

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 – 7:55 P.M. (Immediately following work session 6:00 p.m.)
ALBERT GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Doug Sholtis, Vice-president Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Treasurer Jeff Myers, Tom DeGusipe, David Howard, John Kopas, Ken Plisko, and Janet Swaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silent Meditation after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held during the work session from 6:35 p.m. to 7:54 p.m. for personnel, and possible litigation.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 15, 2015.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for July 2015 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to authorized payment of the following bills and payroll for August 2015:

1. Payroll, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,142,526.26
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$912,941.36
3. Utilities, Capital Reserve and other bills due upon review by Superintendent and or Controller

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LERTA

A motion was made by Myers second by Dunham to approve LERTA Resolution as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADAPTIVE INTERVENTION PROGRAM

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to purchase subscription to Edmentums' Adaptive Intervention Solution Program for 2015-16 school year at a cost of \$18,545.00 and at a cost of \$15,795.00 for 2016-17 and 2017-2018 school years.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PLOTTER HP DESIGNJET

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to purchase a Plotter HP Designjet Z6800 with encrypted hard disk and 5 year warranty for High School at a cost of \$17,600.00 through Lazer Brothers Service, Inc. paid by SIG.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Lee Price stated the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note passed at the June 23, 2015 meeting will be needed as to date no State Budget has been passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

POLICIES

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to approve the following policies:

1. Third and final reading of Field Trips Policy # 121 – Policy adopted
2. Third and final reading of Volunteer Policy # 915 – Policy adopted
3. Third and final reading of Attendance Policy # 204 – Policy adopted
4. Second reading of Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response Policy #819

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENTS

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

1. School Nurse Yvonne Donai effective October 6, 2015
2. High School Instructor Zoann Callahan effective October 26, 2015
3. Custodian Joseph Spak effective September 11, 2015

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Beznak thanks the above individuals for their years of service and wishes them a happy retirement.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to grant Eva Warner leave of absence for the first semester of the 2015-16 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to grant Chelsie Fike a leave of absence to approximately September 14, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to grant Tammy Cowser a ½ year sabbatical for the 2015-16 school term.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the resignation of Megan Wojtwicz with effective date to be determined by Superintendent (August 7, 2015).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CREATE/ELIMINATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to eliminate one Earth and Space Science position at AGHS and create one English position at AGHS.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to hire Deana Vastell as Temporary Professional Employee for Middle School Science at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to award the following positions according to contract:

1. Kim Swaney – English at AGHS
2. Michelle Dougherty – English at AGHS
3. Melissa Balchak – English at AG South
4. Robin Smochinsky – Grade 1 at Friendship Hill

Ayes: Howard, Myers, Colebank, DeGusipe, Dunham, Kopas, Plisko, Swaney (all but # 1), Sholtis

Nays: None

Abstain: Swaney on # 1 only

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to place the following long term substitutes:

1. 1 Year Social Studies at AG South – Krystal Bowlen
2. 1 Year Science at AG North – Don Hilenbrant
3. ½ Year Elementary at Friendship Hill – Brenda Cousins
4. 1 Year Special Education at Smithfield – Ashley Wroble
5. ½ Year Special Education at A.L. Wilson – Courtney Phillips
6. 1 Year Family Consumer Science at AGHS – Katie Patek
7. ½ Year Library at AGHS – Andrea Costabile
8. Special Education position not to exceed 1 year at Friendship Hill – Natalie Goodwin

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SIG TUTORS

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to hire the following as SIG Tutors for the 2015-16 school term paid through SIG funds:

1. Mary Ventrone
2. Roxanne Kuznar Winkleblech
3. Megan Mace

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CUSTODIAL POSITION

A motion was made by Dunham second by DeGusipe to eliminate one afternoon custodian position at D. Ferd Swaney.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to hire Harold Pierce as Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Kopas to hire Pete Nace as AG North/South Assistant Football Coach for the 2015-16 season.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to appoint Brandon Rockwell as Volunteer Middle School Assistant Football Coach pending receipt of all clearances.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES/ROUTES

A motion was made by Myers, second by Howard to approve the following substitute and bus driver's lists as presented: Bus Monitors, Nurses, District Aides, Cafeteria, Custodian, Secretary, Teacher, Bus Drivers and Substitute Drivers.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to approve Bus Routes as presented

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham, second by Swaney to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Professional – Alicia Soto, Thomas Colebank, Cody Gibson, Brian Strickler – Teachers, Rosemary Sabatula and Jacquelyn Weekland – Nurses
2. Patricia Miller, Tammy Kisko – Bus Monitors

Ayes: Dunham, Swaney, Myers, DeGusipe, Howard, Kopas, Myers, Plisko, Sholtis

Nays: None

Abstain: Colebank

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to grant permission for two technology instructors to attend the Microsoft Innovative Education Academy from September 21 – 23, 2015 in Lancaster at a cost not to exceed \$600.00 paid by Title 1.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Myers to grant use of all schools for Cub and Boy Scouts to hold meetings for the 2015-16 school year as approved by building principals; Kristen Eagle.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to grant use of AG North, South and High School from September 14, 2015 to January 31, 2016 for Elementary Basketball with dates and times to be determined by Athletic Director; Rich Walters.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant permission to upgrade I/NET Bas to SmartStruxure Solution through Combustions Service & Equipment Company at a cost of \$19,500.00.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sholtis announced the next regular meeting will be held on September 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.