

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Board Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Carla Franks, Vice President Ryan Porupski, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Betty Moser, Jamey Capozza, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Charity Grimm-Krupa, Carl Planiczka

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Franks called the meeting to order at 6:00PM followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one for public forum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to enter into executive session at 6:05PM for student confidentiality and possible litigation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Executive session lasted till 6:51PM.

President Franks announced an executive session was held on Monday, November 16, 2020 from 7:15PM to 7:53PM for personnel and possible tax assessment litigation.

AMEND AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to amend the agenda by adding Item C under Administrative to Approve to appeal the decision regarding Appeal Number 2021-EX-004 on Parcel number 32-07-0010 by the Fayette County Board of Assessment Appeals to grant exemption from real estate taxes. The District also approves the sharing of legal fees and possible appraisal costs with Smithfield Borough providing the legal support.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to adopt the agenda as amended.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2020 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on November 4, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for October 2020 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for November 2020.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,543,584.88
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$556,665.96
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$57,040.67
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.
5. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects.

1. CCL Technologies - \$22,325.00 – various school cable drops
 2. Advent Communications - \$3,729.00 – various school phone system upgrades
- Total Capital Projects: \$26,054.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Russ Lucas announced an executive session was held from 6:05Pm to 6:51PM for Student Confidentiality and Possible Litigation.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the third reading of revised Policy 800 Records Management.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve the first reading of revised Policy 209.1 Head Lice.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the first reading of revised Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve the update to the 20-21 school calendar to reflect December 3 and 4, 2020 as Remote Instruction days for students with return to in-person instruction on December 7, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Julius Jesso elementary instructor effective February 25, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to accept the retirement of Shelly Reckard, furloughed aide effective November 13, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARDED POSITIONS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to award Leandra Dirda the elementary computer instructor position at Smithfield/Friendship Hill Elementary schools commencing 21-22 school term. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to hire Natalie Messich as Temporary Professional Employee for the Art Instructor at AG High School at Step 5; start date to be determined by Superintendent. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Dustin Reynolds as 12-month custodian to be placed by the Superintendent. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to rehire the following coaches for one season during the 2020-2021 school year, subject to the extra-curricular activity actually operating during the 2020-2021 school year. If the activity commences and is subsequently halted prior to its conclusion, the salary to be placed shall be prorated:

1. High School Assistant Boys Basketball – Jacob Magerko and Jordan Alderson
2. High School Assistant Wrestling – Mike Simon
3. High School Assistant Girls Basketball – Sara Larkin and Breanna Otto
4. High School Volunteer Girls Basketball - Mike Lubich
5. 9th grade Boys Head Basketball – Mike Revak
6. 9th grade Boys Assistant Boys Basketball – Jeff Kopas
7. Middle School Head Wrestling – Jeff Rush
8. Middle School Assistant Wrestling – Adam Simon

Ayes: Planiczka, P. Dunham, Porupski, Howard, Franks, M. Dunham, Moser, Capozza, Krupa Item 4 only

Nayes: Krupa Items 1,2,3,5,6,7, and 8

Abstain: P. Dunahm Item 1

CREATE POSITION:

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to create and post 12 month Floating Custodian position. All members present voting in favor of motion.

INCREASE RATE:

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to increase substitute custodian rate to \$12.00 per hour effective with next pay period.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADD SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to grant permission to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents. Non-Professional: Joy Yanowsky, Lacey Buncic, Valerie Myers

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan for the emergencies and disasters Resolution #1207-2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPEAL:

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to approve to appeal the decision regarding Appeal Number 2021-EX-004 on Parcel number 32-07-0010 by the Fayette County Board of Assessment Appeals to grant exemption from real estate taxes. The District also approves the sharing of legal fees and possible appraisal costs with Smithfield Borough providing the legal support.

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

Nayes: Krupa

Mr. Pegg and Mr. Bolin spoke briefly about the NFHS system for sporting events. The cost is \$2,500. There would be 2 systems installed one in the High School Gymnasium and one at the High School Stadium. The district can generate some revenue with live display ads and the subscription service after a certain amount of time. The system can be used for non-sporting events that take place in the gymnasium or the stadium free of charge, no subscription needed. Mr. Porupski and Mrs. Franks asked to make sure there will be no other costs involved as far as installation and wiring. This item will be added to the December 7 agenda for the Board to vote on.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020 immediately following the Re-Organization meeting and Work Session in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.