

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Monday, October 16, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Eric Miller, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Ryan Porupski(via phone), Carla Franks, David Howard(via phone), Carl Planiczka, Jamey Capozza

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Sholtis

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

President Miller called the meeting to order at 7:55 pm followed by a moment of Silent Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, October 16, 2023 from 6:53 pm – 7:50 pm for personnel, school safety and collective bargaining.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to adopt the agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on September 20, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FINANCIAL:

All Financial motions read by President Miller.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approved all Financial items.

All members present voting in favor of motions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for October 2023.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,539,602.12
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$539,504.54
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$95,611.92

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Accept activity account report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Grant permission to pay the following bill through Capital Projects:

- a. Omega Building Co. \$16,948.89 payment application number 9 for secure vestibule project
- b. Smart Solutions Technologies, L.P. \$17,051.02 high school gym sound system
- c. H.F. Lenz Company \$375.00 secure entrance vestibules and fire alarms

Total Capital Projects: \$34,374.91

REPLACEMENT BACKFLOW PREVENTER

Grant permission to pay Whitby Plumbing & HVAC \$7,275.00 for replacement of backflow preventer at Masontown Elementary.

FENCE INSTALLATION

Grant permission to All Around Fence Company, Inc. to install fence around the generator at the high school at a cost of \$4,376.00.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL

All Personnel motions read by President Miller.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve all Personnel items.

All members present voting in favor of motions.

RETIREMENT

Accept the retirement of Norma Kmetz, cafeteria employee effective September 27, 2023.

Superintendent Pegg congratulated Norma on her years of service to the district and wished her the best on her retirement.

RESIGNATION

Accept the resignation of Rhett Geary, School Police Officer effective October 13, 2023.

FMLA

Grant Brooke Patterson, middle school instructor an intermittent FMLA commencing September 21, 2023.

NEW HIRE

Hire Jessica Stallard as 3.5 hour Cafeteria employee at AG South Middle School effective October 2, 2023.

AWARD POSITIONS

Award Jennifer Whoolery the 4.5 hour cafeteria manager position at D. Ferd Swaney.

Award Susan Davis the 6.5 hour cafeteria position at AG South Middle School.

NEW HIRE

Hire Lana Groover as Floating Secretary. Position to be eliminated upon placement of next open secretary position.

CREATE POSITION

Create a one year only Kindergarten Aide position at Masontown Elementary for the 2023-24 school year.

NEW HIRE

Hire Tanya Forsythe as Kindergarten Aide at Masontown Elementary.

SCHOOL POLICE HIRE

Reappoint Harlyrae Geary as a School Police Officer for a one-year term commencing her first workday of the 2023-24 school year and terminating June 30, 2024. Pursuant upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas so appointing her pursuant to Section 1302-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, written employment agreement as presented and pending receipt of all proper documents.

COACH HIRES

Hire the following High School Coaches for one season during the 2023-24 school year.

1. Jeffrey Kopas, Tim Dye – Assistant Boys Basketball
2. Sydney Phillips - Assistant Girls Basketball
3. Mike Simon - Assistant Wrestling

Hire the following Middle School Coaches for one season during the 2023-24 school year.

1. Jacob Magerko, Chris Uphold - Co-Head Boys Basketball
2. David Sines – Volunteer Boys Basketball
3. Joe Embacher - Winter Athletic Director

HIRE 180 DAY SUB

Hire Cheryl Kurosky as the 180 Day Sub for Smithfield Elementary for the 2023-24 school year at a prorated Salary.

VOLUNTEER SWIM COACHES

Approve Christie Eicher and Justin Moccaldi as Volunteer Swim Coaches for one season during the 2023-24 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

SABBATICAL

Grant Maria Lindsey, Middle School Instructor, a Sabbatical leave from January 23, 2024 to January 23, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE

All Administrative motions read by President Miller.

A motion was made by Moser second by Dunham to approved all Administrative items.

All members present voting in favor of motions.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Non Professional: Jennifer Menear

FACILITY USE

Grant permission to AG North Class of 2028 Semi-Formal Committee to use AG North cafeteria and gym on November 17, 2023 from 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm for school dance; Heather Jones

ACCESS SERVICES AGREEMENTS

Approve both the Access Reimbursement Service Agreement-Administrative Support Only and Access Services Agreement-IU1 Based Staff with the Intermediate Unit 1 as per attached.

NOVA CARE SERVICES

Approve the Amendment to Nova Care for providing Athletic Training Services as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 8:10 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.