

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
FRIENDSHIP HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward Andria

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

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Bezjak thanks the Board members for their dedication to the students and taxpayers of the Albert Gallatin Area School District. These board members give many countless hours in order to make the best choices for our students. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Sholtis announced an executive session was held on January 20, 2015 from 6:05 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for personnel and real estate.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to approve minutes of the Re-Organization and Regular December meetings held on December 3, 2014 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Dunham to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for December 2014 and preliminary financial statements as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Myers second by Swaney to pay the following bills:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$4,717,953.25
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,079,751.38

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CAPITAL PROJECT BILLS

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to authorize payment of the following Capital Project bills:

1. Intertec Security – Elementary Camera Upgrades - \$26,180.00
2. Hranec Sheet Metal, Inc. – Final Payment - \$39,877.00
3. Intertec Security – Elementary Camera Upgrade - \$816.20

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Myers second by Colebank to approve payment of bills through activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LIBRARY SUPPORT

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to give the following financial support to the local public libraries:

1. German-Masontown - \$6,808.00
2. Point Marion - \$2,000.00
3. Smithfield - \$2,000.00

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MOPEC

A motion was made by Myers second by Swaney to authorize payment of \$300.00 to Community college of Beaver Police Academy for MOPEC Updates for Chief Bielecki and 3 security officers.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TAX COLLECTION AUDITS

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to direct the District's Auditor John A. Stiver, CPA to audit tax collections as advisable.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

2015-16 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to authorize Controller to make the 2015-2016 Act 1 preliminary budget proposal available for public inspection on or before January 29, 2015 and to give public notice on or before February 6, 2015 of intent to adopt the preliminary budget proposal.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notification was received from the Department of Education at monitoring of the AG Algebra I Keystone Exams was satisfactory. Mr. Bezjak thanks the HS staff.

Notice was also received from the Department of Education that the 2013-2014 School Improvement Grant has been approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

POLICY

A motion was made by Myers second by Kopas to approve the third and final reading of Policy # 828.1 Medicaid/Medicare and Private Health Insurance Fraud and Abuse. Policy adopted.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

A motion was made by Colebank second by Dunham to adopt the revised 2014-2015 school calendar dated January 20, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to accept the resignation of part-time Cafeteria employee Ella McCourt and retain her a substitute employee.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to accept the resignation of Dana High RN substitute.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to hire Betty Reckart as a part-time cafeteria employee.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to accept the retirement of Charles Humphreys effective March 31, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Chad for his many years of service and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

POSTITIONS AWARDED

A motion was made by Myers second by Swaney to award the following positions according to contract:

1. Terri Ellsworth – 4 ¼ hour cafeteria position at AGHS
2. Regis Yuras Dayshift custodian at AG North
3. Sharon Wesolowsky 4 hour cafeteria position at AGHS
4. Dixie Poskon – Temporary Dayshift custodian at Masontown
5. Sherry Hurska – 3 hour cafeteria position at AGHS

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENT/LEAVES

A motion was made by Colebank second by Kopas to accept the retirement of Wendy Mickey effective with the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Wendy for her dedication and years of service and wishes her happiness.

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant Roxanne Connors a leave of absence commencing January 5, 2015 to approximately February 13, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to grant Christine Satovich a Sabbatical for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Plisko to grant Delmar Shipp a leave of absence from December 20, 2014 to March 1, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

COACHES

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

1. Sue Lengvarsky – Middle School Volleyball
2. Karllyn Dankle – High School Volunteer Swim Coach

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SECURITY HIRE

A motion was made by Myers second by Kopas to hire Brian Shoaf as a 180 security employee.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to approve Resolution Reappointing Dr. Beth Hutson as Assistant Superintendent for a three (3) year term commencing January 1, 2015 at the same terms and conditions as her present contract.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADELPHOI

A motion was made by Colebank second by Dunham to approve addendum to Lease Agreement with Adelphoi Education Inc. to lease one additional classroom at the former A.L. Wilson Elementary school for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Additional rent will equivalent to \$5.00 per additional student per day.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RETIREMENT

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the retirement of Michelle Kimble effective January 26, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ISTE CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant Chris Bolin permission to attend the ISTE Conference from June 28, 2015 – July 1, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

INTERNS

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to grant student internship to Lauren Satifka for Speech from WVU and Courtney Phillips from Waynesburg for Elementary.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant preliminary approval of F BLA State Competition for 27 students and 2 chaperones in Hershey, PA from April 12 – 15, 2015 with district cost in the amount of \$6,000.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant use of AG South facilities for Fay Penn Softball Association from January to December 2015; Lloyd (Jim) French III.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STUDENT TUITION

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to approve tuition for a Grade 6 AG North Middle School student from January 20, 2015 to the end of the 2014-15 school year, in accordance with Policy # 202.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACT 80 DAY

A motion was made by Kopas second by Dunham to approve an additional Act 80 Day on May 26, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STUDENT INTERN

A motion was made by Myers second by Swaney to grant California University Student Samuel Hearn an internship with Duane Dupont.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to add the following substitutes:

Natalie Goodwin, Heather Chury, Rebekka Kiefer, Kelly Myers, Ben Lemansky, Biranna Mildren as professionals and Jonathan Soles and Robert Carigan as custodians pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MUA REZNOR

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to purchase a Reznor MUA for the HS wrestling room at a cost of \$66,715.00 through TPNC purchasing. (Replacement)

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sholtis announced the next regular meeting will be held on February 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS cafeteria.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Plisko to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.