High School Head Volleyball Coach effective November 8, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Jones to accept the resignation of Alicia Cain, Bus Monitor effective November 15, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Jones to grant Kathleen Jose, High School Special Education Instructor an intermittent FMLA commencing November 9, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Jones to grant Heather Hartley, Elementary Instructor a leave of absence from November 19, 2021 to January 3, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to grant Beth Weeks, Speech Instructor a leave of absence from December 13, 2021 to January 3, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by P. Dunham to grant Janet Smearcheck, Cafeteria employee a leave of absence from November 18, 2021 to December 6, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Moser second by Jones to award Lisa Sumey the 12 month Central Office Secretary Position. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to award Cindy Desko the 7 hour Cafeteria Position at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HALL MONITORS SICK & PERSONAL DAYS

A motion was made by Jones second by P. Dunham to approve granting full-time hall monitors five (5) sick days and two (2) personnel days per annum (non-accumulating).

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EVENT SECURITY

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to hire Noah Michael as Event Security pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Jones to hire/rehire the following coaches for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Jacob Magerko -assistant high school boys basketball
2. Jeff Kopas – assistant high school boys basketball
3. Jonathan Bass – assistant high school girls basketball
4. Kylee Myers – assistant high school girls basketball
5. Mike Simon – assistant high school wrestling
6. Jeff Rush – head middle school wrestling
7. Adam Simon – assistant middle school wrestling
8. Harold Pierce – co-head middle school basketball
9. Harley Constable – volunteer high school assistant wrestling
10. Matthew Stackhouse – volunteer high school boys varsity basketball
11. Rob English – volunteer high school boys varsity basketball

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PAY INCREASE

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to grant permission to the increase the hourly/daily sub rates as listed:

- a. Substitute Janitor - \$13.00 per hour
- b. Substitute Secretary - \$13.00 per hour
- c. Substitute Cafeteria Worker - \$11.00 per hour (3 hour shift guaranteed)
- d. Substitute Classroom Aide - \$10.00 per hour
- e. Substitute Bus Monitor - \$12.00 per hour
- f. Substitute Health Room Aide(Nurse) - \$22.00 per hour
- g. Substitute Teacher - \$120.00 per day
- h. Full-time Bus Monitors - \$13.00 per hour
- i. Full-time Hall Monitors - \$13.00 per hour

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Non Professional – David Skiles, Alice Belch, Jennifer Wrona, Jason Doman; Professional – Michelle Pergar

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Jones to grant use of AG High School gym to AG Youth Wrestling on January 8, 2022 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm for wrestling tournament; Jeff Hillyard.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to grant use of AG High School gym to AG Youth Wrestling on January 23, 2022 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm for wrestling tournament; Jeff Hillyard.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SEIU RATIFICATION

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Service Employees International Union, Local 32 BJ for a five year term commencing July 1, 2021, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TRAINING

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to grant permission to pay for onsite training of SONDAY literacy system for 6 teachers in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 to be paid by ESSER II funding.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The Re-Organization meeting and Work Session will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria. The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg wished the AG community, staff and students a Happy Thanksgiving.

A motion was made by Moser second by P. Dunham to adjourn the meeting 6:22 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.