

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Board Meeting Minutes

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Carla Franks, Vice President Ryan Porupski, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary, Betty Moser, Jamey Capozza, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Charity Grimm-Krupa, Carl Planiczka

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Franks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by a Moment of silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Franks announced an executive session was held on September 14, 2020 from 6:55 pm to 7:44 pm for personnel and possible litigation.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 2020 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 25, 2020 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for August 2020 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for September 2020:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,211,931.35
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,136,897.44
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$14,228.20
4. Contingency plan of operation for payroll, utility bills, cafeteria fund bills, and capital project invoices, to be paid after review by the Superintendent and/or Business Manager.

5. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Porupski to grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects.

1. Trane, Inc. - \$19,575.00 – Compressor – AG High School
2. Combustion Service & Equipment - \$9,555.00 – Replacement Mixing Valve-Masontown Elem.
3. Advent Communications - \$5,808.09 – Intercom/Door Buzzer System – Central Office
4. Capital Technologies, Inc. - \$3,675.00 – Parts for water treatment plant
5. Miller Company Electrical Contractor, Inc. - \$22,903.00 - Installation 4 LED light poles and new flagpole light at Friendship Hill
6. A. Folino Construction, Inc. – Change Order#1 - \$37,755.00 – new sidewalk and directional signage at Smithfield Elementary and seal coating of Masontown Elementary playground

Total \$99,271.09

Ayes: Capozza, M. Dunham, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Moser, Porupski, Planiczka

Nays: Krupa – only to Item 6

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve first reading of revised Policy 800 Records Management.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve first reading of Policy 351.2 Random Drug Testing.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to amend the motion to waive the second and third reading of Policy 351.2 Random Drug Testing.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Whitman Evans, bus monitor effective August 20, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to accept the retirement of Keith McCormick, security effective August 27, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Mr. Evans and Mr. McCormick for their years of service and wished them a long and health retirement.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to award Alison DeMarco the Canvas LMS/Remote Teacher Support Position for the school term as posted.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to award the following Temporary Maintenance Helper Positions as posted to:

1. Derek Dice
2. Chris Kurilla
3. Tom Shiflett
4. Regis Yuras

All members present voting in favor of motion.

APPOINTMENT

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to appoint Donald Moats as 180 Day School Security Guard to be placed at AL Wilson Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by P. Dunham to amend the motion for Mr. Moats to start on the step 2 salary as per the security contract due to previous work assignment with the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TENURE

A motion was made by Howard second by Krupa to grant tenure to the following teacher as defined in PA School Code.

1. Julie Sines, Middle School Instructor

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TEMPORARILY FURLOUGHED EMPLOYEES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to temporarily lay off the appropriate hourly employees:

1. Nicole Lovis, Bus Monitor
2. Lisa Olson, Bus Monitor
3. Brooke A. Patterson, Health Room Aide
4. Meghan Howard, Health Room Aide
5. Crystal Hanchek, Health Room Aide
6. Jennifer Lilley, Health Room Aide
7. Paula Coville, Health Room Aide

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Planiczka to grant Jennifer Leighty a leave of absence from approximately October 20, 2020 through December 14, 2020 accrued sick days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to extend Jerome Vicinelly's leave of absence from September 21, 2020 through October 5, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Professional: Emma Gasti and Daniel Morgan

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PIC MOU

A motion was made by Planiczka second by P. Dunham to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Albert Gallatin School District and Private Industry Council/Head Start and Early Head Start of Fayette County. This will meet the new requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), for local agencies receiving Title I funds. The services are to be provided from effective August 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

STUDENT PARKING FEE

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to grant permission to waive the high school student parking permit fee for the 2020-2021 school year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 6.23 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.