

**Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held on Monday, November 16, 2015 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:28 p.m. for personnel, student confidentiality, and a potential legal claim.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to approve minutes of regular meeting held on October 15, 2015.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

A motion was made by Dunham second by Swaney to set the Re-organization meeting and regular December meetings on December 9, 2015 as follows: beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the Re-organization meeting; then the December work session with the regular December meeting immediately following. All meetings will be held in the George J. Plava Elementary School cafeteria.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SWRTB

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to appoint Denise Sheetz to the SWRTB for a one year term with Carl Bezjak as the alternate.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to grant permission to pay the following:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,929,259.15
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,315,462.79

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TAX COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Myers second by Swaney to authorize Solicitor and Auditor to issue a demand letter and undertake any collection procedures necessary to collect unpaid real estate tax receipts from the German Township Tax Collector in the approximate amount of \$3,200.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Price wishes all a Happy Thanksgiving.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Beznak reminded everyone to attend the following upcoming events: November 19, the HS Choral students will be performing at various locations on Main Street in Uniontown after the parade. December 4th this the HS Dinner Theatre "On the Worst Day of Christmas", December 11th is the first HS Band and Choral Concert.

Mr. Beznak thanks Jeff Myers and John Kopas for their years of dedicated service on the Board. They have spent many countless hours for the betterment of our students and community. They will be missed.

Mr. Beznak read an open letter to the Governor and Legislators of Pennsylvania to end the stalemate in Harrisburg and pass a long overdue budget. Pennsylvania needs political leaders to work together with compromise, we do not need political posturing (Letter included in minute book).

POLICY

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to approve the first reading of Revised Policy # 810 Transportation.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Plisko second by DeGusipe to accept the retirement of cafeteria employee Paula Shaffer with last day of work on December 9, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to grant Chrystal Haynesworth a leave of absence from November 9, 2015 to approximately January 29, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant Michael Cartwright a leave of absence from March 4, 2016 for approximately 6 weeks.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant Carole Whetzel a leave of absence from November 23, 2015 for approximately 6 weeks.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

RECALL

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to recall furloughed cafeteria employee Sherry Hruska with placement and recall date to be determined by bidding process.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

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

1. Jesse Swink – HS Assistant Wrestling (2 of 2)
2. Jeff Kopas – Middle School Assistant Boys' Basketball
3. Mike Long – Middle School Head Wrestling
4. John Dennis – Middle School Assistant Wrestling

Ayes: Colebank, Howard, DeGusipe, Dunham, Kopas (all but # 2), Myers, Plisko, Swaney, Sholtis

Nays: None

Abstain: Kopas on # 2 only

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to name the following as Volunteer Coach Assistant as recommended by Athletic Director:

1. Jordan Alderson – HS Boys' Basketball
2. Robert Blosser III – HS Wrestling
3. Dan Karpency – HS Wrestling

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to hire Courtney Phillips as extra-curricular yearbook sponsor at AG North.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUPERINTENDENT

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Myers to accept the retirement of Carl F. Bezjak, Superintendent of Schools, effective December 31, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to adopt Resolution appointing Carl F. Bezjak as Acting Superintendent commencing January 1, 2016 until such time as the School Board appoints a new Superintendent, but not to exceed one calendar year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

President Sholtis thanks Mr. Bezjak for his many years of service and continued service as an excellent Superintendent.

SUBSTITUTES

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

1. Professional – Vanessa Hill, Emily Smith, Paul Cramer Jr., Kimberly King, Rebecca Wilson
2. Non-professional – Staci Lee, Michelle Andrews as Aides, Adam Brant as custodian

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant preliminary approval of HS Baseball team to attend the 2016 Spring Ripken Experience Training in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from March 17 – 20, 2016 (2 school days) at no cost to the district; Amanda Newhouse Baseball Boosters
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Sholtis announced the next regular meeting will be held on December 9, 2015 in the George J. Plava Elementary School immediately following the Re-organization meeting (6:00 p.m.) and work session.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Kopas to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.