

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Jeff Myers, Vice-president Janet Swaney, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Carla Franks, Ryan Porupski, Charity Grimm Krupa, David Howard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Controller Denise Sheetz and Attorney Lee Price

President Myers 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

The winners of the State Fireman’s Association Essay Contest were recognized: Principal Randy Wilson, AG North Middle School introduced 7th grade winner Laura Mildren; Principal Joetta Britvich, AG South Middle School introduced the following winners: 6th grade Elizabeth Dice, 7th Grade Kyree Spencer, 7th grade Seth White and 8th grade Sarah Johns. Mrs. Britvich thanked sixth grade English teacher Denise Jarrett for working with the students.

Kristen Cooper of Hibbs, representing some concerned parents, addressed the board about creating a position for the AG Senior High School Football Coach Shawn Liotta. Coach Liotta has been a dedicated coach that cares about the students. She referenced the success of the football program since he has been a coach. She also read a letter from a parent and former student Renee Dillow addressing the same concerns.

Torra Robinson of Fairchance addressed the board about AG Senior High School Football Coach Shawn Liotta. They would like to see if a position could be created for Coach Liotta so that he is able to be at the high school daily in order to provide positive support in many areas for the football players and program.

Torry Robinson of Fairchance addressed the board about his personal experience with Coach Liotta as a player and mentor. He attributes Coach Liotta to the success of the football program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Myers announced an executive session was held on January 16, 2018 from 8:03 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. for collective bargaining, personnel and student confidentiality.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to adopt as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to approve minutes of the Reorganization and regular meetings held on December 6, 2017.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to approve minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 21, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to pay the following bills and payroll for January 2018:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,012,761.20
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$562,777.37

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Swaney to give financial support to the public libraries as follows:

1. German Masontown - \$6,808.00
 2. Smithfield - \$2,500.00
 3. Point Marion - \$2,500.00
- Total: \$11,808.00

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SPRING SPORTS BIDS

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to award the following Spring sports bids:

1. Century Sports - \$8,988.90
2. Riddell - \$603.05

Total Bids - \$9,591.95

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACT 1

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to Authorize Administration to make the 2018-19 Act 1 proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection on or before January 25, 2018, and to give public notice on or before February 4, 2018 of intent to adopt the Act 1 preliminary budget.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RATE

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to grant permission to increase the daily substitute teacher rate to \$110.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE/SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Pegg thanks the Board for their dedication to the Albert Gallatin students, parents, staff and community. These men and women give up countless hours to take care of our properties, staff and especially our students. They oversee 3,500 students 440 employees, approve policies, oversee a 52-million-dollar budget to ensure our students receive the best possible education. They receive a standing ovation for their continued devotion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Lauren Clemmer, Secondary English Teacher effective January 23, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to accept the resignation of Michael Dunham as AG High School Science Department Head effective January 23, 2018.

Ayes: Colebank, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski, Swaney

Abstain: M. Dunham

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to appoint Bethany Herman as AG High School Science Department Head effective January 24, 2018 (second semester).

Ayes: Colebank, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: M. Dunham

A motion was made by Krupa second by Swaney to grant Cindy Leech a FMLA Leave commencing January 2, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to authorize California University student Emily Cutwright a practicum placement of 150 hours with Keli Decarlo, School Counselor for spring semester 2018.

Ayes: Colebank, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski, Swaney,

Nays: M. Dunham

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Swaney to accept the retirement of Sharon Whoolery, cafeteria employee effective end of 2017-18 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to grant Taylor Bella, Middle School Math Instructor a leave of absence from April 19, 2018 to May 29, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant Annie Kutek, Speech Teacher at George Plava and AG North a leave of absence from May 7, 2018 to June 5, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SABBATICAL

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant High School Health Instructor April Serock one (1) split term sabbatical commencing 2nd Semester - January 24, 2018 including First Semester 2018-2019.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COACH

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to hire Tyler Naulty the coach for Spring Conditioning for one season pending receipt of all proper documents as recommended by Athletic Director.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MUSICAL POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to hire the following extracurricular Musical positions:

1. Producer/Director – Toby Maykuth
2. Art Director – Lynn Wagner
3. Music Director – Megan Cerullo
4. Technical Director –Jeremy Kendall
5. Program Director – Toby Maykuth
6. Choreographer – Kaylie Valusek

Ayes: Colebank, M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski, Swaney (all but #6),

Nays: None

Abstain: Swaney on # 6 only

FBLA TRIP

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant preliminary approval of the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from Sunday, April 8 through Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at a cost of \$10,175.00 with Albert Gallatin District share in the amount of \$3,405.00; Karla Lent .

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Krupa second by Colebank to approve the request to adopt the Resolution authorizing and directing Christopher Pegg, Superintendent, to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses with the Pennsylvania Department of Education by electronic signature.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE

A motion was made by Krupa second by Porupski to approve agreement resolving special education services for student A as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Swaney to approve the request to allow two staff members from Smithfield Elementary to attend the National Title I Distinguished Schools Conference in Philadelphia, PA from February 8-11, 2018 at a cost of \$2,500 to be paid using Title I funds. Smithfield Elementary was one of two schools selected in Pennsylvania to receive this prestigious recognition.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to grant Duane Dupont permission to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Association Conference from March 20 – 23, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Swaney second by Krupa to grant use of D. Ferd Swaney Building for JROTC from February 23, 2018 to February 24, 2018 for Service Learning (CERT Training): Wayne Sadowsky and Barbara Harmon.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to grant use of AG High School Cafeteria to AG High School Band Boosters May 12, 2018 for Booster Fundraiser: Chrissy Brewer.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to add Jordyn Jesso, LPN to the professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by E. Colebank to grant permission to enter into agreement with Brooks etc. LLC to complete AG South Middle School storm water piping replacement according to their proposal dated November 27, 2017 at a cost of \$17,200.00

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant permission to enter into agreement with Pac-Van to purchase 40' storage container for AG High School for use of storage according to their proposal dated December 12, 2017 at a cost of \$3,102.50.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Myers announced the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.