

**Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**AG High School Cafeteria – 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Janet Swaney, Vice President Carla Franks, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Charity Grimm Krupa, Betty Moser, Ryan Porupski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Controller Vince Belczyk and Attorney Lee Price

President Swaney called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Justin Moccaldi of Smithfield, parent, addressed the board to thank them for posting the potential Smithfield Elementary school closure presentation that was presented at the work session on YouTube. Mr. Moccaldi reviewed information that was contained in the presentation. There are potential downsides to consolidating schools, larger class size, transition for students, missed opportunities by students. Parents and residents do not want to see the school closed and would pay more to keep school open.

Paige Bogozi of Uniontown, student, addressed the board in support of keeping Smithfield Elementary open. She stated Smithfield Elementary produces a rigorous curriculum that produces positive results. The school is a Blue Ribbon School which was nationally recognized. Behind the scenes the dedicated teachers and staff have been very supportive to her and others and have left a positive lasting impact on her life both personally and academically.

Maggi Bubonovich of Masontown, student, addressed the board as a representative of the Albert Gallatin students with concerns about the problems in the district. Stated that closing Smithfield Elementary would have a negative impact on the students.

Amanda Martin of Masontown, educator and parent addressed the board regarding the negative impact of closing Smithfield would have on students and her family. Mrs. Martin stated that it is not her intent to belittle any teacher or school in the district and we have amazing people in our district. As an English teacher at the high school, she began to take note of certain positive qualities that students who attended Smithfield Elementary possess due culture and the quality of education they received at Smithfield Elementary. Mrs. Martin asked the board if a consolidation would happen she feels that 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade need recess.

Jeremy Kendall of Smithfield, teacher and parent, addressed the board to consider alternative, cost effective methods to repairing or replacing the roof. Mr. Kendall stated that he was contacted by a former parent who works for a roofing company. The parent indicated the roofing company has a product manufacturer that may be interested in performing trials on their materials and may be looking for a test roof.

Rachel Burnsworth of McClellandtown, PA addressed the board regarding roof replacement of Smithfield Elementary. Ask the board to make a motion to amend the agenda to add a line item to move forward with the planning and specification of the roof replacement of Smithfield Elementary.

Superintendent Pegg thanked all who spoke during public forum regarding Smithfield Elementary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to enter into executive session 6:30 p.m. for personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to resume meeting at 7:19 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

An executive session was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 7:57 pm – 9:12 pm for personnel and student confidentiality.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to amend agenda to include Item M under Personnel to appoint special education administrator.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, M. Dunham, Howard, Porupski, Moser, Swaney

Nays: Franks, Krupa

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to amend agenda to include Item G under Administrative to direct district administration to solicit multiple roofing consultants to present roof replacement options for Smithfield Elementary to the board at the December meeting.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve minutes of the meeting held on October 16, 2019 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for October 2019 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 P. Dunham to grant permission to pay bills and payroll for November 2019: Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,431,297.07.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for November 2019: Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,480,691.16.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Pegg thanked all individuals who ran for school board. He thanked Mr. Colebank, Mr. P. Dunham and Mrs. Swaney for their dedicated years of service. Mr. Pegg welcomes reelected and newly elected members Mr. Howard, Mrs. Krupa, Mrs. Moser, Mr. Mangold and Mr. Planiczka.

Mr. Porupski thanked Mr. Colebank, Mr. P. Dunham and Mrs. Swaney for their years of service and stated it was an honor serving with them.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **MODIFY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to grant approval to modify the school calendar to change the one (1) hour early dismissal to a half (1/2) day early dismissal for students on Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **RETIREMENT**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to accept the retirement of Sherry Dugan, cafeteria employee effective November 8, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Sherry for her 32 years of service and wishes her a healthy and happy retirement.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to accept the retirement of Joetta Britvich, Special Education Director effective November 8, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Joetta for her 41 years of service in public education and 15 years of service with the district and wishes her a healthy and happy retirement.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to accept the retirement of Joyce Ramsey, Elementary Instructor effective December 31, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg thanked Joyce for her 21 years of service and wishes her a healthy and happy retirement.

### **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to grant Lisa Haught, Elementary Principal a leave of absence beginning October 21, 2019 through February 4, 2020.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant Ruth Kaiser, Classroom Aide a paid and unpaid leave of absence beginning October 21, 2019 through November 30, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to grant Julie Bell, Elementary Instructor an intermittent FMLA retroactive to October 18, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to grant Kristin Martin a leave of absence from December 4, 2019 to December 20, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to award the following elementary and middle school head teacher positions according to contract.

1. Tiffany Duncan – AG North Middle
2. Shea Fleenor – AG South Middle
3. Stacey Peton-Tenny – AL Wilson
4. Jennifer Hartman – Friendship Hill
5. Heather Hartley – Masontown
6. Theresa Wadsworth – George J. Plava
7. Toby Maykuth – Smithfield

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to award Joe Embacher the middle school Fall Athletic Director position at a prorated pay rate.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Porupski, Moser, Swaney

Nays: Krupa

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to award Joe Embacher the middle school Winter and Spring Athletic Director positions according to contract.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: Krupa, Moser

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to award Betty Sunyak the 6.5 hour cafeteria position at George J. Plava Elementary according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**NEW COACH HIRE**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to hire Jennifer Reese as middle school assistant softball coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, M. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: Krupa, Moser

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR**

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to transfer Jared Plisko to Special Education Administrator pursuant to the administrator comp plan effective immediately.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, M. Dunham, Howard, Moser, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: Franks, Krupa

**SUBSTITUTE LIST**

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

Non Professional: Kaitlyn Dodson, Raymond Drake; Stephanie Garrison

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to grant permission to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

Professional: Kimberly Little, Hillary Cunningham, Christina Smith; Jasmine Packrone

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to grant use of AG South cafeteria and gym to AG Middle School Football Boosters on December 13, 2019 from 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm for a dance; Sabrina Dice.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to grant use of AG High School Wrestling Room to AG Youth Wrestling from November 4, 2019 through March 13, 2020 from 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm for wrestling practice; Tim Kelley.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to grant use of AG High School gym to AG Youth Wrestling on January 11, 2020 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm for wrestling match; Tim Kelley.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve the revised Emergency Operations Plan for the emergencies and disasters Resolution #1207-2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**WILSON READING SERIES CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Moser second by Howard to request approval to allow Tammy Kezmarsky and Brooke Patterson to attend the Wilson Reading Series Introductory Course at Conshohocken, PA in March, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 paid using Title I and SSIP IDEA Grant Funds.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SMITHFIELD ROOF REPLACEMENT PROPOSALS**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to direct district administration to seek roofing manufactures and consultants for proposals to address the roof of Smithfield Elementary and present at the December meeting.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next work session and regular meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 immediately following the Re-Organization meeting in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.