

**Albert Gallatin Area School Board – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015 – immediately following Re-Organization and Work Session  
George J. Plava Elementary School**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

President Dunham called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. after which all present responded to roll call. (Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Meditation were held at the start of the Re-Organization meeting).

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 7:05 p.m. to 7:25 p.m. for personnel during the work session.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 18, 2015.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Swaney second by DeGusipe to grant permission to pay the following bills and payroll for December 2015:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$1,863,508.26
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,141,251.56
3. Utilities, Capital Reserve and other bills due upon review by Superintendent and/or Controller

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ACT 1 MAILING**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to approve Act 1 mailing at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **IU ELECTRIC CONSORTIUM**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to enter into agreement with Intermediate Unit 1 Electric Consortium commencing July 2017 if the Capacity Performance Price Component is at or below the 2016-2017 budget including the new price component.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **ANTICIPATION NOTE**

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to grant permission to accept the proposal from PNC Bank dated December 9, 2015 for a tax and revenue anticipation note in an amount not to exceed \$3,390,000.00 at an interest rate 70 % of the daily LIBOR rate, plus 1.25 % maximum rate 18 %. The purpose of accepting the proposal is to have a commitment from PNC Bank to lend the District money should the District experience a cash flow shortfall anytime during the 2015-2016 school year. Any loan would have to be paid off on or before June 30, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mrs. Swaney stated the Governor and our Legislators should be ashamed of themselves for not having a budget. The district is held accountable to produce a budget on a timeline and we have always met our obligations. They need to know what the meaning of cooperation means. She would like to see all schools across the state close and see what they do then.

### **ACT 1**

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to authorize Administration to make the 2016-17 Act 1 preliminary budget proposal available for public inspection on or before January 7, 2016 and to give public notice on or before January 17, 2016 of intent to adopt the Act 1 preliminary budget proposal.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Attorney Price wishes all a happy and healthy holiday season.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Bezjak wished all staff, students, parents and board members a Merry Christmas.

### **POLICY**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Revised Policy #810 Transportation.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to extend Megan Harvey's leave of absence to January 1, 2016.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to award the following cafeteria positions according to contract:

1. 5 ½ Hour cafeteria position at AG North – Janet Smearcheck
2. 4 ½ Hour cafeteria position at A.L. Wilson – Cindy Desko

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to accept the retirement of Mary Ellen Jones as English Instructor on December 31, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by DeGusipe to add Adam Sanner to the professional substitute list pending receipt of all proper documents.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President M. Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on January 27, 2015 in the George J. Plava Elementary School cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.