

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Jeff Myers, Secretary Betty Moser, Paul Dunham, Dave Howard, Eric Miller, Carl Planiczka

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Janesko, Doug Sholtis

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

President Porupski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM

Superintendent Pegg and Lena Hannah, PSBA Representative (via Zoom) presented the PSBA Honor Roll Recognition Award to David Howard, Board Member for 25 Years of Service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Myers second by Dunham to enter into an executive session at 6:05 pm for personnel. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Dunham to resume meeting at 6:11 pm
All members present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, October 14, 2024 from 7:23 pm – 8:18 pm for personnel, collective bargaining and school safety and security.

AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2024.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for September 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

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

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,373,508.71
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,343,777.25
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$112,416.02

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

BUDGET TRANSFERS

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to approve the Budget Transfers aligning the Federal Programs for 2024-2025 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Miller second by Myers to approve all motions A-L.

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Myers to hire Lisa Miller as 4 Hour Cafeteria Employee at AL Wilson Elementary effective September 26, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to hire Annie Willard as 3.5 Hour Cafeteria Employee at AG South Middle School effective October 1, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to accept the resignation of Morgan Kelly, 180 Day Sub effective September 20, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE/FMLA

A motion was made by Dunham second by Moser to grant Katie Patek a leave of absence from November 20, 2024 through February 5, 2025.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to grant Chelsie Myers, Secretary an intermittent FMLA effective September 1, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Myers

COACH RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to accept the resignation of Briana Mehall, Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball Coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACH HIRES

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

1. Jeff Kopas – 9th grade Head Boys Basketball
2. Eric Kurosky – 9th grade Assistant Boys Basketball
3. Shandon Marshall – Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
4. Robert English – Volunteer High School Boys Basketball Coach

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

Professional: Tammy Rinkhoff

Nonprofessional: Donald Jones, Teresa Porupski

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Porupski

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant permission to JROTC to use the AG High School cafeteria on December 13, 2024 for Formal Dinner from 2:00 pm – 9:00 pm; CSM Lashendock

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use the high school auxiliary gym from October 15, 2024 through March 21, 2025 from 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm for wrestling practice;

Brian Carey

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to grant use of AG High School Library to TRIO Upward Bound from October 1, 2024 through April 29, 2025 from 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm for after-school tutoring sessions; Jennifer Ramsey/Jerry Barney

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MUNICIPAL PROGRAM

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to approve the district's participation in the Municipal Program where anyone can bid on various items of Government Agencies and Municipalities in Pennsylvania.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

STA SECOND AMENDMENT

A motion was made by Miller second by Myers to approve Second Amendment to Transportation Agreement dated October 4, 2024 between the District and Student Transportation, Inc. dba STA of Pennsylvania, Inc., as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AGEA EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE MOU

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to approve the AGEA Standalone Early Retirement Incentive 2024-2025 MOU as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VARSITY GIRL'S WRESTLING PROGRAM

A motion was made by Dunham second by Miller to grant permission to establish a varsity girl's wrestling program.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.