

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Doug Sholtis, Vice-president Michael Dunham, Treasurer Jeff Myers, Tom DeGusipe, David Howard, John Kopas, Ken Plisko

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Secretary Edward Colebank, Janet Swaney

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Carl Bezjak, Assistant Superintendent Beth Hutson, and Attorney Lee Price

President Sholtis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silent Meditation after which all present responded to roll.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

Attorney Price enters the meeting 6:07 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Sholtis announced an executive session was held on September 14, 2015 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:32 p.m. for personnel and potential legal claim on behalf of District.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 11, 2015.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Dunham to accept the treasurer's report including tax collections for July and August 2015 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 Dunham to pay the following:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,108,787.43
  2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$825,850.18
- All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to pay bills through activity accounts as presented by building principals.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **CONNECT TO CLASSROOMS**

A motion was made by Dunham second by DeGusipe to renew Connect to Classrooms contract for the following:

1. Four Tutors and one Behavior Specialist at a cost of \$213,200.00 to be paid by the HS SIG Grant
2. Six Elementary Tutors at a cost of \$178,350.00 to be paid by Title I 2015-16 Grant Funds

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **CAPITAL PROJECT BILLS**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to approve final payment of \$5,336.25 to Trane for HS Wrestling room through Capital Projects.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **OIL/GAS LEASE**

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to adopt Paid Up Oil and Gas Lease between Albert Gallatin Area School District and Chevron Appalachia, LLC, for certain tracts of land owned by the School District, comprised of 54 acres, situate in German Township, being Tax Parcel No. 15-22-0233-00 and a portion of Tax Parcel No. 15-22-0131-00, wherein surface operations are prohibited, for a royalty of 15% and a lease bonus of \$1,500.00 per acre (approximately \$81,000.00), as presented. The appropriate officers are directed to execute and deliver the Lease and any other documents required to accomplish this Motion. The Lease and related documents are to be approved by the Solicitor as to form.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

President Sholtis announced the following:

- A. Notification was received from PDE Matthew S. Stem, Deputy Secretary that the Albert Gallatin Area School District has met requirements of Part B of the IDEA regulations and is eligible for the 50 percent Maintenance of Effort option under Section 300.205 of the IDEA Part B regulations.
- B. A card of thanks was sent by the Class of 1975 thanking the District for the tour of AG High School with Mr. Keith McCormick during their 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion
- C. A letter was received from Ms. Erin Cunningham, AG North Parent thanking the District for the Step Up Day Program and the staff and students at AG North. She believes this was instrumental in relieving stress on the incoming students. Her child went in as a nervous, timid, unsure 6<sup>th</sup> grader and came home empowered, and confident. The staff members and Student Council insured the new students they were there to help and support them in any situation.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Bezjak thanks all staff members for a great start to the school year. The curriculum nights were well attended and he received many compliments from the parents.

## **POLICIES**

A motion was made by Myers second by Dunham to approve the following policies:

1. Third and final reading of Suicide Awareness and Prevention and Response Policy # 819 –
2. Grant permission to waive 3 readings of Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors Policy # 210.1
3. Grant permission to waive 3 readings of Emergency Care Plan (ECP) Policy # 209.1-AR-1

All policies adopted

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

## **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Kopas second by Plisko to name the following as volunteer coaches for High School Football:

1. John Dennis
2. Travis Embacher
3. Trent Peebles
4. Billy Holt

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to name Brandy Miles as Volunteer Assistant Girls Coach for Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by DeGusipe to name Dr. English as Volunteer Team Doctor for Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Plisko to accept the resignation of Harold Pierce as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach effective August 26, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to hire the following Middle School Coaches as recommended by Athletic Director for one season:

1. Rebecca Capozzi as Assistant Girls' Basketball
2. Tim Flecker as Head Boys' Soccer
3. Drew Dindl as Assistant Football
4. M. Shea Fleenor as Head Girls' Soccer

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Kopas to hire the following Head Coaches for one additional season:

1. Ellen Hilenbrant – Girls' Basketball
2. M. Shae Fleenor – Boys' Basketball
3. Gary Serock – Girls' Softball
4. Shawn Chory – Baseball
5. Joe Thomas - Track
6. Duane Dupont – Wrestling and Fall Conditioning Coach

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Kopas second by DeGusipe to award the following cafeteria positions according to contract:

1. Terry Ellsworth – 4 hours at AGHS
2. Audra Kenney – 4 ¼ hours at AGHS
3. Jennifer Rosier – 3 hours at AG South

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Kopas to hire Richard Weible as custodian for AG South Midnight position.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Myers to grant LS Aide Megan Harvey a leave of absence from approximately October 26, 2015 to December 7, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to grant HS Technology Instructor Karl Guappone a leave of absence for the 2015-2016 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to grant Cafeteria Employee Paula Shaffer a 3 month leave of absence commencing with the start of the 2015-16 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to accept the resignation of Maryann Hughes as Robotics Sponsor and hire Jeff Rush as replacement Robotics Sponsor for the 2015-16 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by DeGusipe to increase hourly wages for the (2) full-time Registered Nurse Aides from \$18.00 to 18.50 per hour commencing September 28, 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNSHIPS**

A motion was made by Howard second by DeGusipe to approve WVU student Joseph Jancura/Joe Andria Internship for Fall 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Kopas second by Howard to approve Cal U student Wendy Ankrom/ Special Education Internship for Fall 2015.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant use of AG South for a dance on November 20, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. for Cheerleading Boosters, Billie Lincoln.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dunham second by Howard to grant use of AGHS Library for Upward Bound Program on Tuesdays from October 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016; California University.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Dunham to grant use of AG North and High School for elementary football games and practices from August to November 30, 2015; Sara Larkin.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to grant use of Friendship Hill cafeteria for a Basket Bingo on October 11, 2015 from 4:00 – 9:30 p.m. by PTO; Samantha Carr.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to grant use of Friendship Hill cafeteria for elementary cheerleaders practice on Friday's from September to November 2015 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tennille Brooks.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to grant 3 staff members and 1 Administrator permission to attend the Integrated Learning Conference on November 4 – 5, 2015 at Penn State, at no cost to the District.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to grant 4 Administrators to attend the Safe Schools Conference in Harrisburg from October 28 – 30, 2015 paid through the Pattan Grant.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Kopas to grant one administrator permission to attend the Mandatory SIG Principal Academy in Harrisburg from October 6 – 8, 2015 paid through SIG.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

A motion was made by Dunham second by Myers to add the following professional substitutes: Heather Kerestine, Jamie Bane, Shannon Smitley, Kelly Clark, America Cardine, Alison Evans, Davida Cavallo, Frank Dean, Sara Bruschi, Angie Robinson RN, Jacquelyn Weakland RN.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **I/NET BAS SMARTSTRUXURE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to purchase Alternate for I/NET Bas SmartStruxure Solution through CS&E to create graphical interface at a cost of \$12,600.00 (original main purchase August 11, 2015).  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Sholtis announced the next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Plisko second by Howard to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.