

Albert Gallatin Area School Board – REGULAR MEETING

D. Ferd Swaney – 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Meditation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. PUBLIC FORUM

- Riley Armstrong, Student – AG North Band
- Fireman Essay Winners; AG North students - Kahlen Darnell and Sara Nuttall
- Young Writers Essay Winners; AG North students – Addie Rodeheaver and Isabell Foster
- Fayette County Farm Bureau; Joe Kosanko and Dawn Dutchko – book presentation to schools

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session, if needed.
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 from 7:50 pm – 9:29 pm for personnel, possible litigation and security.
- C. Adopt agenda as presented.
- D. Approve minutes of the special meeting held on December 18, 2019 as presented.

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept treasurer’s report including tax collections for December 2019 and preliminary financial statements as presented
- B. Grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for January 2020:
 - 1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,261,314.15
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$214,107.82
- C. Accept activity accounts report as presented by building principals.
- D. Adopt preliminary budget proposal of the Albert Gallatin Area School District for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 in the amount of \$56,064,022 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 3, 2020.
- E. Authorize application to be made to the Pennsylvania Department of Education requesting Act 1 referendum exception for costs incurred for retirement contributions and special education expenditures. The appropriate District officers are directed to apply for the exception on or before February 13, 2020 and to give public notice of the intent to seek the exception by newspaper publication on or before February 6, 2020.
- F. Grant permission to set the custodian substitute rate for retired district custodians to \$100.00 per day.
- G. Grant permission to give financial support to the following public libraries:
 - 1. German Masontown - \$6,800.00
 - 2. Smithfield - \$2,500.00
 - 3. Point Marion - \$2,500.00Total: \$11,800.00

V. CORRESPONDENCE

VI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

VII. PERSONNEL

- A. Accept the resignation and retirement of Diana Muha, Custodian effective December 31, 2019.
- B. Accept the retirement of Norbert Porupski, Custodian effective December 31, 2019.
- C. Reappoint Sgt. First Class Barbara J. Harmon as a School District Junior ROTC Army Instructor for the term commencing August 23, 2019 and terminating midnight, August 24, 2020, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written agreement, as presented. Compensation for JROTC Army Instructor shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor Pay as from time-to-time established by the United States Army plus \$5,000 for extracurricular activities.
- D. Appoint Sharon Berkshire as the district's Right-to-Know Open Records Officer commencing February 1, 2020.
- E. Grant Julius Jesso, elementary instructor a leave of absence from January 6, 2020 through March 31, 2020.
- F. Grant Mary Comunale, high school instructor an unpaid leave of absence from January 29, 2020 to March 6, 2020 as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- G. Grant Crystal Hanchek, nurse an unpaid leave of absence from January 15, 2020 to February 17, 2020.
- H. Grant Taylor Bella a paid and unpaid leave of absence from approximately March 4, 2020 through June 4, 2020, accrued sick days shall be used during leave as permitted by the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- I. Hire Austin Bergman as 9th grade head baseball coach for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents.
- J. Award Autumn Dziak the 2.5 hour position at Plava Elementary.
- K. Award John Martinko the midnight custodian position at AG High School according to contract.
- L. Award Heather Lux, the Grade 5 Masontown Elementary instructor position for 2020-2021 school year according to contract.
- M. Appoint _____ as a Technology Technician for a term ending June 30, 2022, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written employment contract, as presented.
- N. Terminate employee prior to lapsing of probationary period at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- O. Award the following extracurricular Musical positions according to contract.
 - 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
- P. Award the following middle school coaching positions for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents:
 - 1. Kristen Bishop - Assistant Track
 - 2. Ian Edenfield – Volunteer Assistant Wrestling
 - 3. Mark Dunham – Head Track

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. Grant permission to add the following substitute pending receipt of all proper documents:
Professional: Stephanie Simon
- B. Grant use of AG North cafeteria and gym to AG North Middle School Band on February 14, 2020 from 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm for a dance; Gail Diamond.
- C. Grant use of AG High School and field to Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging on June 15, 2020 and June 16, 2020 from 6:00 am – 5:00 pm for a health and wellness fair with athletic events; Jamie Moore.
- D. Grant use of AG North cafeteria and gym to 8th Grade Dance Committee on May 15, 2020 from 3:00 pm – 9:30 pm for 8th grade dance; Amanda Chippis.

- E. Grant permission to use AG High School Auditorium on May 26, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a violin recital; Mary Kendall and Marion Irwin.
- F. Grant permission for Troy Golden to attend the one day 65th Annual PASBO Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on March 18, 2020, and will be part of a presentation entitled, "Starting Students Off Right: Awesome School Breakfast Programs". The cost will not exceed \$250 which will include travel and registration. \$150 will be reimbursed.
- G. Grant Duane Dupont permission to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Association Conference in Hershey, PA from March 24 through March 27, 2020 at a cost not to exceed \$700.00.
- H. Grant final approval of AG High School Softball team for trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for The Ripken Experience Spring Training March 19 through March 23, 2020 at no cost to the district; Mark Goodwin.
- I. Grant permission for the following individuals to attend the PETE & C expo in Pittsburgh, PA on February 24 and 25, 2020: Chris Bolin, Matt Pramuk, Noelle Petrun, Laura Yeagley, Merritt Stefancik, and Brandon Berkshire. The cost per person is \$210 for a 2-day pass.
- J. Grant approval of the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA from April 5, 2020 through April 8, 2020 at a cost of \$9,295.00 with Albert Gallatin District to share in the amount of \$3,339.00; Karla Lent.
- K. Adopt Resolution approving an extension of the February 28, 2020 deadline for armed security guards to complete Pennsylvania School Code required instruction to July 1, 2020, as presented.
- L. Grant use AG High School cafeteria to AGHS Band Booster on May 15, 2020 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and May 16, 2020 from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm from for a band designer bingo fundraiser; Chrissy Brewer.

IX. MAINTENANCE

- A. Direct Administration to develop specifications for an overlay roof replacement (roof-over) for Smithfield Elementary School, and obtain competitive quotes and/or bids for purchase and installation of same, including utilization of cooperative governmental purchasing programs, for consideration by the Board.
- ~~B. Direct Administration to develop specifications for removing and replacing the roof at Smithfield Elementary School, and obtain competitive quotes and/or bids for removal, purchase and installation of same, including utilization of cooperative governmental purchasing programs, for consideration by the Board.~~

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held on February 19, 2020 in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria. The work session has been changed to Tuesday, February 18, 2020.
- B. Motion to adjourn