

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
SMITHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Doug Sholtis, Vice-president Michael Dunham, Secretary Edward Colebank, Treasurer, Jeff Myers, Tom DeGusipe, David Howard, John Kopas (enters 7:02 p.m.), 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 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

Brenda Cousins, Masontown Instructor invites the Board and administration to a kindergarten celebration at Masontown being held to improve community school relations.

Mr. Kopas enters the meeting.

Dr. Hutson presents certificates to the following students for their wins and participation in the Fluid Power Challenge held at Penn State: 1st Place – Jackson Core, Jael Dankle, Madison Hershberger; 2nd Place - Christopher Kormanik, Jessica Pendrick, Lauran Miner, Kaden Earley; Participation - Danyle Wingfield, Sarah Camp, Aaron Hitchcock, and Garrett Brown.

Mr. Bezjak, presents certificates to Elementary Supervisor Mrs. Candy Jordon and Instructors Toby Maykuth and Jeremy Kendall on behalf of the Consortium for Public Education and their receiving a \$3,239.40 grant from the Great Idea Grant program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Kopas second by Dunham to enter into executive session at 7:05 p.m. for personnel, real estate and potential claim.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to resume the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

President Sholtis announced an executive session was held on Monday, May 18, 2015 from 7:04 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. for personnel, real estate and potential claim.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Myers second by Kopas to adopt the agenda as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 15, 2015 as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MEETING CHANGED

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to change the June meetings as follows: Work session will be on June 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting will on June 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with both meetings being held in the AG North Middle School cafeteria.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to pay the following for May 2015:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,692,665.42
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,309,131.52

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to authorize payment of bills through activity accounts as presented by building principals.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

NUTRITION INC.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to renew the Food Service Management Contract to Nutrition, Inc. for the 2015-2016 school year with a guarantee that losses will not exceed \$344,087.85 using option #4 CEP which is free lunches for all students regardless of need. The appropriate district officials are directed to execute any documents necessary to effectuate this renewal.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADELPHOI VILLAGE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Myers to renew agreement with Adelphi Education Services for student placements at a cost of \$164.98 per pupil.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A motion was made by Plisko second by DeGusipe to approve the preliminary final 2015-16 budget in the amount of \$51,975,426.00; subject to change upon final passage.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TRANE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to make payment of \$16,678.75 to TRANE through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bezjak congratulates Greg Bittiner for placing 8th in the FBLA State Competition for Introduction to Information Technology.

Congratulations to John Cottrell, Jacob Layton and Kaitlin Orderick. They earned the top high scores on the High School Math Team.

2015 GRADUATION LIST

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to approve the 2015 High School Graduation list as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Myers second by Colebank to approve the following policies:

1. First reading of Cyber Bullying Policy # 249
2. First reading of Bully/Cyber Bullying Policy # 249.1
3. Second reading of Revised Head Lice Policy # 209.1
4. Third and final reading of Food Allergies Management Policy # 209.2 Policy adopted

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

POSITIONS AWARDED

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to award the following positions:

1. Bob Pope – Dayshift at HS
2. Louise Wesolowsky – 6 ½ hour cafeteria position at Smithfield
3. Jeff Azzardi – Dayshift custodian at South
4. Mark Jones – Dayshift custodian at D. Ferd
5. Barb Duley – Smithfield Cafeteria Manager
6. Alison Price – 2 hour cafeteria position at Smithfield
7. Wayne Tate – Midnight custodian at A.L. Wilson
8. Betty Reckart - 2 hour cafeteria position at Friendship Hill
9. Linda Shaffer - 6 ½ hour cafeteria position at Friendship

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUMMER INSTRUCTORS

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Colebank to hire Tom Corazzi and Gene Franks as Summer Advancement/Recovery Course Instructors.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Kopas second by Howard to extend Regina Shaffer sabbatical to a full year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by DeGusipe to accept the retirement of Jennifer Blout effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Jennifer for her many years of service and wishes her a rewarding retirement.

COACHES

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

1. Assistant Football - Mike Simon, Shane Ziats, Alan Moody, Luke Weekley (4 of 5)
2. Head Boys Soccer – Jeremy Keefer
3. Co-Head Cheerleading – Kristen Embacher & Emily Hartman
4. Summer Conditioning – Joe Embacher & Shane Ziats
5. Girls Head Soccer – Rick Hansen
6. Assistant Girls Soccer – Andy Miles

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Colebank to hire the following Middle School coaches for one season as recommended by Athletic Director:

1. Head Football – Tom Corazzi
2. Assistant Football – Mike Long
3. Cheerleading – Heather Hartley & Nicole Trump
4. Fall Athletic Director – Shawn Chory

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to realign Krista Baker to Principal at D. Ferd Swaney/A.L. Wilson Elementary Schools according to Administrative Compensation Plan commencing July 1, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant Kevin Jones a sabbatical for the entire 2015-2016 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CREATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Myers second by Colebank to create the following positions:

1. One Grade 2 at Friendship Hill
2. One Grade 1 at George J. Plava
3. One Grade 5 at George J. Plava
4. One Grade 1 at Smithfield
5. Create one Guidance at Masontown/Plava
6. Learning Support at D. Ferd Swaney

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ELIMINATE POSITIONS

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to eliminate the following positions:

1. One Life Skills at AG South
2. One Learning Support at AG South
3. One Learning Support at A.L. Wilson
4. One Kindergarten at A.L. Wilson
5. One Grade 2 at A.L. Wilson
6. One Grade 3 at D. Ferd Swaney
7. One Grade 5 at D. Ferd Swaney
8. One Grade 3 at Friendship Hill
9. One Kindergarten at George J. Plava
10. One Grade 4 at George J. Plava
11. One Kindergarten at Smithfield
12. One Grade 1 at Smithfield
13. One Guidance position at George J. Plava
14. One Guidance position at Masontown

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Kopas second by Myers to hire Durell DeCarlo as Temporary Professional Employee for Biology at Step 2.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Brian Shoaf as full-time security guard and retain as an event security guard substitute.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ROTC

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to appoint LTC Wayne Sodowsky as the Albert Gallatin Area School District JROTC Senior Army Instructor pending receipt of all required clearances, certifications, and military documents, and executing an employment contract. Compensation shall be equal to the Minimum Instructor pay as from time to time established by the United States Army. Sodowsky shall be a twelve month employee, who shall work 205 days, including summer camps.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to approve amendment to Technology Coordinator/Network Systems Technician's contract as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant use of AGHS for cheerleading camp from July 13 -15, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Heather Hartley

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

1. Professional – Courtney Phillips
2. Bus monitors – Stephanie Sloboda, Lisa Lataille

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ROTC CAMPS

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant permission for 8 ROTC students to attend JCLC Odyssey in Boswell, Pa from May 30 – June 2, 2015; Sgt. Barbara Harmon.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to grant permission for 10 ROTC to attend JCLC Camp Dawson in Kingwood, WV from June 13 – 18, 2015; Sgt. Barbara Harmon.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sholtis announced the next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 23, 2015 in the Albert Gallatin North Middle School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Myers second by Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.