

## **Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes**

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Ryan Porupski, Vice President Paul Dunham, Treasurer Eric Miller, Secretary Betty Moser, Jamey Capozza, Carla Franks, David Howard, Carl Planiczka, Doug Sholtis

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Business Manager Vincent Belczyk, Solicitor Lee Price

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**

Scott Shapiro, Educational Consultant – PASS:

PASS is a K-12 student attitudinal survey, developed by a team of educational psychologists, that enables schools and districts to proactively identify barriers that are hindering student success.

The PASS intervention guide offers over 130 research-based strategies designed to empower administrators, counselors, and teachers to help their students develop the non-academic skills needed to succeed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Dunham to enter in to an executive from 6:18 pm for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to resume meeting at 6:31 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, October 17, 2022 from 7:05 pm – 8:47 pm for personnel, collective bargaining and student confidentiality.

### **ADODT AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on September 21, 2022. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **FINANCIAL ALL ITEMS A-F**

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to approve all items A – F in Financial. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A. Accept the treasurer’s report including tax collections for September 2022 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

## **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for October 2022:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,889,314.13
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$620,273.47
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$103,326.95

## **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

C. Accept activity account report as presented by building principals.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

D. Grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects:

- a. Printscape Imaging and Graphics \$105.65, payment for Fire Alarm Plan review of Vestibules project.
- b. Open Systems Pittsburgh, LLC \$111,410.00, payment application #1 for work performed on the Fire Alarm System of the Vestibule Project.
- c. Omega Building Company \$48,350.07, payment application #2 for work performed on the General Construction portion of the Vestibule Project.

Total Capital Projects: \$159,865.72

## **BOTTLER FILLER STATIONS**

E. Approve the purchase of Wall Mount Refrigerated Bottler Filler stations from TMS Equiparts at a cost of \$59,400.00 (State CoStars Contract Number 008-E22-796 pricing). These will replace the existing drinking water fountains throughout the district. Funds provided through Capital Projects.

## **INTERNET HOT SPOTS**

F. Rescind motion to purchase internet hot spots for online students paid through district funds.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

## **POLICIES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to approve first reading and waive the second and third of revised Policy 208 Withdrawal From School.

Ayes: Planiczka, Miller, Franks, Howard, Sholtis, Porupski, Capozza, Dunham, Moser

Nays: None

Superintendent stated the compulsory school age changed.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Capozza to revise Policy 200 Enrollment in District to remove the statement "students must register at the school according to residence/attendance area." This will allow parents to choose which elementary and middle school their child can attend. Effective for the 2023-24 school term.

Ayes: Sholtis, Capozza, Porupski

Nays: Miller, Franks, Howard, Planiczka, Dunham, Moser

Motion Fails

**RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Planiczka to accept the resignation of Tabetha Mayfield, Cafeteria employee effective September 23, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept the resignation of Jennifer Sebulsky, Special Education Aide effective September 26, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to accept the resignation of Kristin Frey-Martin, Assistant High School Principal with the last day of employment effective November 28, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to accept the resignation of Justin Malik, Instructor effective immediately with health insurance benefits terminating December 31, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ELIMINATE POSITION**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant permission to eliminate the vacant Maintenance I position.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FMLA**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant Raegan Jordan, Custodian a FMLA commencing October 11, 2022 through January 9, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**TENURE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to grant Matthew Stackhouse, Secondary Instructor tenure as defined in PA School Code.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**NEW HIRES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to hire Steffani Palmer, 3.75 hour cafeteria employee at AG South Middle School effective October 11, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to hire Sara McAfee as Special Education Aide at Masontown Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg noted Sara will start on October 24, 2022.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to hire Scott Arbogast as substitute hall monitor pending receipt of Act 235 to be placed by Chief Pierce.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Dunham to hire Sean Nose as substitute hall monitor pending receipt of Act 235 to be placed by Chief Pierce.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to award Ashley Ziringer, 4 hour cafeteria position at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **COACHES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept the resignation of Jordan Alderson, Co-Head Middle School Boys Basketball coach effective October 11, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Dunham: Abstain

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Miller to approve moving Jacob Magerko from Assistant High School Boys Basketball to Co-Head Middle School Boys Basketball coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Mitchell Martin as Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach for one season during the 2022-23 school year, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTE LIST**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents. Professional: Emily Butorac; Non-Professional: Ryan Burnworth, Alec Serock, Kendra Guthrie, Gian Fugozzotto, Buffy Coffman, Clarence Sawyers

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **FACILITIES USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use High School Wrestling Room from October 24, 2022 through March 31, 2023 from 5:45 pm – 8:15 pm for wrestling practice; Jeff Hillyard

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Capozza to grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use High School Gym on February 19, 2023 from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm for Wrestling Tournament – Qualifiers; Jeff Hillyard

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to grant permission to AG Middle School Band to use the AG South Gym and Cafeteria on January 13, 2023 and March 17, 2023 from 3:00 pm – 8:30 pm for dance for AG South Students only; Mary Kendall

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **TAX PAYMENT FOR PARCEL**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to approved motion to accept payment of \$36,937.33 from the United States as a compromise of taxes for parcel 14-15-0032 (2373 Morgantown Road), the listed face value, and to enter into a consent order regarding that compromise.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SYNERGY CASE STUDY**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to approve the participation in the Synergy Case Study Program based on historical information of past and current performance of the district's workers compensation insurance program.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **TITLE I CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission for Lara Bezjak and Stacey Bill to attend the mandatory PA Title I Improving School Performance Conference at Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square from January 29, 2023 – February 1, 2023 paid by Title I funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **STORAGE SHED**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to grant permission to Friendship Hill Elementary School PTO to purchase a storage shed to be placed at the Friendship Hill Elementary School location.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **STUDENT TEACHER**

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve Liberty University student teacher, Marieli Edwards to complete student teaching from January 2023 – May 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SEIU COVID PAYMENT MOU**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve Memorandum of Understanding with SEIU regarding Covid payment, as presented and subject to written approval of SEIU.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Abstain: Franks

#### **ENERGIA DATA ANALYSIS**

A motion was made by Miller second by Dunham to grant permission for Energia to complete an energy consumption data analysis, for potential cost savings, at no cost to the district.

Ayes: Howard, Moser, Miller, Sholtis, Capozza, Porupski

Nays: Franks, Planiczka, Dunham

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held on November 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced the Parent Conference Day is November 8, 2022. Parents will receive schedule directly from school.

Superintendent Pegg announced the upcoming flu and covid shot clinic for employees and school board. Information was emailed to staff.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to adjourn the meeting 6:51 PM.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.