

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

**D. Ferd Swaney Cafeteria**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Dunham

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Solicitor Lee Price

President Miller 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**

Dr. Eric Witt recognized this year's AG Coal Queen Hayden Chipps. Dr. Witt presented a certificate to Ms. Chipps.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to enter into executive session at 6:03 pm for school safety.

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to resume regular meeting at 6:35 pm.

An executive session was held on Monday, September 18, 2023 from 6:55 pm – 7:57 pm for personnel, school safety and potential litigation.

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to adopt the agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on August 16, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for July & August 2023 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for August 2023.

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$6,627,913.89
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$804,584.93
3. Cafeteria fund bills in the amount of \$55,394.63

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to accept activity account report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to grant permission to pay the following bill through Capital Projects:

- a. Omega Building Co. \$17,145.46, payment application #10 for work performed on the General Construction Portion of the Vestibule Project.
- b. Palco Power Systems \$533,462.00 for the installation of the High School Generator.
- c. HF Lenz Company \$375.00 for Vestibule Project.

Total Capital Projects \$550,982.46

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **TREE REMOVAL**

A motion was made by Franks second by Sholtis to grant permission to New Horizon Tree Service to remove trees, undergrowth and debris near high school area at a cost of \$1,950.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **POLICY**

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to waive three (3) readings of reviewed Policy #918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement and adopt as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ESPORT AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to approve The Esport Company equipment rental agreement in the amount of \$3,500 to expire on December 20, 2024.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN**

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to accept the revised Albert Gallatin Area School District's 2023-24 Health and Safety Plan as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **RESIGNATION**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to accept the resignation of Steffani Palmer, Cafeteria employee effective August 22, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to accept the resignation of Buffy Coffman, Cafeteria employee effective August 22, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Moser to accept the resignation of Jodi Johnson, Learning Support Instructor effective, August 21, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Roseski, Floating Secretary effective September 22, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to approve Louise Wesolowsky, Cafeteria employee a leave of absence from August 23, 2023 through September 29, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Franks to approve Kimberly Jesso, Aide a paid and unpaid leave of absence from August 22, 2023 through September 26, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Howard to approve Virginia Costa, Cafeteria employee a paid and unpaid leave of absence from September 7, 2023 through October 13, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRES**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to hire Ashley Miller as 3.75 hour Cafeteria employee at AG North Middle School effective September 11, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to hire Amber Glisan as 3 hour Cafeteria employee at AL Wilson effective September 18, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Capozza to hire Diana Cumberland as Bus Monitor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ELIMINATE POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Howard to grant permission to eliminate the following cafeteria positions effective October 2, 2023.

1. AG North Middle School – 3.75 hour position 10:15 am – 2:00 pm
2. AG South Middle School – 3.75 hour position 10:15 am – 2:00 pm

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CREATE AND POST POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Franks to grant permission to create and post the following cafeteria positions effective October 2, 2023.

1. AG North Middle School – 3.5 hour position 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
2. AG South Middle School – 3.5 hour position 10:00 am – 1:30 pm

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Planiczka second by Capozza to award the following positions according to contract.

1. Jennifer Leighty – Grade 3 – AL Wilson Elementary effective 24/25 school year.
2. Carrie Wotring – 4.5 hour cafeteria position at D. Ferd Swaney.
3. Susan Bartock – 7 hour cafeteria manager position at Friendship Hill effective October 16, 2023.
4. Jennifer Rosier – 6 hour cafeteria position at AG High School effective October 16, 2023.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **CREATE POSITION**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Sholtis to create a Kindergarten position at George Plava – 1 year only.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTE LIST**

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

Professional: Jennifer Blout, Megan Sterner, Julie Naylor, Skyla Bradshaw, Mackenzie Lilley, Stephany Smearcheck, Joanne Wells

Non Professional: Stephanie Jenkins, Collin Mesler

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **AGEA TEACHER INDUCTION MENTOR MOU**

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to approve the AGEA Teacher Induction Mentor Memorandum of Understanding for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Planiczka to grant permission to Cub Scouts Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary cafeteria from October 10, 2023 through May 21, 2024 from 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm for cub scout meetings;  
Lisa Burdett

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Capozza to grant use of AG High School Library to TRIO Upward Bound from September 26, 2023 through May 7, 2024 from 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm for after-school tutoring sessions; Eron McMillen.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Capozza to grant use of AG High School Cafeteria to Fayette County Drug & Alcohol to hold a Small Games of Chance Workshop on September 27, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for PTO and Booster Organizations; Officer Wright

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **E-RATE SERVICES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve VanStrien Consulting proposal for providing e-rate services during the 2024-2025 funding year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES**

A motion was made by Capozza second by Howard to approve the Fourth Amendment to Nova Care for providing Athletic Training Services as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting is changed to Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm in D. Ferd Swaney cafeteria.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.