

ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

D. FERD SWANEY SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Janet Swaney, Vice President Carla Franks, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Charity Grimm Krupa, Betty Moser

Ryan Porupski entered the meeting at 6:22 pm.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Christopher Pegg, Superintendent; Andy Musiolowski, Substitute Controller and Attorney Lee Price

President Swaney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs. Lara Beznak, Administrator introduced Jael Dankle, 11 grade student at the Albert Gallatin High School Student who competes as a swimmer. Jael is the daughter of Joseph and Karlyn Dankle of Smithfield. Jael is the first female swimmer from Albert Gallatin to earn a medal in the WPIAL Class AAA/AAAA Swimming Championships placing 5th in the 500 freestyle. Jael has won several medals in many competitions. Jael has been named Herald-Standard All Area Swim Team each year of high school.

Mrs. Lisa Haught, Principal introduced Jackson Mickens, 4rd grade student at Masontown Elementary School. Jackson had a triumphant wrestling season. Jackson's record boasts a 53-1 winning season for the year. Jackson represented the Albert Gallatin as the Area 1 Champion (Fayette, Greene, and Somerset Counties) at the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling State Championships in Pittsburgh, PA. Jackson went 5-0 at States this year so he is the 8u Heavyweight State Champ.

Mrs. Lisa Haught, Principal introduced Alyvia Long, 2nd grade student at Masontown Elementary School. Alyvia was crowned the National American Miss Pennsylvania in August 2018. She volunteered weekends at Masontown's Helping Hands and even started her own organization, "Coats for Kids." Alyvia donated the proceeds to her school and fellow students at Masontown Elementary. Alyvia then competed at the national level in the state of California where she placed in the top ten for modeling.

Mr. Eric Will, Principal introduced Greyson Morris , 2nd grade student at George J. Plava Elementary School. Greyson had a triumphant wrestling season. Greyson represented the Albert Gallatin as the Area 1 Champion (Fayette, Greene, and Somerset Counties) at the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling State Championships in Pittsburgh, PA. Greyson is the 8u - 45 pound state wrestling champion.

A round of applause was given to all students.

Erin Cunningham of Adah, PA a resident of the district addressed the board regarding her support to the teachers and district. Mrs. Cunningham is in support of the teacher's contract. She stated that her children, who have graduated from the district have continued to reside in the district due to the positive impact the district had on them. This is important for the sustainability of the community. Her family supports the teachers.

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Mrs. Krisa Walls of Uniontown, PA a resident of the district addressed the board regarding concerns on school policies and extracurricular programs. Mrs. Walls is concerned with favoritism and nepotism in the district concerning sports and tryouts. The district should have a policy to make tryouts fair if a parent is a coach.

Superintendent Pegg responded that at meeting was held with athletic directors and coaches. Criteria was reviewed of the tryouts. Evaluations are not conducted by the Superintendent. Coaches are responsible for evaluations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to enter into executive session for personnel and collective bargaining at 6:37 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to resume meeting at 7:36 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

President Swaney announced an executive session was held on Monday, April 15, 2019 from 7:25 pm – 9:59 pm for personnel, student confidentiality, collective bargaining, and real estate leases.

AGENDA

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to adopt amended agenda to eliminate X. Maintenance Item A. Bill Chesslo applicator spray license and Item B. Allegheny Mountain Research asbestos awareness class.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to approve minutes of the following meeting held on March 20, 2019 as presented:

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Colebank second by Porupski to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for March 2019 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for April 2019: Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,658,168.45.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for April 2019: Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,460,854.23.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

IU POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND USE OF FUNDS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to adopt Intermediate Unit 1 Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Part B according to requirements of 22 PA Code Chapter 14.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PSBA POLICY MERGER

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to accept the PSBA contract for professional services in the amount of \$1,650.00 for merging of employee policy section.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to grant permission to pay the following Capital Project bills:

1. Pittsburgh Stage - \$13,142.00 – AG High School rigging, track and curtains.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

VAN PURCHASE

Died for lack of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pegg would like to thank the High School drama department, musical faculty and students on an outstanding performance of the Seussical.

Mr. Porupski announced the Southwest Regional Tax meeting was canceled for April 17, 2019.

REVISED POLICIES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to approve second and waive third reading of revised Adoption of Textbooks Policy 108.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to approve second and waive third reading of revised Maintenance Policy 704.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to approve second and waive third reading of revised Local Board Procedures Policy 006.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to approve second and waive third reading of revised Food Services Policy 808.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE ADDITIONS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to adopt the High School Course additions as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to grant Randy Wilson a leave of absence from March 29, 2019 to May 3, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by P. Dunham to grant Michelle Myers a leave of absence from approximately May 22, 2019 to June 4, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant Edie Howell an extension of a nonpaid leave of absence from March 25, 2019 to April 5, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by Franks second by P. Dunham to grant Tim Tucker an FMLA leave of absence retroactive to March 11, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Moser to grant Cassandra Gulino, Special Education Instructor an intermittent FMLA retroactive to April 1, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to award 10 month secretary position at George J. Plava Elementary to Tracey Hackney, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to award Tim Dye Health/Physical Education Teacher position at the AG High School for the 2019-2020 school year, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to award 12 month secretary position at AG North Middle School to Mia Shaffer, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Franks to award 12 month secretary position at AG High School to Tere Simon, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SABBATICAL

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to grant Ephraim Yoder, Special Education High School Instructor, an educational sabbatical for the 2019-2020 school term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Denise Sheetz, Controller, effective June 30, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg wishes to thank Mrs. Sheetz for her 18 years of service to the district. Denise has been an asset to the district and wishes her all the best.

COACHES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Krupa to grant permission to hire Austin Bergman and Mike Coll as AG High School 9th Grade Boys baseball Volunteer Coaches for the 2019 season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to grant permission to hire the following high school coaches for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Nikki Trump and Jenna Sackett - Co-Head Cheerleading
2. Gary Pillar – Football Coordinator
3. Larry Flowers – Assistant Football
4. Shawn Gaster – Assistant Football
5. Nate Turner – Assistant Football
6. Zack Dillow – Volunteer
7. Bernie Wydo – Golf

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Nays for Item 7 only; P. Dunham, Swaney

Abstain for Item 1 only-Nikki Trump; Krupa

A motion was made by Moser second by Franks to grant permission to hire the following middle school coaches for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Mark Dunham – Head Football
2. Craig Hoone – Assistant Football
3. Dylan Rush – Assistant Football
4. Alison Price – Co-Head Cheerleading

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Nays for Item 2 only – Moser

Nays for Item 1 and 2 only – Krupa

Nays for Items 1 only – M. Dunham

SECURITY

A motion was made by Krupa second by P. Dunham to grant permission to add Donald Moats to security substitute list.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONTRACT

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to renew James Bielecki's, Chief of School Security contract for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and terminating at midnight, June 30, 2020, under the same terms and conditions and at the same compensation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DENTAL PROVIDER

A motion was made by Moser second by M. Dunham to accept Fairchance Dental Arts letter of interest to perform school dental exams for the 2019-2020 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant use of AG South Middle School gym and cafeteria to AGMS Football Boosters on May 24, 2019 from 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm for a school dance; Sabrina Dice.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to grant Troy Golden permission to attend the PRFSD Conference in Erie, PA on May 17, 2019, cost to district not to exceed \$300.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to grant Lara Bezjak permission to attend the PAFPC Federal Coordinators Conference in Seven Springs from May 5 to May 8, 2019, at a cost not to exceed \$360.00 paid by Title I Funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEGOTIATE LEASE OF D. FERD CLASSROOMS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant permission to Superintendent and Administration to negotiate with Intermediate Unit One – Early Intervention and Head Start of Fayette County for the leasing of classrooms at D. Ferd Swaney. Any proposed lease agreements are subject to the School Board's final approval.

Ayes: Colebank, M. Dunham, Franks, P. Dunham, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: Krupa

ASPHALT BIDS

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to grant permission to bid asphalt replacement at AG South Middle School's driveway at the south entrance.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SEAL COATING BIDS

A motion was made by Porupski second by Swaney to grant permission to bid the seal coating at AG North Middle School and George J. Plava Elementary school.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on May 15, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.