

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

MEMEBERS PRESENT: President Ryan Porupski, Secretary Betty Moser, Treasurer Jamey Capozza, Paul Dunham, Carl Planiczka, Carla Franks, David Howard, Phillip Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Dunham

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

President 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

Marcella Dantzler, Leckrone, PA addressed the board regarding racism at AG North Middle School. What is being done to address this? Her daughter doesn't want to attend school due to the issues. There needs to be a change.

Superintendent Pegg stated that the district is aware of the situation. There is zero tolerance in all areas and there will be consequences for students making comments.

Chris Bolin, Technology Coordinator announced the new graduation requirements Act 158 will be posted on school district website under the Parent tab. There will be changes to the district website coming soon.

Superintendent Pegg on behalf of the Pennsylvania School Board Association recognized Michael Dunham, a member of the Albert Gallatin Area School Board for his 12 years of service on the board. A certificate adding him to the PSBA "Honor Roll of School Board Service" was issued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 6:53 pm – 9:00 pm for personnel, student confidentiality, school safety and security, and collective bargaining.

ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Capozza second by P. Dunham to adopt agenda as presented, which includes a request made at last evening's work session after the agenda was posted from a student regarding his Eagle Boy Scout project. All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Franks second by Planiczka to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 15, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Franks to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for September 2021 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for October 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,328,926.73
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$2,723,982.16
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$64,008.34

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ROOF DUCK INSULATION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to approve the project with Hranec Corporation to replace the roof duck insulation on AG Middle School at a cost of \$9,575. Funds are to be provided through the Capital Projects Account.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COMPRESSOR REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve Eastern Refrigeration Supply Company proposal to replace the compressor at George J. Plava Elementary School at a cost of \$2,951.00. Funds are to be provided through the Capital Projects Account.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Franks second by P. Dunham to approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:

1. Garland/DBS Inc. \$312,767.39 for the District Wide Roofing Projects (sixth payment application).
2. Deere & Company \$33,330.29 for district mowers and tractor.
3. Eastern Refrigeration Supply Co. \$2,951.00 for compressor at George J. Plava Elementary.

Total Capital Projects: \$349,048.58

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to approve second reading of revised policy 006 Meetings.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Planiczka to approve second reading of revised policy 903 Public Participation in Board Meetings.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to approve final reading of revised policy 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Planiczka to approve final reading of policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to approve final reading of revised policy 104 Discrimination/ Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Jami Kimmel, Bus Monitor effective September 16, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to accept the resignation of Jordan Kovach, Elementary Tutor effective September 24, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to accept the resignation of Wanda Gillen, Bus Monitor effective October 4, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Moser to accept the resignation of Michelle Dice, Cafeteria employee effective November 30, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Betty Sunyak, Cafeteria employee effective January 10, 2022.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Jones to accept the retirement of Sharon Hays, Elementary Instructor effective December 6, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant Michele Jacobs, Cafeteria employee a leave of absence extension from October 6, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by P. Dunham to grant Sheri Groover, Elementary Instructor a leave of absence from October 12, 2021 through June 2, 2022.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to grant Diana Black, Elementary Special Education Instructor a leave of absence from October 15, 2021 through December 22, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant Bonnie Balas, Elementary Special Education Instructor a leave of absence from November 8, 2021 through June 2, 2022.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Moser second by Jones to grant Brooke Patterson, Middle School Instructor an intermittent FMLA retroactive September 27, 2021.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to grant Megan McGill, Elementary Instructor a FMLA starting November 18, 2021 through February 24, 2022.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to award Tom Shiflett the ½ day D. Ferd Swaney - ½ day AG North Middle School afternoon shift custodian position.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award Benjamin Shuman the AG South Middle School afternoon shift custodian position.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Jones to hire Chelsea Jacobs for the 2.5 hour cafeteria position at George J. Plava Elementary.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to hire the following custodians for open positions; placement and start date to be determined by Superintendent.

1. Roger Groover
2. Vicky Provance
3. Patricia Michaels
4. Andrew Zapotosky

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CREATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Moser second by Jones to grant permission to create Health Room Aide position.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant permission to create and post Central Office Secretary Position.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to create and post 12 month Floating Custodian position.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PAY INCREASE

A motion was made by Moser second by Jones to grant permission to increase the Health Room Aide hourly pay rate to \$22.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Non Professional – Garrett Wingrove, Vicky Provance, Matthew Wasko, Andrew Zapotosky, Nathan Lavery;

Professional – Elizabeth Roderick, Makayla Munchinski, Rosa Cho Stoffa

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITIES USE

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to grant use of AG High School Cafeteria and two classrooms to Pennsylvania State University-AGASD Prosper Team from October 5, 2021 through November 16, 2021 on Tuesdays from 4:30 pm – 8:30pm for strengthening families program for parents/caregivers/youth; Michele George.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to authorize Linda Nick, a student in the School Nurse Certification Program a practicum placement in the district for PA School Nurse Certification during the Spring of 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to grant permission for Jonathan Grabiak, Chief of School Police to attend The Campus Safety Conference November 3, 4 and 5, 2021 in Pittsburgh, PA at a cost of \$399.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan for the emergencies and disasters Resolution #1207-2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to grant permission to Sam Tinker to complete his Eagle Scout Project as presented to the board on Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on November 17, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

Superintendent Pegg announced the December Work Session, Reorganization Meeting and Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to adjourn the meeting 6:29 PM.
All members present voting in favor of motion.