

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Meditation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- PSBA Honor Roll Recognition – Carl Planiczka

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, September 16, 2024 from 7:34 pm to 9:20 pm for personnel, litigation and student confidentiality.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2024.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for August 2024 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for September 2024:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$8,199,617.19.
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$458,900.70
 - 3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$59,523.14
- C. Accept activity accounts as presented by building principals.
- D. Approve the purchase of district radios from Rudik Communications, LLC in the amount of \$76,213.95. The purchase is in accordance with CoStars pricing with funds provided by the Capital Projects account and a \$30,000.00 Grant from the Fayette County District Attorney's Office.
- E. Grant permission to pay the following bill through Capital Projects:
 - 1. Markl Supply Company, Inc. \$19,982.00 for the purchase of 3 mobile metal detectors for use at Athletic events throughout the district.
 - 2. Open Systems Pittsburgh LLC \$31,187.50 representing the balance of pay application #5 \$55,650.75 for the Fire Alarm Panel Phase of the Vestibule Project.
 - 3. The ESPORT Company \$41,475.00 for the purchase of 15 computers in accordance with the CoStars contract # 561231 for use in the High School ESport, Portal, and Computer design programs.
 - 4. Hunter's Excavating & Electrical \$58,574.97 for repairs completed on the Sewage Plant Maintenance Project.Total Capital Projects \$151,219.47
- F. Approve purchase of a new projector and projector screen for the High School auditorium from Smart Solution Technologies Inc. at a cost of \$23,700.30. This will be paid using ESSER funds.

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Approve second reading of Policy 808 – Food Services.
- B. Approve second reading of Policy 808.1 – District Cafeteria Charge Policy.

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Hire Alisa Schantz as Kindergarten Classroom Aide at Friendship Hill for 2024-25 school year.
- B. Hire Morgan Kelly as 180 Day Substitute at Masontown Elementary.
- C. Hire Jason Tingler as 180 Day Security Guard, pending receipt of all required documents.
- D. Grant Dorothy Holbert, Elementary Instructor a nonpaid leave of absence from November 6, 2024 through December 1, 2024.
- E. Grant Brittany Skinner, School Counselor a paid and nonpaid FMLA from November 10, 2024 through February 2, 2025.
- F. Grant Chelsie Myers, Secretary an FMLA from October 29, 2024 through November 26, 2024.
- G. Grant Raegan Jordan, Custodian an intermittent FMLA retroactive to July 12, 2024.
- H. Eliminate a 3 hour cafeteria position at AL Wilson.
- I. Create a 4 hour cafeteria position at AL Wilson.
- J. Award the following positions according to contract:
 - 1. Eva Mehalov - Learning Support Instructor at High School
 - 2. Christina George – Grade 1 Instructor at AL Wilson, effective 2025-26 school year
 - 3. Autumn Dziak – 4 hour Cafeteria position at High School
 - 4. Amber Glisan – 4.5 hour Cafeteria position at Smithfield Elementary
- K. Accept resignation of Jules (Buddy) Quertinmont as high school Assistant Boys Basketball coach.
- L. Hire/Rehire the following coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - 1. Kameron Miller - Volunteer High School Assistant Volleyball
 - 2. Simon Mulindwa - Volunteer High School Assistant Girls Soccer
 - 3. Nicholas Groover – Varsity Baseball
 - 4. Jeremy Keefer – High School Head Track
 - 5. Mike Simon – High School Assistant Wrestling
 - 6. Harley Constable – High School Assistant Wrestling
 - 7. Sydney Phillips – Head Middle School and High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
 - 8. Duane Dupont – High School Fall Conditioning
 - 9. Tim Dye - High School Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball
 - 10. Christie Eicher, Justin Moccaldi, Russell Psenicska – Volunteer Swim
 - 11. Nathan Zimcosky – Volunteer High School Baseball
 - 12. Breanna Mehall – Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball
 - 13. Tim Kelley – Middle School Head Wrestling
 - 14. Joe Embacher – Middle School Winter Athletic Director
 - 15. David Sines and Jules (Buddy) Quertinmont – Co-Head Middle School Boys Basketball
- M. Appoint LTC Richard Cassem as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Senior Army Instructor for the term commencing October 28, 2024 and terminating midnight, June 30, 2025 pursuant to employment contract as presented. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army. LTC Cassem shall be employed the appropriate number of days as required by the U.S. Army for salary and reimbursement purposes.
- N. Accept the resignation of Valerie Popielarcheck, Special Education Instructor effective September 30, 2024.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following to the substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.
 - Professional: Brandon Saghy, Spencer Macke, Hannah Blackstone, Tiffany Duley
 - Nonprofessional: Alice Ohler, Ella McCourt
- B. Grant permission to AG North Class of 2029 use of AG North Gym on October 25, 2024 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm for Fall Dance; Tracie Reese
- C. Grant permission to AG Elementary Basketball League use of High School Cafeteria on September 17 and September 18, 2024 from 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm for league coaches meeting and draft; George Daniels

- D. Grant permission to AG Youth Wrestling to use of High School Cafeteria and Gym on December 14, 2024 and January 19, 2025 for Keystone Youth Wrestling Tournament; Brian Carey
- E. Grant permission to Boy Scouts to use AL Wilson Elementary Cafeteria on September 16, 2024 for sign ups from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm; Kristen Eagle.
- F. Grant permission to approve the West Virginia University College of Applied Human Sciences, School of Education Affiliation agreement for five-year term commencing August 1, 2024.
- G. Authorize Penn West University student teachers to be placed by the elementary supervisor:
August 2024 - December 2024: Coleman Hunt, Vanessa Toth
- H. Authorize West Virginia University student teachers to be placed by the elementary supervisor:
August 2024 – December 2024: Heidi Johnston, Gabrielle Stokes, Jonathan Swavel
- I. Approve agreement resolving special education services for student X as presented.
- J. Approve Van Strien Consulting proposal for providing E-Rate services during the 2024-25 funding year as presented.
- K. Approve a three-year contract extension with NRG/Direct Energy for Natural Gas on the Columbia Gas System with a start date of September 1, 2025. The Contract will have a Basis price of (-\$0.267) cents per Dth. The Contract extension was recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee.
- L. Motion to approve the Resignation Agreement and Release with Employee #24-X, as presented.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.
- B. Motion to adjourn.