

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting

D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- A. Mr. Wilson to introduce Math Counts winner
- B. Candy Jordon, former Smithfield Elementary Principal to present Smithfield Elementary Teachers a Certificate of Recognition presented by National Title I Distinguished Schools

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session if needed.
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, February 12, 2018 from 9:09 p.m. to 10:24 p.m. for personnel, collective bargaining and potential claim by school district.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented
- D. Nominate _____ to stand for election or appointment to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors
- E. Approve minutes of the following meetings held on January 17, 2018 as presented:

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2018 and preliminary financial statements as presented
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2018:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,533,105.65
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$444,428.16
- C. Grant permission to pay bills through activity accounts as presented by principals
- D. Approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,362.50 for the Valve Replacement – AG South Middle School project to A.J. Demor & Sons, Inc. through Capital Project Funds
- E. Adopt preliminary budget proposal of the Albert Gallatin Area School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$54,270,530 pursuant to Special Session Act 1 of 2006, as presented. The appropriate School District officers are directed to submit the preliminary budget proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on or before February 19, 2018.
- F. Authorize application be made to the Pennsylvania Department of Education requesting Act 1 referendum exception for costs incurred in providing special education programs and services to students with disabilities, and payments incurred as a result of increases in state mandated contributions to the Public School Employees' Retirement System. The appropriate District officers are directed to apply for the exception on or before March 1, 2018 and to give public notice of the intent to seek the exception by newspaper publication on or before February 22, 2018.
- G. Adopt Resolution as presented to authorize incurring nonelectoral debt in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 and a Bond Purchase Contract with RBC Capital Markets LLC, for: refunding the School District's General Obligation Note, Series of 2014; terminating a qualified interest management agreement related to said Note; replacing or repairing roofs at various buildings; installing new High School turf; other capital improvements and repairs; and costs of issuance.

- H. Adopt Resolution as presented terminating the 2014 Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement and appointing Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. as the School District's Independent Financial Advisor in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the Local Government Unit Debt Act.
- I. Renew Crime Insurance Policy at a cost of \$1,198.00 through Caputo Ins. Agency

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Superintendent's report

VIII. PERSONNEL

- A. Hire _____ midnight custodial position at AG North Middle School
- B. Hire Chelsea Ewart Library Aide position- Masontown/Plava Elementary
- C. Grant Speech Instructor Kristine Speight an extension of sabbatical for the 2nd semester of 2017-2018 school year.
- D. Grant Elementary Instructor Jennifer Hartman an extension of leave of absence from February 2, 2018 to March 29, 2018.
- E. Grant custodian Roger Austin an extension of leave of absence from January 26, 2018 to March 12, 2018.
- F. Accept the retirement of Elementary Instructor Cynthia Kopas tentatively April 20, 2018, depending on snow days.
- G. Rescind High School English award to Sherry Williams and award Sherry Williams open Middle School English position according to contract to commence 18-19 School Year.
- H. Award April Serock open High School English position according to contract to commence 18-19 School Year.
- I. Grant Cafeteria employee Michelle Dice a leave of absence from February 16, 2018 to March 2, 2018.
- J. Grant High School Special Education Instructor Nicole Lubowski a leave of absence from April 30, 2018 to June 5, 2018.
- K. Grant registered nurse Jennifer Lilley a leave of absence from February 7, 2018 - February 27, 2018.
- L. Accept the retirement of Patricia Syrek, cafeteria employee effective end of 2017-18 school year
- M. Eliminate one 10:15 am to 1:15 pm cafeteria position at both North and South Middle Schools, and create one 10:15 am to 2:00 pm cafeteria position at both North and South Middle Schools, pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. These changes will only go into effect if the School District is a recipient of the 21st Century Grant Program.
- N. Create the regular part-time position of District-Wide Assistant Athletic Director. Duties shall be equipment management, maintaining the District's sports web page, and such other duties as assigned by the Athletic Director or Superintendent.

- O. Appoint Shawn Liotta to the position of District-Wide Assistant Athletic Director at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, prorated for the 2017-18 school year. Start date for employment to be determined by the Superintendent.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following substitute pending receipt of all proper documents:
 - 1. Professional – Morgan Fiffik, Brandon Quinn, Amy Shuba
- B. Adopt Right of Way Easement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Fairchance-Georges Joint Municipal Sewage Authority granting the Authority both a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement at the Administration Building, Tax Map #14-15-0051-01, for purposes of operating a municipal sanitary sewage system, at a consideration of \$24.00. The appropriate officers are directed to execute and deliver the Right of Way Easement to the Authority.
- C. Grant final approval of AGHS Band department overnight trip to Baltimore, MD and Washington, D.C. from March 9 – 11, 2018 at no cost to the district; CJ Durso, Band Director
- D. Authorize California University student William Christopher a talk therapy placement of 20 hours with Jillian Ciarrocchi, AL Wilson School Counselor to be completed by April, 2018.
- E. Approve first reading of new policy 226.1 Metal/Weapon Detection System/Devices policy.
- F. Adopt the revised 2017-2018 school calendar with June 5, 2018 as last day for students and Graduation.
- G. Grant approval for AG North Middle School Student, Luke Flecker and parent chaperone to attend the Math Counts competition at Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, Harrisburg, PA on March 23 and 24, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

X. MAINTENANCE

- A. Grant approval to award Whitby Inc. contract to install Glycol feeder at AL Wilson in the amount of \$6,635. Lowest bid.
- B. Grant approval to award Pittsburgh Stage contract for repair to AG High School stage rigging per COSTARS for a price of \$6,740.00.
- C. Grant approval to allow S&S Flooring the recoat of the AG High School gym floor to continue the warranty for another year at a cost of \$4,400.00.
- D. Grant permission to bid AG High School, AG North Middle School and AG South Middle Schools roofs, as presented. Base bid shall be for all three roofs as a single, combined bid. As alternates, contractors may choose to bid on one more individual building roofs. School District reserves the right to award or reject individual roof bids, or award or reject a single, combined bid.
- E. Grant permission to start the bidding for seal coating and crack patch work for AG North Middle and Masontown Elementary Schools.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School
- B. Motion to adjourn