

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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 responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Co. Wayne Sodowsky and Sgt. Barbara Harmon present the Rifle Team. Team members are: Hunter Latkanich, Bishop Morrison, Caitlyn Snyder, Kaden Earley, Ty Pratt, Jr. Kayla Boardley, Tobias Braunlich, Emily Leadbeater, Samantha Clark and Chris Edgar. They have placed well in numerous competitions competing against teams from all over the United States and other Countries as well. The competitions are the same as the Olympics.

Masontown Elementary Principal Lisa Haught and Second Grade Teacher Peggy Perkins introduce two second grade students Janiah Darnell and Hunter Addis for becoming Finalists in the National Paralyzed Veteran's Poster Contest.

Assistant Principal Zach Dillow and Sixth Grade Teacher Denise Jarrett introduce students from North Middle School: Sydney Larew, Mariah Cooley, Kyleigh Polish-Angelo, Haley Dillon and South Middle School: Kacie Ryczek, Amber Griffin and Jocelyn Boardley to showcase their winning achievements in the State Fireman's Association Essay Contest.

Mr. Colebank asked that all the local Fire Departments be notify of the winners.

All students were given certificates of achievement from Superintendent Carl Bezjak and the School Board. Mr. Bezjak gives thanks to all parents and teachers in helping these students meet their goals and congratulates the students for a job well done in representing the District in their outstanding achievements. Congratulations to all students, you make Albert Gallatin proud.

Mr. Bezjak also congratulates the High School High Q Team for their last win and wishes them well in the next High Q Bowl, which can be viewed on Channel 11.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President P Dunham announced an executive session was held on January 16, 2017 from 7:28 p.m. to 7:54 p.m. for personnel, real estate and student confidentiality.

AGENDA

A motion was made by M Dunham, second by Swaney to adopt agenda as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve minutes of the Reorganization and regular meetings held on December 7, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by M Dunham to accept the treasurers report including tax collections for December 2016 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 Moser to pay the following for January 2017:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,097,710.43
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$564,614.12

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve payment of bills through Activity Accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACT 1 INFLATION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by M Dunham to approve Resolution indicating that Albert Gallatin Area School District will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for 2017-2018 fiscal year by more than the Act 1 inflationary index, which is 3.7%.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe 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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SECURITY CONTRACT

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and the Security*Police*Fire Professionals of America, Local 502 for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2016, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TIME CLOCK MAINTENANCE

A motion was made by Moser second by Colebank to extend warranty for time clocks at a cost of \$3,640.00 for three years through Easy Clocking.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to approve Solutions Purchasing Card Application, Business Resolution of Authority, and Treasury Management Masters Services Agreement, as presented, so as to complete transfer of accounts to Albert Gallatin Area School District's Depository, First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CISCO 3800 SWITCH

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Moser to purchase a Cisco 3800 Series PoE Switch at a cost of \$5,895.00 from FireFly Computers through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

DONATIONS

A motion was made by M Dunham second by DeGusipe to accept the following donations for the High School Scoreboard:

1. \$3,100.00 from – High School Softball Booster Organization
2. \$3,500.00 from an anonymous donor

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

President P Dunham announced notification was received from Connie L. Derr, Audit Coordinator that the Single Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2015 that Albert Gallatin is substantially in compliance with the OMB Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy. Placed in Minute Book.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bezjak 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 450 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.

POLICY 251

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to waive 3 readings and adopt Revised Homeless Student Policy #251.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FOSTER CARE TRANSPORTATION

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Fayette County Children and Youth Services Agreement for Students in Foster Care – Every Student Succeeds Act requirements and Transportation Plan.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Howard to grant Rachel Chapman a leave of absence from approximately March 31, 2017 for approximately 8 weeks.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to grant HS Special Education Instructor Kathleen Jose a sabbatical for the 2nd semester of the 2016-17 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M Dunham second by DeGusipe to grant Elementary Instructor Cynthia Kopas a sabbatical for the 2nd semester of the 2016-17 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to grant Edwin Vaji a leave of absence starting February 7, 2017 for approximately 8 – 10 Weeks.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PLACEMENT

A motion was made by Swaney second by DeGusipe to place Richard Weible in the afternoon custodial position at AG High School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HIRE/RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to hire Crystal Hanchek as LPN part-time nurse aide at AL Wilson/HS.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Swaney to accept the resignation of Music Instructor Andrew Giles effective January 19, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Andy and wishes him well in his new school.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept resignation of sub secretary Jamie Daniels effective January 13, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to accept resignation of Jen Nobler as Middle School Volleyball Coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to hire Tyler Peebles as Middle School Volleyball Coach.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by Colebank to hire following extracurricular Musical positions:

1. Producer/Director – Toby Maykuth
2. Art Director – Lynn Wagner
3. Music Director – Joe Andria
4. Technical Director – Jeremy Kendall
5. Program Director – Toby Maykuth
6. Choreographer – Kalie Valusek

Ayes: Moser, Colebank, DeGusipe, M Dunham, Howard, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney (all but #6), P Dunham

Nays: None

Abstain: Swaney on # 6 only

FBLA TRIP

A motion was made by Howard second by M Dunham to approve preliminary FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pa from Sunday, April 2 through Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at a cost of \$11,416.00 with Albert Gallatin District share in the amount of \$3,409.00; Karla Lent sponsor.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve agreement resolving special education services for student R as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Moser to add Ashley Butorac and Jaclyn Zyla to the professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

Ayes: M Dunham, Moser, Colebank, DeGusipe, Howard, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney (on Ashley Butorac), P Dunham

Nays: None

Abstain: Swaney on Jaclyn Zyla only

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Howard to grant Joetta Britvich permission to attend the Formative Assessment National Conference on February 24, 27, 28, 2017 at no cost to the District.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.