

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Jeff Myers, Vice-president Doug Sholtis, Secretary Edward Colebank, Treasurer Edward Andria, Michael Dunham, 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 Anthony Giglio

President Myers 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

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Myers announced an executive session was held on Monday, November 17, 2014 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. for personnel, litigation and negotiations.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Andria second by Colebank 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 the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 15, 2014 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FCCTI

A motion was made by Colebank second by Dunham to appoint Edward Andria to the FCCTI Joint Operating Committee for a three year term.
Ayes: Colebank, Dunham, Howard, Kopas, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney, Myers
Abstain: Andria

SWRTB

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to appoint Denise Sheetz as the SWRTB Representative for one year and Carl Bezjak as the alternate.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to hold all December 2014 meeting as follows in the George J. Plava Elementary School cafeteria:

1. Athletic Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
2. Regular December Work Session 6:00 p.m. (changed from December 15th)
3. Re-Organization Meeting – immediately following the Work Session
4. Regular December Meeting – immediately following the Re-Organization meeting (changed from December 17, 2014)

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to accept the Treasurer's report including tax collections for October 2014 and preliminary financial statements as presented.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

BILLS AND PAYROLL

A motion was made by Andria second by Colebank to approve payment of the bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$2,613,427.01.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to pay current month general fund bills in the amount of \$2,064,506.16.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

MMS

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to renew MMS maintenance and service agreement for the District at a cost of \$16,617.21 for the 2014-2015 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SEIU LOCAL 32 BJ COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to ratify agreement between the Albert Gallatin Area School District and Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 as presented.

Ayes: Plisko, Howard, Andria, Colebank, Dunham, Sholtis, Myers

Nays: Kopas, Swaney

SPORT BIDS

A motion was made by Howard second by Andria to award the following winter sport bids (lowest responsible bids):

1. Century Sports - \$7,350.66
2. Riddell - \$194.20

Total Bids - \$7,544.86

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CO-OP NETWORK

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to join The Cooperative Purchasing Network for purposes of public procurement of supplies, services or construction.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

PHASE I APPRAISAL

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Dunham to authorize James J. White, MAI of Valbridge Property Advisors to perform a Phase I Appraisal review for Tax Parcel No. 15-30-0076-002. Fayette County, German Township and the School District will share pro rata the \$4,500 fee based on respective millage rates.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bezjak announced notification was received from Jeannine Weiser, Chief Division of Budget and School Facilities, Department of Education stating PLANCON Part K Project Refinancing is in acceptable form and hereby approved (placed in Minute Book).

Thank you was received from the Baptist Church to thank Jacob Chesslo, the JROTC and HS staff for all their support in honoring our Veteran's.

POLICY

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to approve first reading of Policy #828.1 Medicaid/Medicare and Private Health Insurance Fraud and Abuse.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STRATEGIC PLAN

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to approve and submit the District 2014 Strategic Plan to the Department of Education.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AWARD POSITIONS

A motion was made by Plisko second by Andria to award the following positions according to contracts:

1. Tammy Cowsert – High School Librarian
2. Sue Hickman – HS Cafeteria manager

3. Becki McCann – HS 4 ½ hr cafeteria position 9:00 – 1:30
4. Saunie Angel – Plava Cafeteria manager
5. Norma Kmetz – Smithfield 3 ½ hr cafeteria position 10:00 – 1:30
6. Linda Shaffer - Masontown 6 ½ hr cafeteria position 7:00 – 1:30
7. Terra Azzardi - AL Wilson 3 hr cafeteria position 11:00 – 2:00

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion was made by Colebank second by Andria to grant Eva Warner a leave of absence from January 5, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Dunham to grant Regina Shaffer a ½ year sabbatical commencing December 10, 2014.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Sholtis to grant Jessica Kirby a leave of absence from February 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to accept the retirement of custodian Frances Maust with his last day as November 30, 2014.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Fran for his years of service and wishes him a happy retirement.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to add the following substitutes:

1. Professional – Laura Chapman, Garry Bella, Kelly Myers
2. Non-professional – Becky Embacher - Aide, Brian Sullenberger custodian

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Andria second by Swaney to grant Lisa Haught permission attend the mandatory SAS Conference on December 8 – 9, 2014 in Hershey, PA at no cost to the District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STUDENT TRIPS

A motion was made by Plisko second by Sholtis to grant preliminary approval of Varsity Baseball Team trip to Myrtle Beach, SC from March 19 – 22, 2015 at no cost to the District, Jill Dempsey.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Kopas to grant preliminary approval of HS Ski Club trip to Snowshoe, WV from February 20 -22, 2015 at no cost to the District; Bethany Herman.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AUCTION

A motion was made by Colebank second by Dunham to grant permission to hold an auction for outdated, used equipment, tools, etc. on April 18, 2015.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADELOPHI GENERATOR

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to install a generator for Adelophi at a cost of \$17,000.00 from Miller Co (lowest responsible bid).
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

HS PHASE PROTECTION

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Colebank to purchase Phase Protection at AGHS at cost of \$17,525.00 from Siemens Industry Inc. (lowest responsible bid).
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

AL INSULATION

A motion was made by Plisko second by Sholtis to authorize Administration to award a contract for emergency insulation at A. L. Wilson Elementary School to the lowest of at least three quotes.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Myers announced the next meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 as follows:

1. Athletic Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.
2. Regular December Work Session 6:00 p.m. (changed from December 15th)
3. Re-Organization Meeting – immediately following the Work Session
4. Regular December Meeting – immediately following the Re-Organization meeting (changed from December 17, 2014)

A motion was made by Dunham second by Swaney to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.