

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD - REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President P Dunham, Vice-president Betty Moser, Treasurer Ken Plisko, Secretary Edward Colebank, Michael Dunham, David Howard, Doug Sholtis, Janet Swaney, and Jeffrey Myers (after being appointed)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom DeGusipe

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Carl Bezjak, Assistant Superintendent Beth Hutson, Controller Denise Sheetz and Attorney Lee Price

President P Dunham 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 replied.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Bezjak announced Tom DeGusipe resigned from the School Board effective immediately. Solicitor Price explains the Board has to accept his resignation and then they have 30 days to fill the vacancy. Mr. Price also informs the Board they can amend tonight's agenda to add accepting Mr. DeGusipe's resignation. Upon further discussion, Mr. Price informed the Board that it could immediately appoint a replacement if they so choose in that the School Code does not provide any specific procedure in filling the vacancy; or they can fill the vacancy at a subsequent public meeting within the 30 days. The replacement will serve until December 1, 2017. There will be a 2-year term placed on the election ballot in November as it is too late for the May primary election. All discussions and procedures must be accomplished at open meetings.

Ryan Porupski of Smithfield asks how the board will fill this position. Do they take letters, interview etc.? Mr. Price again explained it is at the board's discretion. Filling a vacant seat is discussed in public meetings and they may fill immediately or may choose to take letters of interest or any other procedure as long as the process is completed in 30 days. Failure to fill the vacancy in 30 days could result in the Court of Common Pleas appointing someone. There is no law stipulating how the Board or the Court procedurally fills a vacant school board position.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President P Dunham announced an executive session was held on April 18, 2017 from 6:58 p.m. to 8:02 p.m. for personnel, Collective Bargaining negotiations and student confidentiality.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Sholtis to amend the agenda to include Items III. Secretarial G. Accept resignation and H. Appoint Member and adopt agenda as amended. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve minutes of regular meeting held on March 15, 2017 as presented. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **FCCTI BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Sholtis to accept the resignation of Tom DeGusipe as FCCTI AG Board Representative effective immediately.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to appoint Moser to fill the FCCTI AG Board seat vacated by DeGusipe effective immediately.

Ayes: Colebank, Howard, M Dunham, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney, P Dunham

Abstain: Moser

### **AG BOARD SEAT**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Sholtis to accept the resignation of Tom DeGusipe as AG School Director effective immediately.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to appoint Jeffrey Myers to fill the vacant AG Board seat effective immediately.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Myers takes the oath of office and joins the board meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for April 2017 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Moser second by Colebank to pay bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,084,039.78.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to pay current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,829,642.93.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve payment of bills through activity accounts as presented by principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT**

A motion was made and seconded to renew the food service contract with The Nutrition Group for the 2017-2018 school year with a guarantee of losses not to exceed \$230,816.51. A motion was made by M Dunham second by Myers to table the motion.

Discussion ensues on the motion. Can we successfully find a replacement at this late date? Mr. Bezjak stated he and Controller Denise Sheetz have started seeking help and he believes it can be done. Nutrition has to be notified by May 1, 2017 in writing therefore if tabled you would need to have a special meeting.

A motion is made by M Dunham second by Myers to withdraw the motion to table.

Ayes: M Dunham, Myers, Howard, Moser, Plikso, Sholtis, P Dunham

Nays: Colebank, Swaney

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to not renew food service contract with The Nutrition Group for the 2017-2018 school year with a guarantee of losses not to exceed \$230,816.51 and give written notification of the nonrenewal.

Ayes: Howard, Myers, Colebank, M Dunham, Moser, Plisko, Sholtis, P Dunham

Nays: Swaney

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Bezjak congratulates Toby Maykuth, Joe Andria, remaining staff members and all students for a wonderful job putting on the "Bye Bye Birdie" show. The AG North Choral Band Concert was also a huge success. Congratulations to all!

### **POLICIES**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Moser to waive 3 readings of revised Policy #127 Assessments and adopt as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to adopt Intermediate Unit 1 Policies and Procedures and Use of Funds for Disabilities Education Act – Part B according to requirements of 22 Pa Code Chapter 14.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **CYBER SOLUTIONS**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Myers to renew Intermediate Unit 1 Cyber Solutions Initiative for 3 years according to written agreement.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to accept the following leaves of absence:

1. Joe Volpe custodian from April 10, 2017 to October 25, 2017
2. James Landman custodian a FMLA leave commencing April 10, 2017 to June 30, 2017
3. Frances Sherman, Bus Monitor a leave of absence from April 3, 2017 to end of 2016-2017 school year

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by M Dunham to accept the resignation of Music Instructor Joe Andria effective May 12, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to accept the following resignations:

1. Delores Garcia cafeteria substitute effective April 17, 2017
2. Rosemary Sabatula RN substitute effective April 14, 2017
3. Delmar Shipp security effective May 1, 2017

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **RETIREMENTS**

A motion was made by Colebank, second by Howard to accept the following retirements:

1. Robin Andria, Elementary Instructor effective end of 2016-17 school year
2. Michelle Johnson, Elementary Instructor effective June 6, 2017
3. Joseph Volpe, Custodian effective October 25, 2017

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks the above individuals for their dedicated service and wishes them a long and happy retirement.

### **COACHES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to hire Shawn Liotta and Tyler Naulty as Strength Conditioning Coaches at AGHS.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

A motion was made by Myers second by Moser to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Non-professional – Kevin Elias custodian, Amy Ferland bus monitor, Delmar Shipp and James Pierce security and events
2. Heather Jacobson and Tricia Crozier as LPN substitutes

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to grant use of AG North facilities for Youth Football practice and games from July 24, 2017 to November 11, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and AGHS field on Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Dawn Loring and Jarrod Pringle.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant Bethany Chicarelli and Jeff Kopas permission to attend the US Navy Educator Orientation Visit in San Diego, California at no cost to the District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant 4 Administrators and staff to attend the PAFPC Federal Coordinators Conference in Seven Springs, May 7 – 10, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 paid by Title I Funds.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Myers to grant one teacher and one administrator permission to attend the Healthy School Conference in Harrisburg, May 9 – 10, 2017 as required by the 1305 Building Healthy Schools Grant at no cost to the District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **NORTH ROOF**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Plisko to enter into written agreement with J. J. Morris & Sons, Inc. to repair AG North roof at a cost of \$3,950.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **INFIELD MIX**

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to purchase DuraEdge Classic Infield Mix at a cost of \$6,350.00 from Natural Sand Company, Inc. for Middle and High Schools.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President P Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on May 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers, second by M Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.