

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-president Janet Swaney, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Paul Dunham, Carla Franks, Charity Grimm Krupa, David Howard, Ryan Porupski

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Myers, President

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Controller Denise Sheetz and Attorney Lee Price

Vice-President Swaney 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

Amy Przybylinski, Principal at Friendship Hill introduced Lee Edgell, Friendship Hill student that placed 3rd in the state for the 2018 School Bus Safety Poster Contest. Lee and his family are invited to a ceremony and tour of the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence in Harrisburg, PA on Monday, October 22, 2018. Congratulations and a round of applause was given to Lee on such a great achievement.

Cindy O'Neal of Smithfield PA addressed the board regarding the soft lockdown that Smithfield Elementary had due to state police presence in a local area. Mrs. O'Neal spoke as a grandparent of a student at the school that is assigned in a trailer classroom outside the school. Mrs. O'Neal stated that she was concerned for the safety of the students in the trailer classrooms not being escorted into the building during the lockdown. She wants to know the procedures as to why the students were not taken into the building. She ask the board to address the issue at the next safety committee meeting and stressed that the students should be taken into the main building for any type of lockdown. Mrs. O'Neal also stated the door at AG South was open to allow parents to pick up cookie dough orders and she thought that was a safety concern. The board thanks Mrs. O'Neal for her concern for safety.

Vice-President Swaney stated that would be addressed. Mr. M. Dunham stated that each school should make parents aware of the safety procedures at their school and let parents know if they have any safety concerns, the parents should contact the school to address them.

Superintendent Pegg reviewed the procedures with the public and stated the district has had safety meetings on various trainings the public could attend. The lockdown procedures will be reviewed with the safety committee and the committee meetings are not open to the public.

Cheryl Brumley of Smithfield, PA and Tracy Heeter of McClellandtown, PA addressed the board about starting a cross-country boosters for uniforms and shoes. They stated that they have ask members of the district about uniform purchases and starting up a boosters. The board stated that booster organizations are not part of the district and does not need board approval and they can set up their own boosters. They are welcome to use our facilities to hold booster meetings. The board is looking into the purchase of uniforms. Mr. M. Dunham stated the purchase of shoes will be at the parents expense since the district stopped purchasing shoes years ago since student's would quit shortly after receiving them. The board thanked them for bringing it to their attention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice-President Swaney announced an executive session was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 from 8:04 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for personnel, collective bargaining and student confidentiality.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to adopt the agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to approve minutes of the following meeting held on September 19, 2018 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to grant permission to change the Work Session to Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for September 2018 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 October 2018: Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,424,673.76.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for October 2018: Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,153,038.24.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STEP BY STEP LEARNING

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to approve Step by Step Learning: Professional development services to be provided by Step by Step Learning for leadership training programs, including DIBELS Next and RtII program implementation for grade K-2 instructors, as needed. Cost of \$25,800.00 to be paid through Title I funding.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FORMER AL WILSON SCHOOL BUILDING AND LOT SALE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the Albert Gallatin Area School District and Eric Miller, dated October 9, 2018, for the former A. L. Wilson School building and lot, being Parcel Id No. 11-07-0060, for the auction bid price of \$62,500, as presented. Buyer Eric Miller shall be responsible for paying the auction's buyer premium in the amount of \$6,250 to Auctioneer Joe R. Pyle Complete Auction & Realty Service.

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

Nays: Krupa

VACANT LOT ON SOUTH MAIN STREET, FAIRCHANCE SALE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the Albert Gallatin Area School District and Peter J. and Nancy D. Mayolo, dated October 9, 2018, for the vacant lot located at South Main Street, in Fairchance Borough, being Parcel Id No. 11-07-0076, for the auction bid price of \$30,000, as presented. Buyer Peter J. and Nancy D. Mayolo be responsible for paying the auction's buyer premium in the amount of \$3,000 to Auctioneer Joe R. Pyle Complete Auction & Realty Service.

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

Nays: Krupa

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following Capital Project bills: Triangle Roofing, Inc. - \$56,062.50 – AG South Middle School roof replacement
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay the following Capital Project bills: Tuscano Maher Roofing, Inc. - \$238,905.00 – AG High School roof replacement
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following Capital Project bills: Fieldturf, USA, Inc. - \$330,018.35 – AG High School synthetic turf

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

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Porupski,

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Pegg read a letter from Jeff Myers, School Board President stating that he will be resigning from the school board due to work obligations effective December 2018 reorganization meeting.

Board Members ask that an advertisement for letters of interest be posted on the district website and in the Herald-Standard.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Pegg announced that the district received a \$25,000 grant for safety equipment from Pennsylvania Department of Education.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to approve second reading of Policy 351 Drug and Substance Abuse policy.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Krupa to approve second reading of Policy 351.1 Pre-Employment Drug Testing policy.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to approve second reading of Policy 451.1 Pre-Employment Drug Testing policy.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by Krupa to approve second reading of Policy 551.1 Pre-Employment Drug Testing policy.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AWARD POSITION

A motion was made by P. Dunham, second by Howard to award Edie Howell as Afternoon Shift Custodian at AG High School according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to grant Tom Trosiek a FMLA Leave commencing October 16, 2018 through January 11, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Franks second by P. Dunham to grant permission to rehire Ron Popovich as High School Head Baseball Coach for one season during the 2018-2019 school year, pending all proper documents are received:

SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

1. Professional – Frances Simon, Lyndsay Smith, Lynda Livingstone

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

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

1. Non Professional – Roger Lenhart, Sr.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to grant permission to AG Youth Football to use AG High School Football Field and Concession Stand from November 12, 2018 through November 18, 2018 for practice and games at various times; Nikki Mickens.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to AG Middle School Football Boosters to use AG North Middle School Gym and Cafeteria on October 26, 2018 for Halloween Dance; Amy Kuhns.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to grant permission to Cub Scout Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary Cafeteria on Tuesday's 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm from October 9, 2018 through June 1, 2019; Shannon Strobel; Dennis Klink.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant permission to Cub Scout Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary Cafeteria on Tuesday's 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm from October 9, 2018 through June 1, 2019; Janet Glover.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by P. Colebank to grant permission to Cub Scout Pack 654 to use Masontown Elementary Cafeteria on 2nd and 3rd Tuesday 5:45 pm – 7:15 pm from October 16, 2018 through May 21, 2019; Lisa Burdett.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to grant permission to Boy Scouts to use Masontown Elementary Cafeteria on Tuesday's 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm from October 9, 2018 through June 1, 2019; Phillip Steve.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BAND, DRAMA, CHORAL NEW YORK CITY TRIP

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to consider preliminary approval of AGHS Band, Drama and Choral department for overnight trip to New York City from April 12 through 14, 2019 at no cost to the district; CJ Durso, Band Director; Megan Cerullo, Choral Director; Toby Maykuth, Drama Director.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PA SAFE SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to request approval for two administrators and one chief of police to attend the PA Safe Schools Conference held in Harrisburg, PA on December 11 and 12, 2018 at a cost of travel, hotel and food not to exceed \$1,000.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant permission to direct administration to take all action necessary to suspend the Albert Gallatin High School football programs' participation in the WPIAL for start of the 2019 school season and to develop alternative competition for the football program.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COMBUSTION SERVICES

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to authorize replacement of A/C Unit at AG South Middle School Room A-21 at a cost of \$8,475.00, as per written quote, dated September 11, 2018 by Combustion Services & Equipment, Co.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School.

Vice President Swaney announced that immediately after the regular board meeting a financial meeting will be held.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.