

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019
D. FERD SWANEY SCHOOL**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Dunham, David Howard

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Christopher Pegg and Attorney Lee Price

President Swaney 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

Ellen Hildebrand was present along with the Middle School Girls Basketball team for recognition by the school board for having an undefeated 16 – 0 season. Players were introduced and a round of applause was given.

Mr. Plisko, AG North Assistant Principal announced the following students were invited to Washington Twp. Fire Department (North Belle Vernon) for as winners in the 2018 Fireman’s Essay Contest: Lauren Colgan (3rd Place), Jocelyn Ellsworth (1st Place). All student received a monetary prize for their efforts and a certificate. The following 7th grade teachers at AG North helped with this activity: Breanna Otto and Iolanda Policicchio. Students were introduced and a round of applause was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to enter into executive session for personnel at 6:06 p.m. All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to resume meeting at 6:44 p.m. All members present voting in favor of motion.

President Swaney announced an executive session was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 from 7:10 pm – 9:00 pm for real estate, personnel and collective bargaining.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Franks second by Krupa to approve minutes of the following meetings held on December 5, 2018 as presented:

1. Reorganization meeting
2. Regular December meeting

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to accept treasurer’s report including tax collections for December 2018 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Franks second by Krupa to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for January 2019:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,298,518.99.
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$278,511.96.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CAPITAL PROJECT

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to grant permission to pay the following Capital Project bills:

1. Tuscano-Maher Roofing – \$10,500.00 – AG High School roof project drain installation
2. Triangle Roofing, Inc. - \$41,050.90 – AG North roof project
3. Triangle Roofing, Inc. - \$22,822.90 – AG South roof project

Total: \$74,373.80

All members present voting in favor of motion.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

A motion was made by Franks second by Colebank to grant permission to give financial support to the following public libraries:

1. German Masontown - \$6,808.00
2. Smithfield - \$2,500.00
3. Point Marion - \$2,500.00

Total: \$11,808.00

All members present voting in favor of motion.

2019-2020 ACT 1 PROPOSED PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Porupski to table the preliminary budget motion. No second motion was made. Died for lack of motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by M. Dunham to authorize Administration to make the 2019-20 Act 1 proposed preliminary budget available for public inspection on or before January 31, 2019, and to give public notice on or before February 10, 2019 of intent to adopt the Act 1 preliminary budget.

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

Nay: Krupa, Porupski

CAMERA PURCHASE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to grant permission to purchase 25 new security cameras for AG High School at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 through All Campus Security as per COSTARS Contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SCANNER PURCHASE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to grant permission to purchase three (3) Hi-Scan Roller Tables including software and installation from Access Control Systems at PA State CoStar cost of \$72,767.09 (\$25,000.00 is to be paid for by the PPCD Grant). Scanners to be located at high school, north and south middle schools.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FORMER AL WILSON BUILDING SALE

A motion was made by Franks second by Porupski to grant approval to extend final Settlement for the former A.L. Wilson building's sale to on or before January 31, 2019 per the request of the Buyer, Eric Miller. In consideration for granting the extension, Buyer is responsible for paying or reimbursing the District for the building's gas service (heating) for the entire month of January 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to ratify termination of the snow removal contract with On Par effective December 7, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SNOW REMOVAL

A motion was made by Colebank second by Porupski to award snow removal for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year to Penn Plus as follows:

- A. L. Wilson Elementary School at \$165.00 per 2" to 6" plow;
- Smithfield Elementary School at \$150.00 per 2" to 6" plow;
- Cost per ton of salt and dispensing of said product at \$250.00;

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by M. Dunham to award snow removal for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year to Route 21 Stone as follows:

- D. Ferd Swaney Building at \$90.00 per 2" to 6" plow;
- Administration Building at \$115.00 per 2" to 6" plow;
- Cost per ton of salt and dispensing of said product at \$280.00;

Ayes: Colebank, M. Dunham, Franks, Moser, Porupski, Swaney

Abstain: Krupa

NATURAL GAS CONTRACT

A motion was made by Franks second by Colebank to approve three-year natural gas transaction with Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC (Seller) commencing September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022 to supply natural gas at a negative basis price of -\$0.453 per Dth, plus the monthly commodity charge. This transaction is thru the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee. The School District's Controller is directed to execute the transaction confirmation and any other documents necessary to carry out this motion.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Representative Pam Snyder sent the district a certificate of congratulations for the district receiving the 2018 Herald-Standard Community Choice Award.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

NONE

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Pegg shared a Thank You note to the school board from Mrs. Leighty's First Grade Class at Masontown Elementary for the approval to purchase new curtains for the stage.

Superintendent Pegg thanked the board members for approving his attendance at the new Superintendent's Academy, at which he has completed and a certificate of completion was received.

Superintendent Pegg acknowledge that January is School Board Appreciation month and stated that School Board Appreciation month is the time to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our elected trustees. The foundation of school leadership is ensuring equal learning opportunities for all students. School Boards lead and advocate for quality and accountable public schools that ensure all students achieve to their maximum potential. Our school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of 52 million dollars, 3,500 students and 440 employees. They preserve the core of our democracy – public education! In recognition of School Board Appreciation month, I would like to thank our school board members for their dedication and service to our district.

FMLA LEAVE

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to grant Kristin Martin, high school instructor an intermittent FMLA leave of absence commencing January 14, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by M. Dunham to grant Tim Dye, high school instructor an intermittent FMLA leave of absence commencing January 14, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Sherry Hruska, cafeteria employee, effective December 21, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to accept the resignation of Randy White, coach, effective December 1, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to accept the resignation of Wayne Sadowsky, Senior Army Instructor, JROTC effective January 15, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Chris Brunson, AG High School Head Girls' Softball Coach, effective January 14, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HEAD GIRLS SOFTBALL COACH

A motion was made by Colebank second by Krupa to award Larry Flowers as the interim AG High School Head Girls' Softball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Krupa second by M. Dunham to grant Cindy Leech, secretary an unpaid leave of absence commencing January 2, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to grant Danielle Guthrie, elementary instructor a leave of absence from December 6, 2018 to January 28, 2019; accrued sick days shall be used.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

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

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to grant Tammy Kezmarsky, middle school instructor a parental leave of absence on January 22, 2019, tentatively to return to work the start of the 2019-2020 school year; accrued sick and personal days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Franks second by M. Dunham to grant Courtney Magerko, middle school instructor a parental leave of absence on February 18, 2019, tentatively to return to work May 20, 2019 school year; using accrued sick days during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to award the following cafeteria positions according to contract:

1. 3.5-Hour position at Masontown – Kara Arnold
2. 7-Hour Position at Masontown - Cindy Black
3. 7-Hour Position at North – Michelle Dice
4. 6.5-Hour Position at North - Janet Smearcheck
5. 7-Hour Position at South - Betty Sunyak
6. 6.5-Hour Position at South – Rebecca McCann
7. 3 hour Position at Senior High – Tina Machosky
8. 4.5 Position at Senior High – Anita Olesh
9. 4.5 Position at Plava – Rebecca Martinko

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to award Tiffany Jobes, Grade 2 at Friendship Hill Elementary, for the 19/20 school term.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to award the high school Junior/Senior Class co-sponsor to Bethany Chicarelli and Christy Wolfe for the remainder of 18/19 school year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Franks to award Tracy Tabacsko, Midnight Shift Custodian at AG North Middle School commencing January 6, 2019, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to award Tom Trosiek, Midnight Shift Custodian at AL Wilson Elementary School commencing January 6, 2019, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to award Gene Franks, Temporary Maintenance position commencing January 2, 2019 for approximately three (3) weeks, according to contract.

Ayes: Colebank, M. Dunham, Moser, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: Krupa

Abstain: Franks

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to hire Ashley Rizer as 2 hour cafeteria employee at Smithfield Elementary effective January 2, 2019, according to contract.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

CREATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to create and post a special education position for remainder of 18/19 school year only, at George Plava Elementary, due to increase in enrollment.

Ayes: Colebank, M. Dunham, Krupa, Moser, Porupski

Nays: Franks, Swaney

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to create and post a first grade position for remainder of 18/19 school year only, at AL Wilson Elementary, due to increase in enrollment.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

EXTRACURRICULAR MUSICAL POSITIONS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to hire the following extracurricular Musical positions:

1. Producer/Director – Toby Maykuth
2. Art Director – Lynn Wagner
3. Music Director – Megan Cerullo
4. Technical Director –Jeremy Kendall
5. Program Director – Toby Maykuth
6. Choreographer – Kaylie Valusek

Ayes: Colebank, M. Dunham, Franks, Krupa, Moser, Porupski, Swaney

Nays: Krupa - Only on 6 (Kaylie Valusek)

Abstain: Swaney- Only on 6 (Kaylie Valusek)

MUSICIANS

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to hire the following extracurricular Musician positions, pending receipt of all documentation:

1. Piano 1 Wyatt Wilson
2. Piano 2 Gail Diamond
3. Saxophone – Mary Kendall
4. Flute & Clarinet – Brandon Gift
5. Guitar – CJ Durso
6. Bass – Jeremy Kendall

7. Percussion– Jim Miller

8. Trumpet – Genesis Mahalko

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SECURITY GUARDS

A motion was made by Franks second by M. Dunham to grant Security Guard Jason Smitley credit for hours worked from September 24, 2018 through December 5, 2018 for contractual entitlement to only the following: vacation; personal leave; sick leave; and unpaid leave.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to hire Carl Guthrie as full-time security guard according to Contract, pending receipt of all documentation. First work day to be determined by the Chief of School Security.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to appoint Donald Alston as a School Police Officer upon the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas so appointing him pursuant to Section 1302-C of the Pennsylvania Public School Code. His first work day as a full time officer shall be determined by the Chief of School Security and shall terminate midnight June 30, 2021 pursuant to the written employment agreement, as presented.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Porupski second by Krupa to grant permission to add the following to substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents:

Professional – Aimee Bosley, Elizabeth Neal and Robert Shea

Non Professional – Alicia Cain and Alexis McLaughlin (cafeteria subs)

All members present voting in favor of motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to grant permission to AG 8th Grade Committee to use AG North Cafeteria and Gym on January 9, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a winter dance; Brenda Barnes.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Porupski to grant permission to use AG High School Auditorium on May 28, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a violin recital; Mary Kendall and Marion Irwin.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Colebank to grant permission to AG North Band to use AG North Cafeteria and Gym on February 8, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm for a Valentine’s Dance; Gail Diamond.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to grant Duane Dupont permission to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Association Conference from March 19 to 22, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Krupa to grant final approval of the AG High School Baseball team trip to Myrtle Beach, S. Carolina for the Ripken’s Baseball Spring Training on March 28, 2019 to April 1, 2019 at no cost to the district; Jamie Thoresen.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Krupa second by Colebank to grant approval of the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 7, 2019 through April 10, 2019 at a cost of \$9,177.00 with Albert Gallatin District to share in the amount of \$3,301.00; Karla Lent
All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Superintendent Pegg announced that the Safe2Say program went live in the state on January 14, 2019. Staff has been trained and students will be trained.

President Swaney announced that a budget meeting will be held on February 20, 2019 after the regular meeting.

A motion was made by Colebank second by M. Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.