

ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 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; Andy Musiolowski, Substitute Controller 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

Mrs. Kim Swaney, high school instructor introduced three grade 11 student poetry contest winners Amanda Sapp, Shane Robinson and Zach Diamond. Each received an award for their poetry work. A round of applause was given.

Mr. Michael Dunham, school board member address the board and audience. Mr. Dunham stated that Teacher Appreciation week was last week. He wanted to thank the professional staff for their dedication and caring to children. Mr. Dunham stated he has had a lifetime of involvement in education, over 37 years of teaching. He has a deep appreciation of the dedicated teachers who have inspired him over the year. A caring and dedicated teacher makes all the difference in the world. He thanked the teachers for their dedication to their profession. He and his wife instilled in their sons the value of a good education. There are candidates, running for school board, that are spreading lies on social media stating his sons got their jobs because he was a school board member. Some of his family members where not hired when he was a board member. The facts were presented and a copy was given to each board member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to enter into executive session for personnel, real estate and collective bargaining at 6:13 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to resume meeting at 6:56 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

President Swaney announced an executive session was held on April 22, 2019 from 7:08 pm – 8:15 pm for collective bargaining.

President Swaney announced an executive session was held on May 13, 2019 from 7:05 pm – 9:23 pm for collective bargaining, personnel and real estate.

AGENDA

A motion was made by C. Krupa to amend the agenda to direct the solicitor to draft a policy regarding executive sessions that would prohibit school board members remaining in executive session when the board is discussing executive session topics that specifically relate to school board members immediate family member or that immediate family member's spouse on whether that school board members family is applying for a position or whether it relates to a personnel matter.

No Second Motion

Motion Fails

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to adopt agenda as presented.

MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Moser to approve minutes of the following meetings held on April 17, 2019 and April 22, 2019 as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for April 2019 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 Moser to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2019: Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,849,698.79.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for May 2019: Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$2,864,255.61.

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.

GENERAL SUPPLIES BID

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to award 2019-2020 General School Supplies for all schools bids as follows to:

1. School Specialty - \$7,903.24
2. Kurtz Brothers - \$5,638.53
3. W. B. Mason - \$9,940.93

Total Bids - \$23,482.70

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

VAN PURCHASE

A motion was made by Howard to purchase two 2019 Ford Transit-150 vans from Uniontown Ford through Costar's at a cost of \$67,778.00.

No Second Motion

Motion Fail

ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A motion was made by Porupski second by P. Dunham to grant permission to enter into agreement with Frontline Education for the purchase of absence and substitute management system at yearly cost of \$13,212.00, with a one-time signup and implementation cost of \$6,000.00, total first year cost of \$19,212.00.

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

Nays: Howard

Abstain: Krupa

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Franks to approve proposed final 2019-2020 general fund budget in the amount of \$55,819,444 subject to change upon final passage.

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

Nays: Krupa

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

1. Access Control Systems – \$23,364.54 – AG High School Hi-Scan Roller Table/Install
2. Access Control Systems – \$10,864.54 – AG North Hi-Scan Roller Table/Install
3. Access Control Systems – \$10,864.54 – AG South Hi-Scan Roller Table/Install

Total: \$45,093.62

Superintendent Pegg announced that Bethany Herman - AG High School Instructor was recognized by Froggy 94.9 Radio Station - Teacher Recognition Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6 – May 10, 2019.

Superintendent Pegg announced that Brandon Berkshire – AG High School Instructor was recognized by Pickle 99.3 Radio Station - Teacher Recognition Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6 – May 10, 2019.

Superintendent Pegg extended a thank you to Representatives Matt Dowling and Pam Snyder, Senator Pat Stefano, school board members and administrators who attended the round table discussion on April 24, 2019 on topics of cyber school reform, financial situation and programs for students.

Superintendent Pegg presented Board Member, Ed Colebank with a plaque from the Intermediate Unit #1 for his 20 years of service.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

REVISED POLICIES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to approve first reading of updated Policy 221 Dress and Grooming.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to approve first reading of updated Policy 222 Tobacco/Nicotine & Vaping Use.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

GRADUATION LIST

A motion was made by Porupski second by Colebank to approve the 2019 graduation list as presented. All members present voting in favor of motion.

FMLA

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to grant Sherry Williams an intermittent FMLA retroactive to March 29, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Colebank second by P. Dunham to grant William Chesslo a leave of absence from May 6, 2019 to approximately June 7, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Franks to grant Katrina Majoros a nonpaid leave of absence from May 15, 2019 to May 28, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

RETIREMENTS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Franks to accept the retirement of Peggy Perkins, Elementary Instructor effective June 4, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg wishes to thank Mrs. Perkins for her 40 years of service to the district and he wishes her a long and happy retirement.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by P. Dunham to accept the retirement of Bernadette Packroni, Elementary Instructor effective June 4, 2019.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Superintendent Pegg wishes to thank Mrs. Packroni for her 17 years of service to the district and he wishes her a long and happy retirement.

COACHES

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to grant permission to hire the following high school coaches for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Jeff Rush – Assistant Football
2. Mike Hart - Head Girls Soccer
3. Tim Grimes-Assistant Girls Soccer
4. Joe Thomas -Cross Country
5. Marissa Hart – Assistant Volleyball
6. Joe Pergar – Volunteer Assistant Volleyball
7. Baylee Powell – Volunteer Assistant Volleyball

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant permission to hire Bruce Guesman head middle school soccer coach for the 2019-2020 season, pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUMMER ADVANCEMENT/RECOVERY COURSE

A motion was made by Krupa second by Moser to award the following Summer Advancement/Recovery Course Instructors from June 5 to June 20, 2019.

1. Tom Corazzi–Physical Education
2. Jerome Vicinelly– Physical Education, if needed
3. Karla Lent- College/Career Readiness

All members present voting in favor of motion.

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to award the following High School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2019-2020 school year:

1. Academic League – Eric Nuttal
2. Math Team – Julia Pillar
3. Future Business Leaders of America Sponsor – Karla Lent
4. Student Council – Co-Sponsors Bethany Chicarelli and Christy Wolfe; with contractual stipend to be shared.
5. Book Club – Alison Vandegrift
6. Junior/Senior Activities Sponsor –Co-Sponsors Bethany Chicarelli and Christy Wolfe; with contractual stipend to be shared.
7. Senior Class Project/College Career Sponsor – Amanda Martin
8. Department Heads:
 - a. Math – Cindy Kopas
 - b. English – Cindy Halfin
 - c. Science – Bethany Herman
 - d. Social Studies – Gerald Quinn
 - e. Electives/Specialists – Karla Lent
9. Work Release/Study Sponsor – Ken Musko
10. Band Director – Charles Durso
11. Assistant Band Director – Chaz Gibson
12. Auxiliary Band Choreographer – Amber Hildock
13. Choral Pep Club – Megan Cerullo
14. Percussion Instructor – Liz Rockwell
15. Video Productions – Eric Nuttal
16. Drama (plays) – Toby Maykuth
17. Musical (as per Board budget) – Co-Sponsors Toby Maykuth and Megan Cerullo; with contractual stipend to be shared.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY SPONSORS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by M. Dunham to award the following Middle School extra-curricular activity sponsors for the 2019-2020 school year.

1. Student Council Sponsors – Co-sponsors for AG North Middle – Megan Hadenak & Sara Lohr; with contractual stipend to be shared.
2. Math Counts Sponsors – Co-Sponsors at AG North Middle - Taylor Bella & Kate Armstrong; with contractual stipend to be shared.
3. Newspaper Sponsors – AG North Middle – Breanna Otto
4. Band Directors – AG South Middle - Mary Kendall; AG North Middle –Gail Diamond

5. Vocal Music Director – Alison Perry
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SECURITY POSITION

A motion was made by Howard second by P. Dunham to transfer Rhonda Gottlieb, Parking Lot Attendant to 12 month Security Position at a rate of \$11.00 per hour effective, May 15, 2019; credit for hours worked from March 25, 2019 for contractual entitlement to only the following: vacation; personal leave; sick leave; and unpaid leave.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

NEW HIRE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to hire Matthew Stackhouse as Temporary Professional Employee for High School Social Studies Instructor at Step 1.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEE

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to approve Section 1127 Resolution for Employee No.1, as presented.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

RESIGNATION

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Howard to accept the resignation of David Davison, Security Police, effective end of 2018-2019 school year.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Porupski second by Howard to grant permission to add the following to substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents: Professional – Brandi Sumey, Christopher Uphold, Deanna Delorenzo, Nicole Coffman (sub nurse)
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 North Middle School gym to AG Girls Varsity Basketball on June 3, 2019 to June 6, 2019 from 8:30 am – 1:30 pm for a basketball camp; Ellen Hildebrand.
All members present voting in favor of motion.

PIC MOU

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Franks to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Albert Gallatin School District and the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland County/Fayette County, Inc. (PIC) for purposes of operating the Head Start Program at the former D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School, as presented.
Ayes: M. Dunham, Franks, Moser, Porupski, Swaney
Nays: Colebank, P. Dunham, Howard, Krupa

RATIFY AGEA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Moser to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Albert Gallatin Education Association for a three year term commencing August 15, 2018, as presented.

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

Nays: Swaney

FBLA COMPETITION

A motion was made by Krupa second by Porupski to grant Karla Lent Instructor and one student permission to attend the FBLA National Competition in San Antonio, TX from June 24 – July 2, 2019 at a cost of \$1,800.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

SEWAGE PROJECTS

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Colebank to consider a motion to award Piccolomini Contractors the combined contract for the Sewage Line Replacement Project at both the High School in the amount of \$208,825 and D. Ferd Swaney School in the amount of \$21,000; total cost \$229,825.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by P. Dunham second by Porupski to consider a motion to award John T. Subrick, Inc. the contract for the Sewage Line Replacement Project at the Administration Building in the amount of \$17,795.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting will be held on June 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

President Swaney announced a special financial meeting will be held on June 5, 2019 at 6:00 pm at D. Ferd Swaney.

P. Dunham announced elections are May 21, good luck to all candidates.

A motion was made by M. Dunham second by Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.