

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
ALBERT GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Doug Sholtis, Vice-president Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, David Howard, John Kopas, Jeff Myers, Ken Plisko

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janet Swaney

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

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation in which he asked we all remember the late Edward Andria and pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Dunham said he was blessed to have had the opportunity to serve with Mr. Andria on the Board. He truly cared about the students, staff and community in which he served. His heart was always in the right place. He will not only miss him as a board member with much knowledge but also as a friend. He will be greatly missed by all. His passing was truly a great loss for the entire school district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held during the work session preceding this meeting from 7:27 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. for personnel and contracts.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to amend the agenda to include items VIII. Personnel # H – Controller Contract, I. – Amend ACT 93 Plan, J. – Computer Technician Contract and to adopt as amended.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

IU 1 BOARD NOMINATION

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

Ayes: Plisko, Colebank, Howard, Kopas, Myers, Sholtis

Abstain: Dunham

FCCTI OPERATING COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to elect and appoint Michael Dunham to serve on the Fayette County Career & Technical Institute's Joint Operation Committee for the unexpired term of Edward Andria. The term expires December 2017.

Ayes: Plisko, Howard, Colebank, Kopas, Myers, Sholtis

Abstain: Dunham

BOARD TREASURER

A motion was made by Plisko second by Dunham to nominate Jeff Myers as Board Treasurer.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Kopas to close nominations.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Kopas second by Plisko to appoint Jeff Myers as Board Treasurer.
Ayes: Kopas, Plisko, Colebank, Dunham, Howard, Sholtis
Abstain: Myers

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for January 2015 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 20, 2015 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PAYROLL AND BILLS

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to pay the following for February 2015:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,503,457.54
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,070,759.23

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Myers to approve payment of 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 Howard second by Dunham to approve payment of the following bills through Capital Projects as presented:

1. Keystone Waterproofing, Inc. - \$11,988.00
2. Miller Electrical Contracting - \$17,000.00

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

IU 1 OPERATING BUDGET 2015-16

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to approve the Intermediate Unit 1 General Operational Budget in the amount of \$549,552.00 with Albert Gallatin's share being \$24,600.30 (no increase).

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

2015-2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to adopt the preliminary budget proposal of the Albert Gallatin Area School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 in the amount of \$52,483,597.00 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 23, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACT 1

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko 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 5, 2015 and to give public notice of the intent to seek the exception by newspaper publication on or before February 26, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SPRING SPORT BIDS

A motion was made by Kopas second by Colebank to award the spring sports bids (Lowest responsible bids):

1. Century Sports - \$8,557.67
2. Masontown Trophy - \$1,088.00
3. Triple Crown - \$1,617.10

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bezjak announced the High School received a \$45,000.00 grant from Chevron "Leading the Way", to be used over a three year period. Thank you to Instructor Mike Revak and Principal Jason Hutchinson.

2015-16 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Myers second by Dunham to adopt the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

POSITION AWARDED

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to award Angela Powell the 2 hour cafeteria position at Smithfield according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COACHES

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to hire the following coaches at AGHS for one season as recommended by Athletic Director:

1. Joe Embacher, Alan Moody and Shane Ziats as Co-Conditioning Coaches
2. Tom Corazzi as Assistant Track Coach (1 of 2)
3. Marvin Snyder and Ron Popovich as Assistant Baseball Coaches
4. Jim French and Nick Bubonovich as Assistant Softball Coaches
5. Drew Dindl as Head 9th Grade Baseball Coach
6. Jason Stoy as Assistant 9th Grade Baseball Coach
7. Name Lud Kopec as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to hire the following coaches for middle for one season as recommended by Athletic Director:

1. Joe Embacher as Spring Athletic Director
2. Larry Flowers as Head Softball Coach
3. James Hershberger as Assistant Softball Coach
4. Jeremy Keefer as Head Track Coach
5. Tim Dye and Russ Psenicska as Assistant Track

Ayes: Howard, Dunham, Colebank, Kopas, Myers, Plisko, Sholtis (all but # 3)

Abstain: Sholtis – on # 3 only

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to grant Yvonne Donai a leave of absence from February 5, 2015 for the remainder of the school term.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Kopas to extend Roxanne Connors leave of absence to the end of the 2014-15 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Kopas to accept the retirement of Joseph (Pete) Radosevich as elementary instructor effective with the end of the 2014-15 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Mr. Radosevich for all he has done for the students of AG and wishes him a rewarding retirement. He will be missed, he is a wonderful educator.

AWARD POSITION

A motion was made by Plisko second by Colebank to award Mark Dunham the elementary library position at Masontown/Plava commencing with the start of the 2015-16 school year, according to contract.

Ayes: Plisko, Colebank, Howard, Kopas, Myers, Sholtis

Abstain: Dunham

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to renew Denise Sheetz, Controller contract for a 5 year term retroactive to July 1, 2014 per written agreement.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to amend the Administration Compensation Plan (Act 93) to adjust the Maintenance Supervisor salary to \$82,000.00 for the 2015-2016 school year. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to renew article of agreement for a 2 year term for Technology Coordinator/Network Systems Technician Chris Bolin retroactive to July 1, 2014 according to written agreement.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Dunham second by Plisko to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Professional – Jillian Ciarrocchi, Cassandra Fuller, Zachary Hertlein, Sara Miller, Kathryn Super, Julie Sines, Lisa Show RN, Meghan Howard LPN
2. Non-professional – Scott Pegg custodian

Ayes: Dunham, Plisko, Colebank, Kopas, Myers, Sholtis

Abstain: Howard

BAND TRIP

A motion was made by Myers second by Colebank to grant preliminary approval of AGHS Band trip to Nashville, Tennessee from April 23 – 26, 2015 for approximately 80 students at no cost to the district. Students will pay a fee of \$600.00; CJ Durso

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to grant 2 administrators and 3 staff member's permission to attend the Data Summit in Hershey, PA from March 22 – 23, 2015 at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to grant use of AGHS auditorium for practice on June 2 and 4 and on June 7, 2015 for a piano recital; Sandra Lowe and Joe Andria.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sholtis announced the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Masontown Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Kopas to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.