

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

**D. Ferd Swaney**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Dunham

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

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**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to enter in to an executive from 6:01 PM for personnel. All member present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to resume meeting at 6:10 pm. All member present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 from 7:00 pm – 7:47 pm for personnel and negotiations.

### **ADOPT AMENDED AGENDA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to adopt the amended agenda to add Item O under Personnel, create and post ½ day D. Ferd Swaney and ½ day AG North Middle School afternoon 3pm-11pm custodian position. All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Moser to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 11, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to accept treasurer’s report including tax collections for August 2021 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for September 2021:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,668,293.62
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$2,550,378.62
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$21,750.70

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to approve the following payments from the Capital Projects Fund:

1. All Around Fence Company, Inc. \$12,969 for installation of fence on playground area of D. Ferd Elementary.
2. Gaefke Installations LLC \$3,400 for installation of Volleyball net anchors at AG South Middle School.
3. CCL Technologies \$5,994 for technology upgrades performed at D. Ferd Elementary.
4. Garland/DBS, Inc. \$198,322.46 draw 5 district roofing projects.
5. All American Athletics, LLC \$18,750 for AG North gym floor resurfacing (payment 1 and 2)

Total Capital Projects: \$239,435.46

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **IU 1 ELECTRIC CONSORTIUM**

A motion was made by Jones second by Moser to approve the Resolution authorizing the administration to enter into an agreement with a vendor selected by the Intermediate Unit 1 Electric Consortium to provide electricity supply beginning December 2022 for a period of 36 or 48 months. (This represents an extension of the current agreement set to expire in December 2022).

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **WESTERN PA NATURAL GAS CONSORTIUM**

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to approve an extension of the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium for the term September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2025. The new basis price represents a saving of 18% as compared to our current contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **BOOSTER ORGANIZATIONS RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to approve the Resolution hereby recognizing the Albert Gallatin Area Booster Organizations as a nonprofit organization for purposes of complying with the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **COMBUSTION SERVICE HVAC CONTROLS UPGRADES**

A motion was made by Franks second by Jones to approve the agreement with Combustion Service & Equipment Co. for HVAC Controls Upgrades at AG South Middle School and Masontown Elementary School in the amount of \$636,000 to be paid using ESSERS II funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **POLICIES**

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Jones second by Howard to approve second 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 Howard second by Jones to approve second reading of policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to approve second 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 Howard second by Franks to accept the resignation Tina Murphy, Cafeteria employee effective August 18, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to accept the resignation of Michael Shipp, event security effective September 13, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to accept the resignation of Courtney Haines, high school assistant girls basketball coach effective September 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to Award the following positions according to contract:

1. Robert Tate – Afternoon Shift custodian at Friendship Hill Elementary
2. Daniel Andria – Midnight Shift custodian at Masontown Elementary

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to accept the resignation of Sarah Lohr for AG North Middle School student council sponsor effective August 12, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Jones to grant Sharon Hays, elementary instructor a leave of absence from September 3, 2021 through October 3, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to grant Robert Pope, custodian a leave of absence from September 1, 2021 through October 6, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to grant Breanna Otto, middle school instructor a leave of absence from September 9, 2021 through September 26, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant Alison Perry, high school instructor a leave of absence from approximately February 10, 2022 through April 19, 2022.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SABBATICAL**

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to grant Heather Lux, elementary instructor a sabbatical from August 23, 2021 through December 6, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRE**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to hire Ashley Ziringer for the 2.5 hour cafeteria position at Friendship Hill Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to hire the following as full-time Bus Monitors.

1. Jami Kimmel
2. Frances Sherman
3. Alicia Cain
4. Donald Jones

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **COACHES**

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

1. Andrew Hostetler - high school varsity assistant football
2. Larry Flowers – high school varsity head softball
3. Jeremy Keefer – high school varsity head track
4. Chris Myers – middle school boys basketball

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRE SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER**

A motion was made by Jones second by Capozza to appoint Rhett Geary as a School Police Officer for a three year term commencing his first workday of the 2021-22 school year and terminating June 30, 2024. Pursuant upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas so appointing him pursuant to Section 1302-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, written employment agreement as presented and pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CREATE POSITIONS**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Jones to create and post a ½ day D. Ferd Swaney and ½ day AG North Middle School afternoon shift (3pm – 11:00pm) custodian.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SUBSTITUTE LIST**

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

Non Professional – Sheila Renaldi; Professional – Jonathan Clark, Abriana Gunnoe, Stephen J. Champlin, Joy Hertlein, Sarah Curry

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITIES USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Jones to grant use of AG High School Auditorium to JROTC on November 12, 2021 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am for Veterans Day Appreciation and panel discussion; LTS Walsh.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Jones second by Moser to grant use of AG High School Library to TRIO Upward Bound from October 12, 2021 through May 3, 2022 from 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm for after-school tutoring sessions; Jennifer Ramsey and Eron McMillen.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Jones to grant use of AG High School Auxiliary/Wrestling area to AG Youth Wrestling from November 15, 2021 through April 1, 2022 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm for wrestling practice; Jeff Hillyard.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held on October 20, 2021 in the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to adjourn the meeting 6:27 PM.

All members present voting in favor of motion.