

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

**D. FERD SWANEY SCHOOL**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

President Swaney called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Amanda Riley, Taxpayer, Teacher and Elected President of the Education Association addressed the board in support of teachers, students and public education. Mrs. Riley addressed the board about teachers working under an expired contract. Teachers have not stopped working day to day even though they have no contract. Education is their top priority. Phone calls and letters have been made to legislators asking for their support. They know the value of education to students.

Carl Shusko of Fairchance, PA addressed the board in support of the district teachers. Mr. Shusko stated it was a shame that the teachers have worked the past 6 months without a contract. Teachers are an important part of a child's education. Mr. Shusko made reference to several school district expenditures such as security, abatement, high school stage, turf, trash containers, solicitor fees.

Mrs. Jarrett, Teacher at AG South Middle School announced the following students were winners in the 2018 Fireman's Essay Contest: 6th Grade-Emilee Berry, Grace Lohr, 7th Grade-Greenlee Darst, Justin Clemmer, 8th Grade-Kacie Ryczek, Maggie Mason. Kacie Ryczek was awarded the Chairman Award, the first student to have received the award. Mrs. Jarrett announced the Honorable Mention award winner from AG North Middle School is Kyleigh Turek. Students were not present. A round of applause was given.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Porupski to enter into executive session for personnel at 6:14 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to resume meeting at 6:27 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

President Swaney announced an executive session was held on Monday, February 18, 2019 from 6:13 pm – 7:13 pm for personnel and collective bargaining.

President Swaney announced an executive session was held on Monday, February 18, 2019 from 8:15 pm – 9:15 pm for personnel.

## **AGENDA**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to adopt amended agenda to eliminate VIII Personnel Item F. Fall Athletic Director and Item G. High School Football, Golf and Volleyball Coaches. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve minutes of the following meeting held on January 16, 2019 as presented:  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Franks to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2019 and preliminary financial statements as presented.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Krupa second by P. Dunham to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2019: Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,992,358.13.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Moser to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for February 2019: Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,303,695.21.  
All members present voting in favor of the 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 the motion.

## **2019-2020 PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET PROPOSAL**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to adopt preliminary budget proposal of the Albert Gallatin Area School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$55,819,444 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 25, 2019.

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

Nays: Krupa, Porupski

## **ACT 1 REFERENDUM EXCEPTION**

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham 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. The appropriate District officers are directed to apply for the exception on or before March 7, 2019 and to give public notice of the intent to seek the exception by newspaper publication on or before February 28, 2019.

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

Nays: Krupa, Porupski

**CRIME INSURANCE POLICY**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank 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.

**IU 1 OPERATIONAL BUDGET**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to grant permission to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational 2019-2020 Budget in the amount of \$549,522.00 with Albert Gallatin's share in the amount of \$24,246.78 which is a \$169.60 decrease from last year.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

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

1. Pittsburgh Stage, Inc. – \$19,572.00 – AG High School auditorium stage curtains rigging and track.
  2. Tuscano-Maher Roofing – \$30,375.00 – AG High School Retainage
  3. Tuscano-Maher Roofing – \$87,300.00 – AG High School Retainage
- Total: \$137,247.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**SPRING SPORTS BIDS**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to grant permission to pay the Spring 2019 Sports Bids:

1. Century Sports - \$5,969.45
  2. Masontown Trophy - \$375.00
- Total: \$6,344.45

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Pegg congratulated Mr. Fleenor and the high school boys basketball team on making the playoffs for the second straight season.

Superintendent Pegg announced that the district is filtering tips and has conducted Safe2Say training in grades 6-12 for students and faculty. The district will provide parent training at the high school at a date to be determined and will be advertised on district website.

Superintendent Pegg announced that Troy Golden, Food Service Director received a Food Service Grant in the amount of \$119,000 to use for equipment at Smithfield Elementary, Friendship Hill Elementary and both AG North and AG South Middle Schools.

Superintendent Pegg stated the Project Lead the Way grant of \$160,000 will be used for curriculum in elementary and middle schools.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

**REVISED POLICY 806**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve first reading of revised Child Abuse Policy 806.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to approve the Resolution Supporting Cyber Charter School Amendments, proposed by House Bill 526 and Senate Bill 34.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**REVISED 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to approve and adopt the revised 2018-2019 school calendar with May 31, 2019 as last day for students and graduation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**RESIGNATIONS**

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Angela Becker, Long Term Chemistry Instructor, effective February 8, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to accept the resignation of Meghan Mace, Long Term Math Instructor, effective February 15, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

A motion was made by Krupa second by M. Dunham to grant Paul Thomas, maintenance an extension of his leave of absence to return to work tentatively on March 25, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**COACHES**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Krupa to grant permission to hire Don Miller, Volunteer Assistant High School Baseball Coach, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to grant permission to hire Drew Dindl, High School Spring Conditioning Coach for the 2019 season.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made Krupa by second by P. Dunham to grant permission to hire Jennifer Sroka, AG Middle School Head Softball Coach for the 2019 season.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to hire Art Metts, AG Middle School Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2019 season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Krupa to Grant permission to hire Jeremy Keefer, High School Head Track Coach for the 2019 season.

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

Nays: M. Dunham

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to hire Rick Turtzer, High School Volunteer Softball Coach for 2019 season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **FMLA**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to grant Jennifer Redman, High School Instructor an FMLA leave of absence retroactive to December 14, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **ELIMINATE POSITIONS**

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to grant permission to eliminate the following Cafeteria positions:

1. High School - 4 hours (6:30am – 10:30am)
2. High School -7 hours (6:30am – 1:30pm)

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **CREATE POSITIONS**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to grant permission to create the following Cafeteria positions:

1. High School - 4 hours (6:00am – 10:00am)
2. High School - 7 hours (6:00am – 1:00pm)

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTE LIST**

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

Professional – Christina Dennis, Stephany Smearcheck, Amanda Kinneer

Non Professional – Jon Hoover, Custodian; Madelyn Myers, Cafeteria

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant use of AG High School Auditorium June 5 and June 6, 2019 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm for rehearsal and Sunday, June 9, 2019 for Piano Recital; CJ Durso and Sandy Lowe.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to grant use of AG High School Cafeteria to AG Education Foundation on March 30, 2019 from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm 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 P. Dunham second by Porupski to grant permission to use Smithfield Elementary Cafeteria for a spaghetti dinner for Cindy Leech on March 3, 2019 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm; Renee Rosie.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant permission to AG High School JROTC to use the AG High School Football Field, Track Area, Concession Stand, Field House and Press Box on April 20, 2019 from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm for a JROTC Service Learning Project- 5K Run Walk Bunny Hop and ½ Mile Fun Run; Barbara Harmon.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **AGHS BAND, DRAMA AND CHORAL DEPARTMENT TRIP**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to grant final approval to the 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 motion.

#### **BASEBALL FIELD USE**

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to grant permission for the school district to enter into an agreement with the Smithfield Youth League for use of its ball fields for the 2019 spring and summer baseball season for \$2,000.00, and the 2019 fall baseball season for \$500.00, subject to approval by solicitor as to form.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Solicitor Price stated the district is responsible to line field and pick up liter after games.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to grant permission for the school district to enter into agreement with the Appalachian Community Center for use of its ball fields for the 2019 spring and summer 9<sup>th</sup> grade baseball season for \$1,000.00, subject to approval by solicitor as to form.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **MATH COUNTS**

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant approval for AG North Middle School Student, Abigail Barnes and parent chaperone to attend the Math Counts competition at Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, Harrisburg on March 15 and 16, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTE CONTROLLER**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Porupski to approve Andy Musiolowski as a day to day substitute controller at a rate of \$250.00 per day, on an as needed basis.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting will be held on March 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.