

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.  
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

President M 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 by roll call.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The following students were presented with certificates for their accomplishments during the Penn State, Martin Luther King competition:

AG North Middle School – Jamaya Moore – Academic Excellence, Jazmine Moore – Arts, Isaiah Guesman – Athletics, Torry Robinson – Community Service

AG South Middle School – Duane Pratt – Academic Excellence, Tyrese Jackson – Athletics, Alicya Swaney – Arts

Mr. Pegg announced high school students will be honored at the April meeting. Congratulations!

Amanda Riley, PSEA Representative announced a \$250.00 contribution was made to the AGEA Foundation in honor of the School Board for their dedication and hard work.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President M Dunham announced an executive session was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. – 7:40 p.m. for personnel and real estate.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 17, 2016 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**FCCTI BOARDS**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to accept the resignation of David Howard as a FCCTI Board member effective February 23, 2016.

All members voting in favor of the motion.

President M Dunham thanks him for his time on the FCCTI board.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Sholtis to appoint Tom DeGusipe to the FCCTI Board to complete Mr. Howard's term.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to appoint Jeffrey Myers to the FCCTI Building Authority Board.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to accept the Treasurer's report including tax collections for February 2016 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 Swaney to authorize payment of the following bills and payroll for March 2016:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,945,112.20
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$693,492.81

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve payment of bills through activity accounts as presented by principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **DEBT RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to adopt Debt Resolution authorizing the issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 to PNC Bank pursuant to its Proposal, with an origination fee of 0.20%, and an interest rate of 70% of Daily LIBOR + 1.25% floating, tax exempt, bank qualified. The purpose of the borrowing is to meet expenditures which presently remain unfunded as a result of the State budget impasse. The appropriate officers of the School District, Solicitor, and Administration are directed to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the borrowing should the same become necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Controller Denise Sheetz stated there will be no cost to the district if we do not close. This resolution is being approved in case the budget does not pass or the funds are slow in coming.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Bezjak announced notification was received from Connie Derr, Pennsylvania Department of Education Audit Coordinator that the single Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2014 is approved as being substantially in compliance with the OMB Circular A-133 and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

Mr. Bezjak also announced a thank you was received from Smithfield Librarian Jean Kennedy for the continued monetary support. The funds will be used to start a new program called "Play K" geared for students attending kindergarten in the fall.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Bezjak once again congratulates the students for their accomplishments for the Martin Luther King awards.

Mr. Bezjak thanks the students, and all staff members for the great play "Oz" that was held this past weekend. These talented students/actors include elementary, middle and high school students. As always the play was a huge success. Thank you to all involved.

### **SUMMER COURSES**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant permission to host Summer Advancement and Recovery Courses for Health and Physical Education from June 6, 2016 to June 21, 2016 at a cost of \$2,600.00 per full course from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and \$1,300.00 per half course per instructor from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., cost per student is \$60.00 per half course and \$120.00 per full course. Dates are subject to change.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to approve the revised 2015-2016 School Calendar with May 31, 2016 as Graduation and last day for students.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar with August 29, 2016 as first day for students, with graduation and last day of school for students on June 2, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **HS COURSE REVISIONS**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Sholtis to approve the following High School courses:

1. Modern American History
2. Psychology II
3. SAT Prep

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to approve the following HS physical education courses:

1. Weight Training
2. Aerobic Fitness
3. Team Sports
4. Lifetime Leisure Activities

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Colebank to approve the following ROTC courses:

1. JROTC Honors Program offering
2. JROTC Let 1 course substitution for Freshman Seminar

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **POSITIONS AWARDED**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to award the following positions according to contracts:

1. Christine Jerome – Temporary Cafeteria Manager at D Ferd from March 14, 2016 to end of school term
2. Jeff Rush – Tech Ed at AGHS
3. Melinda Courie – Family Consumer Science at AGHS
4. Jackie Shultz - English at AG North
5. Sherry Williams - English at AG South
6. Eric Moore - Science at AG North

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the resignation of Classroom Aide Megan Harvey effective March 8, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Art Instructor Lacey Stine effective with the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the retirement of Christine Satovich effective June 30, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to accept the retirement of Sandra Guappone effective June 1, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Christine and Sandy for their many years of service, they will be missed.

### **COACHES**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to hire Rick Hansen as Head Girls Soccer Coach at AG High School pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to hire Michelle Pergar as Head Girls Volleyball Coach at AGHS pending receipt of all proper documents for one year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by P Dunham to hire Jason Williams as Conditioning Coach at AGHS (2 of 2) pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to name Shannon Smitley as Volunteer Middle School Track Field Coach.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **CREATE/ELIMINATE POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to eliminate all Professional and SEIU positions at D. Ferd Swaney due to closing of school.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to eliminate the following positions:

1. 1 physical education/health position at AG North/South
2. Grade 1 CSR at Plava
3. Grade 5 at Plava
4. Grade 1 CSR at Smithfield
5. Grade 4 at Friendship Hill

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to create the following positions:

1. Grade 1 at AL Wilson
2. Grade 2 at AL Wilson
3. Grade 3 at AL Wilson
4. Grade 4 at AL Wilson
5. Grade 5 at AL Wilson
6. Grade 1 CSR at Plava
7. Grade 2 CSR at Plava
8. Grade 3 CSR at Friendship Hill
9. Grade 2 CSR at Smithfield

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Colebank to create one 6 ½ hr cafeteria position at AL Wilson 7:30 am to 2:00 pm.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to add ½ hour to the 2 hour position at George J. Plava - now 11:15 am to 1:45 pm.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P Dunham second by DeGusipe to add ½ hour to the 6 ½ hour position at Smithfield - now 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to add D Ferd Swaney duties to Central Office Custodian on an as needed basis.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **FIELD TRIP/CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Sholtis to grant preliminary approval for 12-15 senior students, 2 staff members and 2 parent volunteers permission to participate in the Gettysburg Staff Ride from May 20 – 22, 2016 in Gettysburg, PA at no cost to the district; Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Sodowsky.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to grant approval of HS band trip to Chicago, Illinois for 42 students and 6 chaperones from April 7 – 10, 2016 at no cost to the district; CJ Durso. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant permission for 12 students and 2 chaperones to attend the Leadership Conference in Pittsburgh from April 21, - 22, 2016 at no cost to the district; Ann Capozzi and Scott Nemeth.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant permission for 4 administrators and 1 clerical to attend the Federal Conference in Seven Springs from May 1 – 4, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00 paid by Title 1.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **BUS MONITOR**

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to hire Elizabeth Rhodes as a bus monitor substitute.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to grant use of AGHS auditorium for a piano recital for practice on June 1 and 2 and June 3, 2016 for recital; Joe Andria and Sandra Lowe.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P Dunham second by Sholtis to grant use of AG South facilities for Pro Elite Stars Softball Travel Team practice from March 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016; Larry Flowers & Kaitlin Kenney.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **STUDENT TEACHER**

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to approve Grand Canyon University student Jaclyn Zyla permission to student teach in the first semester of the 2016-17 school year with 1 special education instructor and 1 elementary instructor.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **BUS**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to approve the revised bus routes and stops commencing with the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by DeGusipe to adopt the Resolution designating schools to be attended by the District's pupils as of the commencement of the 2016-2017 school year, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President M Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School.

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.