

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

**D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

President Myers called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Principal Randy Wilson and Teacher/Coach Taylor Bella from AG North Middle School introduced student Luke Flecker, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math Counts winner. Luke won the entire competition for the Fayette County Chapter and he is the first winner from Albert Gallatin. Luke will compete at the Pennsylvania Math Counts competition in Harrisburg-Hershey, PA on March 23 and 24, 2018. Luke was presented with a trophy and a standing ovation for his achievement.

Candy Jordon, former Smithfield Elementary Principal, along with Renee Rosie, Smithfield Elementary Principal, presented the faculty and staff of Smithfield Elementary a Certificate of Recognition presented by National Title I Distinguished Schools along with a standing ovation for the prestigious award.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Myers announced an executive session was held on Monday, February 12, 2018 from 9:09 p.m. to 10:24 p.m. for personnel, collective bargaining and potential claim by school district.

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to enter into executive session for personnel and real estate at 6:12 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Swaney to resume meeting at 6:44 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**AGENDA**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to adopt agenda as presented. All members present voting in favor of the motion. During the meeting it was requested by the Superintendent to act on two additional items that had inadvertently been left off the agenda: granting permission to Georges Township Municipality to utilize D. Ferd Swaney School as a polling location for future elections; and granting permission to Reach Workcamp to utilize the A.G. Senior High School.

**IU 1 BOARD NOMINATION**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to nominate Michael Dunham to stand for election or appointment to the Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski, Swaney

Abstain: M. Dunham

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Swaney to approve minutes of the regular meeting held on January 17, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2018 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

## **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Swaney second by P. Dunham to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2018:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,533,105.65
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$444,428.16

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 M. Dunham second by Howard to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$5,362.50 for the Valve Replacement – AG South Middle School project to A.J. Demor & Sons, Inc. through Capital Project Funds.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROPOSAL**

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to adopt preliminary budget proposal of the Albert Gallatin Area School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 in the amount of \$54,270,530 pursuant to Special Session Act 1 of 2006, as presented. The appropriate School District officers are directed to submit the preliminary budget proposal to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on or before February 19, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **ACT 1**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Swaney to authorize application be made to the Pennsylvania Department of Education requesting Act 1 referendum exception for costs incurred in providing special education programs and services to students with disabilities, and payments incurred as a result of increases in state mandated contributions to the Public School Employees' Retirement System. The appropriate District officers are directed to apply for the exception on or before March 1, 2018 and to give public notice of the intent to seek the exception by newspaper publication on or before February 22, 2018.

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

Nays: Krupa, Porupski

**RESOLUTION BOND PURCHASE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to adopt Resolution as presented to authorize incurring nonelectoral debt in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 and a Bond Purchase Contract with RBC Capital Markets LLC, for: refunding the School District's General Obligation Note, Series of 2014; terminating a qualified interest management agreement related to said Note; replacing or repairing roofs at various buildings; installing new High School turf; walk-thru metal detectors and other security measures at all buildings; High School stage upgrades; other capital improvements and repairs; and costs of issuance.

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

Nays: Krupa

**RESOLUTION RATE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Swaney second by P. Dunham to adopt Resolution as presented terminating the 2014 Qualified Interest Rate Management Agreement and appointing Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc. as the School District's Independent Financial Advisor in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

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

Nays: Krupa

**INSURANCE POLICY**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to renew Crime Insurance Policy at a cost of \$1,198.00 through Caputo Ins. Agency.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

**NEW HIRES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to hire Tom Trosiek midnight custodial position at AG North Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by M. Dunham to hire Chelsea Ewart Library Aide position- Masontown/Plava Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**SABBATICAL**

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant Speech Instructor Kristine Speight an extension of sabbatical for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2017-2018 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Swaney to grant Elementary Instructor Jennifer Hartman an extension of leave of absence from February 2, 2018 to March 29, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by P. Dunham to grant custodian Roger Austin an extension of leave of absence from January 26, 2018 to March 12, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant Cafeteria employee Michelle Dice a leave of absence from February 16, 2018 to March 2, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Swaney to grant High School Special Education Instructor Nicole Lubowski a leave of absence from April 30, 2018 to June 5, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by P. Dunham to grant registered nurse Jennifer Lilley a leave of absence from February 7, 2018 – February 27, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**RETIREMENTS**

A motion was made by Krupa second by Swaney to accept the retirement of Elementary Instructor Cynthia Kopas tentatively April 20, 2018, depending on snow days.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to accept the retirement of Patricia Syrek, cafeteria employee effective end of 2017-18 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**AWARD POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Krupa to rescind High School English award to Sherry Williams and award Sherry Williams open Middle School English position according to contract to commence 18-19 School Year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to award April Serock open High School English position according to contract to commence 18-19 School Year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ELIMINATE AND CREATE POSITION**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Swaney to eliminate one 10:15 am to 1:15 pm cafeteria position at both North and South Middle Schools, and create one 10:15 am to 2:00 pm cafeteria position at both North and South Middle Schools, pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. These changes will only go into effect if the School District is a recipient of the 21st Century Grant Program.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CREATE POSITION**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to create the regular part-time position of District-Wide Assistant Athletic Director. Duties shall be equipment management, maintaining the District's sports web page, and such other duties as assigned by the Athletic Director or Superintendent, 2018-2019 School Year.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski

Nays: M. Dunham, Swaney

**NEW HIRE**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to appoint Shawn Liotta to the position of District-Wide Assistant Athletic Director at a salary of \$2,500 per annum, 2018-19 school year.

Ayes: Colebank, P. Dunham, Franks, Howard, Krupa, Myers, Porupski

Nays: M. Dunham, Swaney

**SUBSTITUTES**

A motion was made by Swaney second by P. Dunham to add the following substitutes to the professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

1. Morgan Fiffik
2. Brandon Quinn
3. Amy Shuba

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Swaney to adopt Right of Way Easement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Fairchance-Georges Joint Municipal Sewage Authority granting the Authority both a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement at the Administration Building, Tax Map #14-15-0051-01, for purposes of operating a municipal sanitary sewage system, at a consideration of \$24.00. The appropriate officers are directed to execute and deliver the Right of Way Easement to the Authority.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**FIELD TRIP**

A motion was made by Krupa second by Colebank to grant final approval of AGHS Band department overnight trip to Baltimore, MD and Washington, D.C. from March 9 - 11, 2018 at no cost to the district; CJ Durso, Band Director

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**PRACTICUM**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to authorize California University student William Christopher a talk therapy placement of 20 hours with Jillian Ciarrocchi, AL Wilson School Counselor to be completed by April, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**NEW POLICY**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to approve first reading of new policy 226.1 Metal/Weapon Detection System/Devices policy.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Swaney second by P. Dunham to adopt the revised 2017-2018 school calendar with June 5, 2018 as last day for students and Graduation.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to grant approval for AG North Middle School Student, Luke Flecker and parent chaperone to attend the Math Counts competition at Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, Harrisburg, PA on March 23 and 24, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**POLLING LOCATION**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Porupski to grant permission to Georges Township Municipality to utilize D. Ferd Swaney School as a polling location for future elections.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**REACH WORKCAMP**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Swaney to grant permission to Reach Workcamp to utilize the A.G. Senior High School for a three week workcamp the Summer of 2019 at no cost to the district; sponsor, Dr. Judith Taylor. The program is operated during the day in the community to provide free home repairs to families.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**GLYCOL FEEDER**

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to grant permission for approval to award Whitby Inc. contract to install Glycol feeder at AL Wilson in the amount of \$6,635. Lowest bid.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**HIGH SCHOOL STAGE**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant permission for approval to award Pittsburgh Stage contract for repair to AG High School stage rigging per COSTARS for a price of \$6,740.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**HIGH SCHOOL GYM FLOOR**

A motion was made by Howard second by Porupski to grant permission for approval to allow S&S Flooring the recoat of the AG High School gym floor to continue the warranty for another year at a cost of \$4,400.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ROOF BIDS**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant permission to bid AG High School, AG North Middle School and AG South Middle Schools roofs, as presented. Base bid shall be for all three roofs as a single, combined bid. As alternates, contractors may choose to bid on one more individual building roofs. School District reserves the right to award or reject individual roof bids, or award or reject a single, combined bid.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**SEAL COATING**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant permission to start the bidding for seal coating and crack patch work for AG North Middle and Masontown Elementary Schools.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Myers announced the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Porupski to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.