

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Jeff Myers, Secretary Betty Moser, Paul Dunham, Dave Howard, Eric Miller, Carl Planiczka (via conference call), Dan Janesko, Doug Sholtis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Vince Belczyk Business Manager, Amy Schrempf, Solicitor

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

The cub scouts were in attendance to observe the school board meeting. The cubs scouts are working on their Communication Merit Badge and as a requirement for the badge they are required to attend a public meeting; Patricia Hawthorne.

Mrs. Kristin Dunham presented information on the Girls High School Volleyball team. The Volleyball team was recognized for making the WPIAL playoffs. Mrs. Dunham introduced members of the team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to enter into an executive session at 6:10 pm for personnel and student confidentiality.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Moser to resume meeting at 6:40 pm

All members present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 6:50 pm – 8:45 pm for administrative contract, personnel and student confidentiality.

AGENDA

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Janesko second by Myers to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for October 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Myers and Moser second by Janesko to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for November 2024:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,063,743.31
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$404,915.20

3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$134,565.30
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Moser second by Janesko to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Myers second by Janesko to seek blanket approval for all Curriculum and Instruction motions A-M.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

- A. Approve second reading of Policy 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students.
- B. Approve second reading of Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.
- C. Approve second reading of Policy 104 - Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff.
- D. Approve second reading of Policy 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students.
- E. Approve second reading of Policy 247 – Hazing.
- F. Approve second reading of Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying.
- G. Approve second reading of Policy 252 – Dating Violence.
- H. Approve second reading of Policy 317.1 – Educator Misconduct.
- I. Approve second reading of Policy 336 – Personal Necessity Leave.
- J. Approve second reading of Policy 339 – Uncompensated Leave.
- K. Approve second reading of Policy 807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays.
- L. Approve second reading of Policy 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.

TSI PLAN -AG NORTH

M. Approve TSI plan for AG North Middle School as presented.

A motion was made by Miller second by Janesko to seek blanket approval for all Personnel motions A-J.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

- A. Hire Tracie Heeter as Bus Monitor effective October 31, 2024.
- B. Hire Hannah Blackstone as 180 Day Substitute at Masontown Elementary effective October 23, 2024.

RESIGNATION

- C. Accept the resignation of Sharon Lepri, Principal effective October 18, 2024, subject to the School Code's statutory hold.
- D. Accept the resignation of Shandon Marshall, Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball Coach.

CREATE CAFETERIA POSITION

- E. Grant permission to create a 4.5 hour cafeteria position at D. Ferd Cafeteria.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/FMLA

- F. Approve Kendra Guthrie, Custodian an intermittent FMLA to commence November 21, 2024.
- G. Approve Roxanne Shultz, Cafeteria Employee a paid and nonpaid leave of absence from October 24, 2024 through April 20, 2025.

RETIREMENT

H. Accept the retirement of Donald Alston, School Police Officer effective December 31, 2024.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Don for his 10 years of service to the school district and wishes him a very happy and healthy retirement.

RESIGNATION

I. Accept the resignation of Becky Embacher, Learning Support Aide effective December 3, 2024.

COACH HIRES

J. Hire/Rehire the following coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Jason Tingler – Middle School Assistant Wrestling
2. Megan Hadenak – Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball
3. Logan Embacher – Middle School Head Track
4. Stephany Smearcheck – Middle School Assistant Track
5. Tom VanCamp – Middle School Assistant Track
6. Natalie King – High School and Middle School Volunteer Assistant Track
7. Russ Psenicka – High School Assistant Track
8. Andy Miles – High School Assistant Track
9. Shea Fleenor – High School Assistant Track
10. Michael Belt – High School Volunteer Assistant Track
11. Makayla Munchinski – High School Head Girls Softball

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Janesko to seek blanket approval for all Administrative motions A-N.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

Professional: Hunter Latkanich, Coleman Hunt

Non-Professional: Tracy McKahan

FACILITIES USE

- B. Grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use AG North auxiliary gym from November 13, 2024 through March 19, 2025 on Wednesday and Fridays from 5:45 pm – 8:00 pm for conditioning; Brian Carey
- C. Grant permission to AG Traveling Basketball Team to use AL Wilson cafeteria from October 28, 2024 through March 31, 2025 on Monday and Tuesdays from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for basketball; Justin Campbell
- D. Grant permission to Cub Scout Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary cafeteria from November 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025 on Tuesdays from 6:15 pm – 8:00 pm for den meetings; Lisa Burdett
- E. Grant permission to AG South Class of 2029 to use AG South gym and cafeteria on November 8, 2024 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for dance; Amanda Odell, Lisa Gibson, Zack Dillow
- F. Grant permission to Duck Hollow Learning Center at AG to use D Ferd Cafeteria on February 22, 2025 from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm for sweetheart ball; Rebecca Belski
- G. Grant permission to Sophomore Class of 2027 to use AG High School Cafeteria on February 28, 2025 from 4:00 pm – 9:30 pm for sophomore dance (sophomores only/no outside guests); Alison Perry
- H. Grant permission to AG North Class of 2030 to use AG North Middle gym and cafeteria on March 21, 2025 from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm for dance; Jessica Hajek-Bates

CONFERENCE

- I. Grant permission for Lara Bezjak to attend the mandatory 2025 PAFPC Improving School Performance (ISP) Conference at Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square from January 26, 2025 through January 29, 2025 paid by Title I funds.

FIELD TRIP

J. Grant preliminary approval of the AG High School Band/Choral Department for overnight trip to Kings Island in Cincinnati, OH from April 25-26, 2025 at no cost to the district; Charles Durso and Gail Diamond

SOLAR GRANT RESOLUTION

K. Approve the attached Resolution authorizing Administration to apply to the Department of Community and Economic Development Solar for Schools Program Grant.

President Porupski stated that there is no cost to the taxpayers and no money to the district. This grant is for AG South and Friendship Hill schools.

WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

L. Grant permission to approve the Waynesburg University Education Department Affiliation agreement for five year term commencing November 18, 2024.

STUDENT TEACHER

M. Authorize Waynesburg University student teacher Harley Constable to be placed by the elementary supervisor for the Spring 2025 Semester.

CONFERENCE

N. Grant permission for Justin Keller to attend the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo & Conference (PETE&C) from February 9, 2025 through February 12, 2025 in Hershey, PA at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

The Re-Organization meeting, Work Session and Regular Meeting for December will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg reminded the board that all December meetings will be held on December 3, 2024 and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

A motion was made by Myers second by Sholtis to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.
All members present voting in favor of motion.