

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
FRIENDSHIP HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janet Swaney

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

PUBLIC FORUM - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to enter into executive session at 6:03 p.m. for personnel.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to resume regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

President M. Dunham announced executive sessions were held on May 16, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. for personnel and from 9:05 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. for personnel and real estate.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Plisko second by DeGusipe to adopt agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016 board meeting as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

JUNE BOARD MEETINGS

A motion was made by P Dunham second by Plisko to change the June meetings as follows:

Work session will be held on June 20 and the regular meeting will be held on June 22, 2016, with both meetings at 6:00 p.m. in the Friendship Hill Elementary School cafeteria.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to approve the treasurer's report including tax collections for April 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 P Dunham to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2016:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,074,809.14
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,174,566.89

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 building principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FOOD SERVICE

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to renew the Food Service Management Contract to Nutrition, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year with a guarantee that losses will not exceed \$ 261,615.37.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Plisko second by DeGusipe to approve proposed final 2016-2017 general fund budget in the amount of \$51,507,385.00, subject to change upon final passage.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CONNECT TO CLASSROOM

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to renew Connect to Classrooms contract for one Behavior Specialist and four tutors paid by HS SIG grant and SSIP grant.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

WIA GRANT

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to enter into contract with Scott Nemeth as a Career Consultant at AGHS for 90 days during the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$20,000.00 paid by WIA grant.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TITLE 1 FUNDS

A motion was made by Colebank second by P Dunham to approve Title I allocations for 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$1,739,887.00 (\$77,725.00 loss).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak explains this is due to loss of enrollment.

AUDITOR

A motion was made by Colebank second by Sholtis to renew audit services contract with John A. Stiver commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 for \$17,175.00, year 2017 - \$17,690.00 and year 2018 - \$18,220.00 and an hourly rate of \$110.00 for additional services as needed.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Plisko stated Stiver is the least expensive.

LEASE A.L. WILSON

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to approve lease agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. to continue leasing the former A.L. Wilson Elementary School and grounds for a 4-year term commencing July 1, 2016, as presented. The rent is \$156,000.00 per year (\$13,000.00 per month).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADELPHOI EDUCATION, INC.

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by P Dunham to approve educational service agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. for alternative education and emotional support programs for Albert Gallatin Area School District students for a 4-year term commencing July 1, 2016, as presented. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Price stated he Mrs. Sheetz and Mr. Pegg deserve the credit for net saving in the reduced educational costs and increased rent regarding Adelphoi of approximately \$ 203,000.00.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to approve the following policies:

1. First reading of Federal Program Travel Reimbursement Policy #150
2. First reading of Conflict of Interest and Federal Programs Policy # 150.1 and 827
3. Second reading of Fraud Policy #828

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

2016 GRADUATES

A motion was made by Colebank second by Plisko to approve the 2016 graduation list. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Howard to accept the following retirements:

1. Elementary Teacher Theresa Goletz effective June 1, 2016
2. Secretary Cindy Keener effective July 5, 2016

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Theresa and Sandy for their years of service and wishes them a happy life.

POSITIONS AWARDED

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

1. Tina Machosky – 3 Hour cafeteria position at AL Wilson
2. Lisa Sumey – 10-month Secretary at George J. Plava
3. Ellen Conn - Grade 2 CSR at George J. Plava
4. David Diamond – Project Lead the Way/Mathematics at AGHS
5. Tom Corazzi and (Jerome Vicinelly if needed) as Summer School Physical Education Instructors
6. Danielle Guthrie - Grade 1 at George Plava

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RECALL

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to recall cafeteria employee Terra Mick to the 2 ½ hour position at Friendship Hill.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LEAVE

A motion was made by P Dunham second by DeGusipe to grant Tina Muzina-Blevins a FM leave commencing April 29, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

POSITIONS AWARDED

A motion was made by Sholtis second by DeGusipe to award the following extra-curricular High School positions:

1. Interact Club – Aimee Parquette
2. Academic League – Jared Plisko
3. Math Team – Julia Pillar
4. Robotics – Jeff Rush
5. SADD – Megan Smiley
6. Young Astronauts – Mike Revak
7. Newspaper – Elizabeth Springer
8. Future Business Leaders of America Sponsor – Karla Lent
9. Yearbook – Bethany Chicarelli
10. Student Council – Alicia Soto
11. Book Club – Alison Vandegrift
12. Freshman/Sophomore Activities Sponsor – Alicia Soto
13. Junior/Senior Activities Sponsor – Kristi Kaiser
14. Department Heads
 - a. Math – Cindy Kopas
 - b. English – Cindy Halfin
 - c. Science – Mike Dunham
 - d. Social Studies – Jerry Quinn
 - e. Electives/Specialists – Karla Lent
15. Work Release/Study Sponsor – Ken Musko
16. Band Director – CJ Durso
17. Assistant Band Director – Wyatt Wilson
18. Pep Band Director – CJ Durso
19. Vocal Music Director – Joe Andria
20. Choral Pep Club – Joe Andria
21. Video Productions – Eric Nuttal
22. Drama (plays) Toby Maykuth and Joe Andria
23. Musical (as per Board budget) Toby Maykuth and Joe Andria
24. Honor Society – Tammy Cowsert

Ayes: Sholtis, DeGusipe, Colebank, P Dunham, Howard, Moser, Plisko (all but # 2), M Dunham (all but # 14 C)

Nays: None

Abstain: Plisko on # 2 only, M Dunham on # 14 C only

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to award the following extra-curricular activity sponsors at Middle Schools as follows:

1. Yearbook Sponsors – Rosemary Novotny – North; Melissa Balchak - South
2. Student Council Sponsors – Taylor Bella – North; Melissa Balchak & Jennifer Baukol - South
3. Math Counts Sponsors Taylor Bella and Kate Armstrong – North; Jacob Magerko - South
4. Newspaper Sponsors – Brooke Patterson – South; Kate Armstrong - North
5. Band Director – Mary Kendall – South; Gail Diamond - North
6. Vocal Music Director – Andy Giles – North and South

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to hire the following head teachers:

1. AL Wilson – Larry Flowers
2. Friendship Hill – Jennifer Vail
3. Masontown – Heather Hartley
4. George J. Plava – Jamie Kamp
5. Smithfield – Toby Maykuth
6. AG North – Tiffany Duncan
7. AG South – Dave Dunham

Ayes: Howard, Colebank, DeGusipe, P Dunham, Moser, Plisko, Sholtis, M Dunham (all but # G-7)

Nays: None

Abstain: M. Dunham on # G-7 only

NEW HIRES

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to hire Thomas Colebank as Professional Employee for Mathematics at AGHS at appropriate step.

Ayes: Howard, Sholtis, DeGusipe, P Dunham, Moser, Plisko, M Dunham

Nays: None

Abstain: Colebank

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to hire Alicia Soto as Temporary Professional Employee for Chemistry at AGHS at appropriate step.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to hire Mary Comunale as Temporary Professional Employee for Biology at AGHS at step 1.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to hire Jesse Vihlidal as Temporary Professional Employee for Biology at AGHS at step 1.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ROTC CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Sholtis second by DeGusipe to execute employment contract with Sgt. Barbara Harmon. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Colebank to execute employment contract with Lt. Col. Wayne Sadowsky. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COACHES

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

1. Rick Rebick – Assistant Football (5 of 5)
2. Bernie Wydo – Head Golf
3. Ephriam Yoder – Assistant Boys Soccer

4. Andy Miles – Assistant Girls Soccer
5. Joe Thomas – Head Cross Country
6. Jason Williams and Shawn Liotta – Strength/Conditioning
7. Katie Nolder – Assistant Volleyball
8. Joe Pergar – Volunteer Assistant Volleyball

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to hire the following coaches for one season as recommended by Athletic Director at Middle Schools pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Tom Corazzi – Head Football
2. Ellen Hilenbrandt – Head Girls Basketball
3. Shawn Chory – Summer/Fall Athletic Director
4. Brandon Rotharmel – Volunteer Football Assistant

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to accept the resignation of Bus Monitor Helen Squires effective May, 16, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STUDENT PRACTICUM

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Moser to grant California University student Jillian Ciarrocchi permission to do 150 hours for her school counseling practicum with Michelle Aulthouse in the fall of 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to add Delores Garcia to the cafeteria substitute list.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to grant permission for 5 administrators and 6 staff members to attend the STEM Premier Planning Retreat at Seven Springs on June 20 – 21, 2016 at no cost to the District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on June 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Friendship Hill Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Sholtis to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.