

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Paul Dunham, Vice-president Betty Moser, David Howard, Treasurer Ken Plisko, Tom DeGusipe, Michael Dunham, Doug Sholtis, Janet Swaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Secretary Edward Colebank

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Carl Bezjak, Assistant Superintendent Beth Hutson, Controller Denise Sheetz and Attorney Tony Giglio

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 responded to roll call.

AGENDA

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Sholtis to first enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m. for potential legal claim and student confidentiality. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Regular meeting resumed at 6:14 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Parents Laura and David Scottodiluzio on Uniontown, Pa expressed concerns that the Zip Line at the George J. Plava Elementary School Playground is unsafe. Their son was injured while playing and still is having health issues from his injury. They also produced a letter from another parent, Robin Valenti stating her child was injured on this same piece of playground equipment. These parents believe the Zip Line needs to be removed completely from the playground before another student is injured.

Mr. Bezjak stated the investigation is ongoing at this time with the insurance carrier.

Parent Charity Grimm Krupa of Smithfield, Pa addressed the Board concerning the possible closure of Smithfield Elementary School. The Board minutes do not show any discussion on the closing of Smithfield or any other elementary school. The Board needs to be transparent in keeping the public aware of these decisions.

Mr. Bezjak stated Representative Tim Mahoney addressed consolidation of all Fayette County Schools and he stood up for Albert Gallatin. The District's enrollment continues to decline yearly which did force the closing of D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School last year. As recommended by the Auditors and Department of Education a Feasibility Study was done, to see the best possible solutions for the Albert Gallatin Area School District to remain solvent. Several options were given by the Architect, but no decisions were made. There are no plans at this time to close any school.

When the time comes to make decisions, the Board and Administration will hold public meetings in the communities to address the situations and ask for parental and community input, which was done with the closure of D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School. He also informed the public his door is always open and welcomes input from parents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President P Dunham announced an executive session was held on February 13, 2017 from 7:12 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. for personnel and contract negotiations.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Plisko to approve minutes of regular meeting held on January 18, 2017 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Sholtis to accept treasurers report including tax collections for January 2017 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to authorize payment of the following bills and payroll for February 2017:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,451,470.61
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,016,598.47

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to pay bills through activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Moser second by DeGusipe to approve payment of the following bills through Capital Projects:

1. FireFly Computers - \$10,995.00
2. CCL Technologies - \$9,681.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1 GENERAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET 2017-2018

A motion was made by Plisko second by M Dunham to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational 2017-2018 Budget in the amount of \$549,552.00 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$25,780.21 which is a \$1,023.57 increase from last year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CRIME INSURANCE

A motion was made by Swaney second by Moser to renew Crime Insurance Policy at a cost of \$1,198.00 through Caputo Insurance Agency.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPRING SPORT BIDS

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to award the following lowest responsible Spring sport bids:

1. Century Sports - \$3,218.47
2. Masontown Trophy - \$160.00
3. Riddell - \$1,501.28

Total amount of bids \$4,879.75

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Swaney to grant Carol Panek a FMLA Leave commencing February 2, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M Dunham second by DeGusipe to award the following positions according to S.E.I.U. Contract:

1. Tom Shiflett – Maintenance at AGHS
2. Scott Popovich – Afternoon custodian at AG North

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to approve the following sport volunteer coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Don Miller and Steve Strange for HS Baseball
2. April Serock and Alison Evans for Middle School Track and Field

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Sholtis to hire the following coaches as recommended by Athletic Director for one season, pending receipt of all proper documents:

HIGH SCHOOL

1. Assistant Softball 2 of 2 – Larry Flowers and Rick Turtzer
2. Assistant Baseball 2 of 2 – Eric Forsyte and Nick Forsyte
3. Assistant Track and Field 1 of 2 – Tom Corazzi

MIDDLE SCHOOL

4. Spring Athletic Director – Joe Embacher
5. Head Track and Field – Jeremy Keefer
6. Head Softball – James Hershberger

7. Assistant Softball – Scott Girvin
 8. Assistant Track and Field 2 of 2 – Russell Psenciska and Andy Miles
- All members present voting in favor of motion.

FIELD TRIPS

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Moser to approve 34 HS students and chaperones trip to the National Holocaust Museum in Washington DC on April 7, 2017 at no cost to the District; Sponsor Jessica Keys.

All members in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M Dunham second by DeGusipe to approve ROTC trip to Gettysburg from May 12 – 14, 2017 at no cost to the District; Sponsor Lt. Col. Wayne Sodowsky.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to grant Duane Dupont permission to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Conference from March 21 – 25, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President P Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.