

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Jeff Myers, Vice-president Doug Sholtis, Treasurer Edward Andria, Secretary Edward Colebank, David Howard, Michael Dunham, John Kopas (entered meeting at 7:06 p.m.), Ken Plisko, Janet Swaney

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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, October 13, 2014 from 6:57 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for personnel, negotiations and real estate.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 17, 2014 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Plisko second by Andria to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for September 2014 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 Colebank to pay bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,249,631.77.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to pay current month general fund bills in the amount of \$490,684.95.
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.

PA-EDUCATOR.NET

A motion was made by Andria second by Sholtis 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.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ON HANDS

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to renew Hands On contract for the 2014-15 school year at a cost of \$30,000.00 paid by SIG.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

GAS CONSORTIUM

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney 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

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SECURITY UPGRADES

A motion was made by Dunham second by Sholtis to purchase and install surveillance systems to upgrade all elementary schools at a cost of \$58,350.00 according to PEPPM 2014 from Accent ESI.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bezjak announced 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) Mr. Bezjak thanks Mrs. Sherry Dunham for her hard work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bezjak announced the District once again received a \$25,000.00 Earned Improvement Tax Credit Grant through the Public Education Consortium and Scottsdale Bank. This money is used to enhance learning throughout the district. Mr. Bezjak thanks Mr. Larry Keefer for his generosity in helping the district secure funds.

Mr. Kopas enters the meeting.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to accept the retirement of Cafeteria Manager Vicki Kerwatske effective October 31, 2014.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Vicki for her many years of service and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to accept the following resignations:

1. Chemistry Instructor Lisa Neely effective September 19, 2014.
2. Library Instructor Kelly Swartz effective October 17, 2014.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CAFETERIA HIRES

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to hire Angela Powell as a 2 hour cafeteria employee at Friendship Hill Elementary School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to hire Allison Price as a 1 ½ hour cafeteria employee at George J. Plava Elementary School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

POSITIONS AWARDED

A motion was made by Swaney second by Sholtis to award the following positions according to contracts:

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 Bittering - 7 hour cafeteria position at AGHS 6:30 – 1:30
7. Regina Shaffer – Music at Masontown/Plava (start 2015/16 school year)

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

HEAD TEACHERS

A motion was made by Andria second by Colebank to 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

Ayes: Andria, Colebank, Dunham (all but # 5 and 7), Howard, Kopas, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney, Myers

Abstain: Dunham on # 5 and 7 only

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to 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

Ayes: Swaney, Howard, Andria, Colebank, Dunham (all but # 3), Kopas, Plisko, Sholtis, Myers

Abstain: Dunham (on # 3 only)

COACHES

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to hire Dave Bryson as Head Middle School Wrestling Coach.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Andria to hire Rick Nicklow as Assistant Middle School Wrestling Coach.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to name Joe Embacher as Volunteer Middle School Wrestling Coach.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Sholtis to name Eric Sampson as Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach at AGHS.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Colebank to hire the following as School Police Officers:

1. Jeffrey Ramsey
2. Charles Depp
3. David Davison

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Swaney to hire Aimee Parquette as a Temporary Professional Employee for Chemistry at AGHS at Step 2.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Plisko to hire Scott Nemeth as a Career Counseling Coordinator with salary and benefits according to the Career Counseling Grant not to exceed a 2 year term.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

SUBSTITUTES

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

1. Professional – Michelle Glaid, Samantha Carr, Jamie Bogol, Emily Bota, Allison Pegg, Donna Lesko RN

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Sholtis second by Plisko to add the following nonprofessional substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

2. Non-professional – Custodians David Colebank, Richard Weible, Gregory Newcomer; Cafeteria Rachel Hawthorne

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FIELD TRIP

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to 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.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FACILITY USE

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to 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.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Sholtis to 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.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

CONFERENCE

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to 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.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to 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.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Andria to grant Lisa Haught permission to attend the PAFIC conference in Harrisburg from October 26 – 29, 2014 at no cost to the district according to guidelines of the CIZ Grant.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

INTERNSHIP

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to approve Waynesburg Student Internship Eric Burnett/Eric Nuttal for the 2014-15 school year.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

EMERGENCY PLAN

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to adopt the Revised Emergency and Disaster Operations Plan #1207-2014 as presented.
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

FIELD HOUSE

A motion was made by Swaney second by Dunham to 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.

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

Abstain: Kopas (President of Boosters)

HS CHIMNEY

A motion was made by Plisko second by Sholtis to repair the high school chimney at a cost of \$11,988.00 by Keystone Waterproofing.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

STAGE MAT

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to purchase a mat for the high school stage at a cost of \$10,060.00 from Farris Carpet.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bezjak thanks all the students, parents and community members who voted for AGHS Band, they have been chosen as WPXI Band of the Week. Congratulations!

President Myers announced the next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.