

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham

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

President M. Dunham 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

Secondary Supervisor Chris Pegg presents the following students for recognition in the Martin Luther King Awards at Penn State: Tiffany Burden – Academic Excellence and Arts; Devin Carney – Athletics; and Darius Ketter – Community Service. These students were commended for their continued success in their academics and overall performance in representing the Albert Gallatin School District.

Athletic Director Duane Dupont congratulates Maurice Jackson, he was the PA Jr Champion in wrestling. Latale Raven Thin Elk took the PA women Wrestling Championship. Tim Wallace was the Section Champion in wrestling. All three were given plaques and a standing ovation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to enter into executive session for personnel at 6:10 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to resume meeting at 6:20 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

President M. Dunham announced an executive session was held on Monday, April 18, 2016 from 6:34 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for personnel, student confidentiality and potential litigation.

AGENDA

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to approve minutes of regular meeting held on March 23, 2016 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PEMA AGENT

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to adopt Designation of Agent Resolution appointing Denise Sheetz as School District Agent for snow emergency PEMA PA-DR 4267.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for March 2016 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for April 2016:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,990,006.82
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,394,315.28

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Point Marion Library thanking the Board for their continued monetary support which is used to keep programs such as Story Hour and the Summer Reading program.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bezjak congratulates our wrestlers and Martin Luther King Award recipients. He also thanked the students, parents and staff members for their dedication during the PSSA testing period.

POLICIES

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Plisko to adopt the Intermediate Unit 1, IDEA, Part B: Policies and Procedures.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve the first reading of the Fraud Policy # 828

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Swaney second by Sholtis to accept the retirement of Instructor Mary Ann Hughes effective June 1, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks MaryAnn for her many years of dedicated service and going the extra mile with our students and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to accept the resignations of the following employees:

1. N. Darlene Swaney cafeteria employee effective April 7, 2016
2. Stephanie Sloboda bus monitor effective April 22, 2016

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SECURITY

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to transfer Delmar Shipp from full-time security to 180 day security effective July 1, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to hire Brian Shoaf as full-time security effective July 1, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Swaney to award the following positions according to contract:

1. Robin Smochinsky – Grade 6 at AG North
2. Sheri Groover – Grade 5 at AL
3. Marcia Pukl – Grade 5 at AL
4. Amy Lewis – Grade 4 at AL
5. Beth Hines – Grade 3 at AL
6. Robin Andria – Grade 2 at AL
7. Alfreda Hanley – Grade 1 at AL
8. Sheri Ardabell – Learning Support at AL
9. Jan Sessler – Grade 3 CSR at Friendship Hill
10. Charles Courie – Learning Support at Friendship Hill
11. Stacey Peton – Grade 2 CSR at Smithfield
12. Michelle Dougherty – Learning Support at Smithfield
13. Danielle Guthrie – Grade 1 CSR at George J. Plava
14. Tiffany Jobses – Grade 2 CSR at George J. Plava
15. Janet Sessler – Grade 1 at Friendship Hill
16. Stacey Peton – Grade 2 at Smithfield
17. Julius Jesso – Grade 2 at Masontown
18. Megan Hadenak – Emotional Support at AG North
19. Jennifer Sroka – Grade 3 CSR at Friendship Hill
20. Tiffany Jobses – Grade 2 CSR at Smithfield
21. Tricia Torrey – Grade 5 at Masontown

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ELIMINATE/CREATE

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to eliminate one mathematics position at AGHS and create one Project Lead the Way/Mathematics position.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FOOTBALL COACHES

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Sholtis to hire the following HS assistant football coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper document: Jason Williams, Jeremy Liotta, Darrin Paulvich, Richard Kolesar (4 of 5) and name Jeff Gates as a volunteer assistant coach. 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 – Zachary Hibbs
2. Non-professional – Jennifer Whoolery cafeteria

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President M. Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on May 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Friendship Hill Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. All members present voting in favor of the motion.