

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Meditation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call

II. PUBLIC FORUM

III. SECRETARIAL

- A. Enter into executive session if necessary
- B. An executive session was held on Monday, October 13, 2014 from 6:57 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for personnel, negotiations, real estate and tax appeal litigation
- C. Adopt Agenda as presented
- D. Approve minutes of regular meeting held on September 17, 2014 as presented

IV. FINANCIAL

- A. Accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for September 2014 and preliminary financial statements as presented
- B. 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 \$3,249,631.77
 - 2. Current month general fund bills in the amount \$490,684.95
- C. Grant permission to pay bills through activity accounts as presented by principals
- D. Grant permission to participate in the PA-Educator.Net program for the 2014-15 school year at a cost of \$1,631.25 from October 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
- E. Renew On-Hands contract for the 2014-15 school year at a cost of \$30,000.00 paid by SIG
- F. Grant permission to extend the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium agreement with Direct Energy business on the Columbia Gas System which will cover the time period September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2017 with a basis price of -\$0.15 Dth which is a significant reduction from our current price of \$0.453
- G. Authorize the purchase and installation and upgrade to all elementary school surveillance systems at a cost of \$58,350.00 according to PEPPM 2014 through Accent ESI

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Notification was received from Pennsylvania Department of Education Acting Deputy Secretary Rita D. Perez that Albert Gallatin Area School District has met the Individual with Disability Part B of the IDEA requirements for the 2012 school year and commends Albert Gallatin for delivering high quality programs to students with disabilities. (Placed in Minute Book)

VII. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- A. Superintendent's report

VIII. PERSONNEL

- A. Accept the retirement of Vicki Kerwatske cafeteria manager at AGHS effective October 31, 2014
- B. Accept the resignation of the following:
 - 1. Chemistry Instructor Lisa Neely effective September 19, 2014
 - 2. HS Librarian Kelly Swartz effective October 17, 2014
- C. Hire _____ as a 2 hour cafeteria worker at Friendship Hill 11:45 – 1:45
- D. Hire _____ as a 1 ½ hour cafeteria worker at George J. Plava 12:00 – 1:30
- E. Award the following positions according to contract:
 - 1. Vicki Kerwatske – Cafeteria Manager at AGHS
 - 2. Tina Machosky – 3 ½ hour cafeteria position at AGHS 10:30 – 2:00
 - 3. Tara Azzardi – 2 hour cafeteria position at Masontown 11:30 – 1:30
 - 4. Susan Bartock – 6 hour cafeteria position at AGHS 7:30 – 1:30
 - 5. Nichole Givler - 3 hour cafeteria position at AG South 10:45 – 1:45
 - 6. Valerie Bittinger - 7 hour cafeteria position at AGHS 6:30 – 1:30
 - 7. Regina Shaffer – Music at Masontown/Plava (start 2015/16 school year)
- F. Hire the following Head Teachers:
 - 1. Larry Flowers – A.L. Wilson
 - 2. Stacey Peton – D. Ferd Swaney
 - 3. Toby Maykuth – Smithfield
 - 4. Jennifer Vail – Friendship Hill
 - 5. Mark Dunham - Masontown
 - 6. Jamie Kamp – George J. Plava
 - 7. David Dunham – AG South
 - 8. Tiffany Duncan – AG North
- G. Hire the following extra-curricular positions:
 - 1. Robin Smochinsky - AG South Student Council
 - 2. Brooke Patterson – AG South Newspaper
 - 3. David Dunham – AG South Yearbook
 - 4. Lauren Clemmer – AGHS SIG Advisory Council
 - 5. Cindy Kopas and Bethany Chicarelli as Co Mock Trial Sponsors
- H. Hire Dave Bryson as Head Middle School Wrestling Coach
- I. Hire Rick Nicklow as Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach
- J. Name Joe Embacher as Volunteer Middle School Wrestling Coach
- K. Name Eric Sampson as Volunteer Boys’ Basketball Coach at AGHS
- L. Appoint the following as 10 month School Police Officers pursuant to Section 778 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code, subject to approval of the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas, at a salary of \$23,552.00 prorated for the 2014-2015 school year: 1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____
- M. Hire ____ as Temporary Professional Employee for Chemistry at Step __
- N. Hire ____ as a Career Counseling Coordinator with salary and benefits according to the Career Counseling Grant not exceed a two (2) year term

IX. ADMINISTRATION

- A. Grant permission to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:
 - 1. Professional – Michelle Glaid, Samantha Carr, Jamie Bogol, Emily Bota, Allison Pegg, Donna Lesko RN
 - 2. Non-professional – Custodians David Colebank, Richard Weible, Gregory Newcomer; Cafeteria Rachel Hawthorne
- B. Grant preliminary approval for the Choral/Drama field trip to New York, New York from April 9, 2015 – April 12, 2015 for approximately 45 students (one school day) at no cost to the district; Joe Andria
- C. Grant use of AGHS for a Holiday Craft/Vendor Show on November 6 from 6:00 – 8:30 and November 7, 2015 from 6:00 – 3:00 for Post Prom; Sherre Arnold
- D. Grant use of AGHS Track on October 4, 2014 from 9:00 – 11:30 and on May 3, 2015 from 9:00 – 11:30 for Army Physical Fitness Test; SFC Bryan Rathkey USAR
- E. Grant 4 Guidance Counselors permission to attend and present at the 2014 PDE Conference at Penn State on November 6, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00 paid through the United Way Grant
- F. Grant Dr. Hutson permission to attend the PDE SAS Institute from December 7 – 9, 2014 in Hershey at a cost not to exceed \$825.00
- G. Grant Lisa Haught permission to attend the PA Family Involvement Conference in Harrisburg from October 26 – 29, 2014 at no cost to the district according to guidelines of the CIZ Grant
- H. Approve Waynesburg Student Internship Eric Burnett/Eric Nuttal for the 2014-15 school year
- I. Adopt the Revised Emergency and Disaster Operations Plan #1207-2014 as presented

X. MAINTENANCE

- A. Permit the Albert Gallatin High School Football Boosters to seek grants from private and governmental sources for improvements to the District's field house, including a fitness center. The district will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of such improvements. Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public School Code, any grants that may be awarded through the efforts of the AGHS Football Boosters must still be separately approved by the School Board
- B. Approve repairs to High School chimney at a cost of \$11,988.00 by Keystone Waterproofing
- C. Grant approval to purchase stage mat for AGHS at a cost of \$10,060.00 from Farris Carpet

XI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. The next regular meeting will be held on November 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria
- B. Motion to adjourn