

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School – 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Janet Swaney, Vice President Carla Franks, Treasurer Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Charity 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 6:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Representatives from Gan's Energy/Springdale LLC, were in attendance to present a check for \$15,000 to the AG Education Foundation representatives John Gruskowski and Larry Keefer. The donation will be used for mini grants for teachers and to start up a pantry in the district as well as other student and teacher needs.

Sophia Frazee of McClellandtown, PA, a grandparent of an ALW student. Mrs. Frazee addressed the board regarding the elimination of the Grandparent's Breakfast. She stated she is dissatisfied the event was eliminated and that many look forward to it and hopes that it can be reinstated.

Leann Moccaldi of Smithfield, PA a parent of students at AG South and Smithfield Elementary addressed the board regarding Smithfield Elementary's roof and boiler conditions. Ask the board to consider the needs of the students and that closing the school would not be good for the students due to increased class sizes and special education concerns.

Bob Mangold of McClellandtown, PA a school board candidate and retired teacher addressed the board regarding the decline of the district's health and physical education programs. He stated the district has not done anything over the years to improve the programs and they are a very important.

John Gruskowski of McClellandtown, PA thanked all the board members and administrators for their service.

Janet Swaney read an article published in the Herald-Standard regarding Cyber Bullying. Mrs. Swaney stated she has been bullied on social media for the past two years.

Rachael Burnsworth of McClellandtown, PA addressed the board that she is not responsible for comments on social media and would not share any such comments if it was threatening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to enter into executive session 6:29 p.m. for student confidentiality, potential litigation on behalf of district and personnel.

All members present voting in favor of motion

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to resume meeting at 7:01 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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An executive session was held on Monday, October 14, 2019 from 7:16 pm to 8:24 pm for personnel, real estate and student confidentiality.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to amend agenda to add item to move forward to obtain specifications on roof at Smithfield Elementary.

Ayes: Franks, Krupa, Porupski, Moser

Nays: Colebank, P. Dunham, M. Dunham, Howard, Swaney

Motion Fails

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to approve minutes of the meetings held on September 18, 2019 and October 8, 2019 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Franks second by Moser to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for September 2019 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to pay bills and payroll for October 2019: Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,465,842.28.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for October 2019: Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,125,048.39.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUB CUSTODIAN RATE INCREASE

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant permission to increase the substitute custodian hourly rate to \$10.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following through Capital Projects:

1. Fieldturf, USA, Inc. - \$36,668.71 -High School synthetic turf final payment

2. K2 Engineering - \$1,200.00 - Administration Office sewage project

Total: \$37,868.71

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

Nays: Krupa

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent wishes to thank Gans Energy/Springdale Energy, LLC for their generous contribution to the district.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Price indicated that during executive session matters of personnel and potential litigation on behalf of the district were also discussed.

POLICY 610 PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID/QUOTATION

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of updated Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant Christine Jerome, cafeteria employee a leave of absence from September 19, 2019 to approximately December 13, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant Sherry Dugan, paid and unpaid leave of absence from September 27, 2019 to November 1, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant Jenell Meyokovich a leave of absence from September 27, 2019 to approximately November 15, 2019, accrued sick and personal days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to grant Mary Comunale a leave of absence from November 1, 2019 to approximately January 6, 2020, accrued sick days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to hire Autumn Dziak for the two (2) hour floating cafeteria position based at Smithfield Elementary School according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to award/renew the following high school coaches for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Jordan Alderson - Assistant Boys Basketball

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

Nays: Krupa

Abstain: P. Dunham

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to award/renew the following middle school coaches for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Kristin Dunham - Assistant Volleyball
2. Jeff Rush – Head Wrestling
3. Adam Simon – Assistant Wrestling

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

Nays: Krupa

Abstain: P. Dunham on item 1 Kristin Dunham, only

REINSTATE POSITION

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to reinstate the middle school Athletic Director position.

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

Nays: Franks, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to reinstate William Parnham from part-time to full-time Transportation Director and revise his contract to reflect that change in status, subject to final and review of the District's Solicitor.

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

Nays: M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

CREATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to motion to create elementary and middle school head teacher positions pursuant to the current collective bargaining agreement.

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

Nays: Porupski

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: Tracie Reese, Chelsea Jacobs, Tina Murphy; Rebecca Clark

Professional: Megan Coll

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant use of AG North cafeteria and gym to AG North 8th Grade Formal Dance Committee on September 27, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm for a dance; Amanda Chipps.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant use of AG South cafeteria and gym to AG Middle School Cheer Boosters on November 1, 2019 from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm for a dance; Lori Byrd.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to grant use of AG South cafeteria and gym to AG Cross Country Booster on February 14, 2020 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm for a dance; Tammy Bixler.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to grant use of AG South cafeteria and gym to AG South Band on March 27, 2020 from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm for a dance; Mary Kendall.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to grant use of AG High School Cafeteria to AG Education Foundation on March 28, 2020 times to be announced for a Character Breakfast in conjunction with the district musical; Judy Psenicska.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by M. Dunham to grant use of AG High School Gym to Alliance Volleyball Club on November 3 and 10, 2019 between 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm and November 5 and 12, 2019 between 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm for tryouts; Marissa Hart.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

BAND, DRAMA, CHORAL TRIP

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to consider preliminary approval of AG High School Band, Drama and Choral department for overnight trip to Virginia Beach, VA from May 1 – May 3, 2020 at no cost to the district; CJ Durso, Megan Cerullo, and Toby Maykuth.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SOFTBALL TRIP

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to consider preliminary approval of AG High School Softball team for trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for The Ripken Experience Spring Training in March, 2020 at no cost to the district; Mark Goodwin.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

COMBUSTION SERVICE AGREEMENT

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to renew the HVAC Mechanical Equipment Preventive Maintenance & Repair Service Agreement with Combustion Service and Equipment effective November 1, 2019 at a cost of \$50,220.00. This price represents no increase cost from the current agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on November 20, 2019 at the D. Ferd Swaney School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

All members present voting in favor of motion.