

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Michael Dunham, Vice-president Tom DeGusipe, Treasurer Ken Plisko, Secretary Edward Colebank, Paul Dunham, David Howard, Betty Moser, Doug Sholtis, Janet Swaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Acting Superintendent Carl Bezjak, Assistant Superintendent Beth Hutson, Controller Denise Sheetz, and Attorney Tony Giglio

President M Dunham 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

Athletic Director Duane Dupont introduces Ellen Hilenbrant, Head Middle School Girls Basketball Coach and her Assistant Rebecca Capozza. Ms. Hilenbrant introduced the team members and explained the exciting year the team has had. They had sixteen wins and zero loses this year, which is a tremendous turnaround from last year's five wins and eleven losses. The girls have all worked very hard and they never gave up even when they were lagging in points. The team and coaches receive a standing ovation for a job well done.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President M Dunham announced an executive session was held on Monday, November 14, 2016 from 8:07 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. for personnel.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 19, 2016 as presented. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MEETINGS

A motion was made by Colebank second by Sholtis to set the Reorganization meeting to Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to change the work session and the regular December meetings to immediately follow the Reorganization meeting on December 7, 2016. All members present voting in favor the motion.

SWRTB REPRESENTATIVE

A motion was made by Colebank second by P Dunham to appoint Denise Sheetz as the representative to the SWRTB and Doug Sholtis as the alternate.

Ayes: Colebank, P Dunham, DeGusipe, Howard, Moser, Plisko, Swaney, M Dunham

Nays: None

Abstain: Sholtis

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Moser to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for October 2016 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 Moser to pay the following for November 2016:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,820,246.58
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,229,611.83

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

DEPOSITORY

A motion was made by Swaney second by Sholtis to direct the Controller and appropriate officers of the School District to take all action necessary following the 2016 Reorganization meeting to transfer all general fund, payroll, cafeteria, debt service and capital reserve accounts from other District banking depositories to First National Bank.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bezjak reads a letter from a parent praising the Albert Gallatin staff at the HS and North Middle School. Mrs. Cunningham stated her son who is a senior was in a serious car accident and the staff members immediately stepped up to the plate to not only help him but his younger brother as well in dealing with such a tragic incident. She considers our staff, students and coaches as heroes for their compassion, leadership and caring souls.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to accept the resignation of Debbie Everly as Hall Monitor effective October 16, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUPERINTENDENT HIRE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to adopt Resolution appointing Carl F. Bezjak as Superintendent for a three and half (3 ½) year term commencing January 1, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the resignation of Melissa Balchak as student council co-sponsor at AG South.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Sholtis to award the following positions according to Contract:

1. Ted Walters – afternoon custodian at AGHS
2. Jamie Kubina – midnight custodian at George Plava
3. Christine Myers – Library Aide at Masontown/Plava
4. Becky Embacher – Classroom Aide at Friendship Hill
5. Staci Lee placed as Classroom Aide at Masontown
6. Scott Popovich placed as midnight custodian at AGHS

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to hire the following coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents as recommended by Athletic Director:

1. HS Boys Assistant Basketball – Jacob Magerko, Tim Dye
2. HS Girls Assistant Basketball – Rebecca Capozza, Jeanette Phillips
3. Wrestling Assistant (1 of 2) – Mike Simon
4. 9th Grade Assistant Basketball – Alex Santella
5. Middle Co-Head Boys Basketball – Ken Musko, Jeff Kopas
6. Middle Co-Assistant Basketball – Ken Musko, Jeff Kopas
7. Middle Head Wrestling – Mike Long
8. Middle Assistant Wrestling – John Dennis
9. Middle Head Girls Volleyball – Michelle Pergar
10. Middle Assistant Girls Volleyball – Katie Nolder
11. Middle Winter Athletic Director – Joe Embacher

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Swaney to hire Allison Price as Hall Monitor at AGHS.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Moser to create and post a College Career Pathway Coordinator (extra-curricular) position at AGHS, this position is in place of the Sr. Project. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

1. Non-professional - Jamie Daniels and Patricia Lewis – secretaries; Debbie Everly, Ashley Lovis – bus monitor; Susan Davis – cafeteria
2. Professional – Stephanie McClain, Alex Santella

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TRIPS/CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to approve the HS Band trip to Orlando, Florida from April 27 – 30, 2017 at no cost to the District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Moser to grant permission for Beth Hutson to attend the PDE SAS Institute from December 4 – 6, 2016 in Harrisburg at a cost not to exceed \$600.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President M Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on December 7, 2016 immediately following the Reorganization meeting.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.