

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg, Controller Denise Sheetz and Attorney Lee Price – arrived 6:09 pm

President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Duane Dupont introduced student athlete Tim Wallace. Tim is an outstanding student, individual and athlete. Tim was recognized by the Board for his outstanding accomplishments in wrestling. Tim plans to attend Kent State University on a full scholarship for wrestling. Tim is the son of John and Betty Wallace. Tim received a round of applause with a standing ovation for his achievements.

Dale Eicher, Fairchance, PA addressed the board in regards to the new transportation contract. Mr. Eicher spoke out against the bidding of the contract and fueling station. Stating district didn't care about the low bid and taxes have increased.

Mrs. Swaney, school director stated taxes have not been raised. Mrs. Swaney stated she will not be voting on any tax increase. Taxes have not been increased.

Bob Mangold, McClellandtown, PA, retired district teacher, questioned the board and spoke out against the new transportation contract being awarded to a new provider at a higher cost. Mr. Mangold said the in the financial condition the district is in, why is the district hiring a contractor that's going to cost a large increase for same services? How can the district justify spending the taxpayers' money for same services? Education should be number one concern. Mr. Mangold mentioned a couple times about the concern of tax increases.

Mrs. Grimm Krupa, school director expressed concern over anticipated increases in fuel costs over the years of the contract.

Mr. Dunham, school director stated it is his personal decision to select the new company over First Student due to safety concerns over the years and how First Student management handled safety issues.

Mrs. Grimm Krupa, school director spoke of the provision in the new contract that would make the district responsible for compensating the bus company a daily rate for eliminated routes.

Lee Price, District Solicitor stated the district would be able to eliminate three routes at no cost. If a consolidation of schools would occur during the contract, transportation department is estimating additional route reductions.

Don Rankin, Smithfield, PA spoke out against the district's decisions to award the new transportation to STA instead of First Student and justification of taxpayer's paying more money for the service.

Peter Blout, Farmington, PA would like to notify the community of an event named Hope Speaks being held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at Uniontown Area High School. The event will have speakers that will speak on violence, addiction and suicide.

Justin Moccaldi, Smithfield, PA addressed the board in regards to the percentage of income that comes from local taxes. Mrs. Sheetz, Business Manager said about 5% and the district is very dependent on state and federal funding. He is not in favor of raising taxes. He is interested in finding ways to make the district more attractive and stated increasing student performance would make the district more attractive to the community. He is concerned about closing of schools due to increased costs and declining enrollment. The need to find ways to improve the performance of the schools and spending money wisely would be a suggestion to help.

Rebecca McGee, Smithfield, PA wanted to thank all the teachers who spend their own time and money on caring for student's in the district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Myers announced an executive session was held on Monday, April 16, 2018 from 8:52 p.m. to 9:33 p.m. for personnel and real estate lease.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to adopt the agenda as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on March 21, 2018.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for March 2018 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to pay the following bills and payroll for April 2018:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,512,778.80
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$3,565,590.10

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to approve invoice in the amount of \$2,650.00 for core samples of asbestos testing at high school and north middle school to N.D.S. Inc. through Capital Project Funds.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION PSDLAF DISTRICT DEPOSITORY

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to approve Resolution to join the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) for the purpose of investing District funds on a pooled basis with the funds of other Pennsylvania public school districts and designating PSDLAF as a District depository.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Pegg congratulated the staff, cast and crew on the outstanding performance of the Albert Gallatin Senior High School's spring musical production of Grease.

DISTRICT POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to approve first reading of Policy #824 Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to waive three (3) readings of revised Policy #918 Parent and Family Engagement and adopt as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Porupski to approve first reading of revised Policy #246 Student Wellness.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

IU POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND USE OF FUNDS

A motion was made by Howard second by M. Dunham to adopt Intermediate Unit 1 Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Part B according to requirements of 22 PA Code Chapter 14.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to approve Special Education Plan from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and grant permission to submit to Department of Education.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COURSE ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Krupa to adopt the High School Course additions as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ONLINE POSTING OF HANDBOOK

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to approve annually posting the school district student/parent handbook online, with hard copies available upon request only.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant Rose Smochinsky, Secretary a leave of absence for approximately 4-6 weeks commencing May 11, 2018.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant Randy Wilson, Middle School Principal a leave of absence beginning March 28, 2018. Return date to be determined.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to grant Kristie Bogozi, Elementary teacher an extension of leave of absence beginning April 17, 2018 thru May 21, 2018.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to award Wayne Tate the afternoon shift custodian position at Smithfield Elementary according to contract.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to award Tina Mahosky the 3.5 hour cafeteria position at AG High School according to contract to commence 18-19 school year.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to award Anita Olesh the 4.5 hour cafeteria position at George J. Plava Elementary according to contract to commence 18-19 school year.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to award Audra Kenney the 4 hour cafeteria position at AG High School according to contract to commence 18-19 school year.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to award Sherry Hruska the 3 hour cafeteria position at AG High School according to contract to commence 18-19 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to accept the resignation of Thomas Broadwater, Security effective April 6, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the resignation of Emily Hartman-Ward, junior varsity and varsity cheerleading coach effective end of 17/18 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the resignation of Kristen Embacher, junior varsity and varsity cheerleading coach effective end of 17/18 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Howard to accept the resignation of Shawn Liotta, Head Varsity Football Coach and Assistant Athletic Director for 18/19 school year effective April 16, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NEW HIRES

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

1. Head 9th Grade Boys Baseball Coach – Steve Strange
2. Volunteers 9th Grade Boys Baseball – Ernest Stansick, Kenneth Lewis and James Rable
3. Varsity Co-head and Co-Assistant Cheerleading Coach – Jenna Sackett
4. Varsity Co-head and Co-Assistant Cheerleading Coach – Nikki Trump

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL POLICE

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to designate Brian Shuba as a substitute school police officer upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas so appointing him pursuant to Section 778 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant permission to add Tracey Sickles to the professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to grant use of Friendship Hill Elementary cafeteria for a student Paint and Snack on April 26, 2018 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm; Fifth Grade Parents/Karen Yasko.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Colebank to grant use of AG North gym and cafeteria for the 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance on May 4, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm; 8th Grade Parents/Sharon Berkshire.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

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A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant use of AG High School wrestling room and auxiliary gym for AG Middle School Cheer Camp from July 16, 2018 through July 20, 2018 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm; Katrina Pavone

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard as pursuant to the District's award of March 21, 2018, approve Student Transportation Agreement between the District and Student Transportation, Inc. dba STA of Pennsylvania, Inc. of 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 505, Bridgeville, PA, as presented.

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

Nays: Franks, Krupa, Porupski

CONFERENCES:

A motion was made by Krupa second by Howard to grant Troy Golden, Food Service Coordinator permission to attend the PRFSD Membership Meeting at the Erie Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA on May 11, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$400.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Krupa to grant Troy Golden, Food Service Coordinator permission to attend the Orientation to School Food Service Operations – Part 2 Conference in Harrisburg, PA from May 14-15, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$425.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to grant Lara Beznak permission to attend the PAFPC Federal Coordinators Conference in Harrisburg, April 29 – May 5, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 paid by Title I Funds.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to grant Christopher Pegg permission to attend the New Superintendent's Academy on July 12 and 13, 2018; September 26-27, 2018; and January 8 and 9, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 per two-day session.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CO-OP JROTC

A motion was made by Krupa second by M. Dunham to permission to allow the Superintendent to work on the formal co-op agreement for the JROTC program with Jefferson Morgan School District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ALICE TRAINING

A motion was made by Krupa second by Swaney to grant permission to provide the staff and students with ALICE training at a cost of \$400 per day not to exceed \$2,400.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

VIDEOTAPING OF WORK SESSIONS AND VOTING MEETINGS

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to authorize the videotaping of the monthly school board work sessions and voting meetings for public viewing on the District's website.

Videotaping will be accomplished by the holder of the Video Productions extracurricular position and any student volunteers. There will be no additional stipend.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

HOT WATER HOLDING TANK

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to consider a motion to award the replacement and installation of the domestic hot water holding tank at Friendship Hill Elementary to Lee's Plumbing & Excavating in the amount of \$7,500.00, lowest quote.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Myers announced the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School.

A motion was made by Swaney second by M. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.