

**ALBERT GALLATIN SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING (Following work session)
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015
MASONTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Doug Sholtis, Vice-president Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Treasurer Jeff Myers, Tom DeGuispe, David Howard, John Kopas, Ken Plisko, and Janet Swaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nominations were made for the vacant board seat.

A nomination was made by Kopas for Tom DeGuispe second by Plisko.

Attorney Price stated no second is needed for nominations.

A nomination was made by Dunham for Baird Victor.

A nomination was made by Sholtis for Terry Ryan.
No more nominations.

Roll was taken on the above nominees for the vacant board seat from March 9, 2015 to the first Monday in December 2015.

Roll Call results are as follows: DeGuispe – 6, Victor – 1 and Ryan – 1

AGENDA

A motion was made by Plisko second by Dunham to amend the agenda to include Item 9F – Bus Monitor hourly wage and adopt the agenda as amended.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Colebank to approve the minutes as presented from the February 18, 2015 meeting.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

VACANT BOARD SEAT

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to appoint Tom DeGuispe to the vacant board seat until the first Monday of December 2015.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

OATH OF OFFICE

Tom DeGuispe takes the Oath of Office and joins the meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No report at this time.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to approve payment of the following for March 2015:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance, and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,955,693.98
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$239,512.69

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NEW DIRECTIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to renew agreement with Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services, Inc. for New Direction program at a cost of \$72.00 per day for regular education and \$80.00 per day for special education for the 2015-16 school year (no increase).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

APPRAISAL

A motion was made by Colebank second by Kopas to approve inventory of five elementary schools (Plava done previously) at a cost of \$4,910.00 by Industrial Appraisal Company.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

HS SOUND SYSTEM

A motion was made by Swaney second by Kopas to upgrade the HS Stadium sound system through Hollowood Music and Sound Inc. at a cost of \$10,602.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bezjak announced Point Marion and Smithfield Public Libraries each sent a thank you for the financial support of the Albert Gallatin School District. The funds are used to help support the Summer Reading Programs and to provide large print books and audio books.

Also notification was received from the Department of Education Bob Staver, Chief Division of Planning that the District Comprehension Plan has been accepted. Mr. Bezjak thanks Dr. Hutson.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Price stated a student confidentiality matter was also discussed during the work session executive session which was held from 6:50 p.m. to 7:44 p.m. for personnel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bezjak congratulates Adam Burke and his family. Adam has been chosen to receive the KDKA Extra Effort Award for his outstanding academic and sport achievements. He will be honored by KDKA TV news.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to approve the first reading of Food Allergies Management Policy # 209.2.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to adopt the Intermediate Unit 1 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B Policies and Procedures under federal requirements of 34 CFR Part §300¹ (Standard procedure).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADVANCEMENT/RECOVERY COURSES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Plisko to host Summer Advancement and Recovery Courses from June 17, 2015 to July 2, 2015 at a cost of \$2,600.00 per full course and \$1,300.00 per half course per instructor.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

REVISED 2014-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to approve revised 2014-2015 School Calendar with June 11, 2015 as Graduation and last day for students.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dunham second by Swaney to accept the retirement of Marcia Sue Dillow effective February 28, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Sue for her years of service and wishes her a happy retirement.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant Trent Langley a leave of absence from April 1, 2015 to approximately July 1, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to award Allison Price the 2 hour cafeteria position at Friendship Hill according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of the motion

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to hire Brandon Dice as HS Assistant Track Coach (2 of 2).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to hire Jessica Dains as Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Kopas second by Dunham that effective March 16, 2015, set the bus monitor hourly rate at \$11.00 per and \$12.00 per hour after one additional year of service thereafter.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Professional – Krista Wineland
2. Nonprofessional – Erica Arnold, Christy Smith – cafeteria

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STUDENT INTERN

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant WVU Student Jordon Jarrett permission to complete classroom obligations at Smithfield Elementary School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FIELD TRIPS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant final approval for the Choral/Drama Department field trip to NY, NY from April 9 – 12, 2015; Joe Andria.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant final approval for the Band field trip to Nashville, TN from April 23 – 26, 2015; CJ Durso.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sholtis announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Masontown Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.