

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2107 – 6:00 P.M.  
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Carl Bezjak and Attorney Lee Price

President P Dunham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Moment of Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance after which all present responded to roll call.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Athletic Director Duane Dupont presents Head Coach Gary Serock and HS Girls Softball Team. This was an outstanding season as the girls made history in 2017 by making the State PIAA playoffs. They were the first team in 20 years of Albert Gallatin History. They received a standing ovation for their hard work and winning season.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 from 7:05 p.m. to 7:43 p.m. for personnel and labor contract negotiations.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Moser to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 16, 2017 as presented.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to accept treasurer’s report including tax collections for August 2017 and preliminary financial statements as presented.  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

**BILLS AND PAYROLL**

A motion was made by Howard second by Swaney to pay the following bills and payroll for September 2017:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$3,900,757.80
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$433,865.97

All members present voting in favor of 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 motion.

### **CAPITAL PROJECT BILLS**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Swaney to pay \$18,639.00 through Capital Projects to A.J. Demor & Sons, Inc. for valve replacement work at AG South Middle School.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **ACT 93**

A motion was made by Myers second by Sholtis to approve the Administrative Compensation Plan as presented for a three (3) year term from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

Ayes: Sholtis, Myers, Howard, Moser, Swaney, P Dunham

Nays: None

Abstain: M Dunham, Plisko

### **WRESTLING MATS**

A motion was made by Howard second by M Dunham to purchase wrestling mats from Slam Dunk at a cost of \$7,217.00 including installation.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

President P Dunham announced notification was received from Department of Education, Matthew S. Stem, Deputy Secretary that AG meets requirements of Part B of the IDEA.

Notification was also received from Department of Education, Connie L. Derr, Audit Coordinator that the Single Audit Report for year ending June 30, 2016 is approved as being substantially in compliance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Subpart F regulations and other relevant federal and Commonwealth policy.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Bezjak thanks Mr. Michael Dunham for his 8 years on the board and Mr. Ken Plisko for his 20 years of service. They are presented with a certificate from the PSBA by Mr. Bezjak.

#### **POLICIES**

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to approve second reading of Revised Public Participation in Board Meetings Policy.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Plisko to approve Resolution #1207-2017 Emergency Operations Plan (annual renewal).  
All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **AWARD POSITIONS**

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

1. Kim Hellen – Guidance at AG South
2. Tina Machosky – 3 hr. cafeteria position at HS
3. Sherry Hruska – 3 hr. cafeteria position at AL Wilson
4. Terra Mick - 2 ½ hr. cafeteria position at Friendship Hill

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to hire Michelle Andrews as Special Education classroom aide at Masontown.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Show second by Swaney to accept the resignation of Lisa Show, School Nurse effective September 21, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **CREATE/ABOLISH**

A motion was made by Plisko second by Myers to abolish HS/AL Guidance position and create one AL Guidance position.

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to create and post the following CSR positions for 1 year:

1. Kindergarten at George Plava
2. Grade 2 at Friendship Hill
3. Grade 4 at Friendship Hill
4. Grade 5 at AL Wilson
5. Kindergarten at Smithfield
6. Kindergarten at Masontown
7. Guidance at AGHS

All members present voting in favor of motion.

#### **COACHES**

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to hire the following coaches for one year pending receipt of all proper documents as recommend by Athletic Director:

1. Katrina Pavone as Middle School Cheerleading Sponsor
2. Timothy Grimes as Assistant Middle School Soccer Coach

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR POSITIONS**

A motion was made by Myers second by Howard to hire Elizabeth Mulac as Extra-Curricular HS Newspaper Sponsor for one year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to hire Melissa Jeffries as Extra-Curricular Yearbook Sponsor at South for one year.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SABBATICAL**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to grant Kristine Speight a half (½) term sabbatical commencing September 14, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **NEW HIRE**

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to hire Amanda Vielma as Temporary Professional Employee as a School Nurse at Step 1

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **SUPERINTENDENT RETIREMENT**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to accept the retirement of Superintendent Carl Bezjak effective January 1, 2018.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

Mr. Bezjak state he is a product of the District from being a student and athlete and now has 2 daughters in the AG system. Mr. Bezjak's career has spanned almost 40 years. He thanks the board for supporting him in his endeavors as Superintendent.

### **SUBSTITUTES**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Swaney to add the following substitutes pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Professional – Marieli Edwards, Devin Jurczak, Jason Taylor, Caitlin Vlosich, Mary Katherine Duda, Melinda Spiker LPN
2. Non-professional – Angela Oplinger, Tabitha Mayfield and Lindsay Tressler – café, Charles Wade custodian

All members present voting in favor of motion.

### **FIELD TRIP**

A motion was made by Howard second by Sholtis to grant preliminary approval of SH Baseball Team trip to Myrtle Beach, SC for Spring Training Ripken Experience from March 22 – 26, 2018 at no cost to the district; Mike Simon.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**STUDENT TEACHERS**

A motion was made by Myers second by M Dunham to approve the following WVU student nurses for clinical's at various times, throughout the district: Paige Barker, Sara Farber, Emma Malton, Colleen McCormick, Ashley Sauls.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Myers to approve Purdue student practicum for Melissa Cuppett with Kaitlyn Schuessler and Ephraim Yoder from October 9 to December 8, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Myers to approve 1 Administrator and 2 other personnel to present at the MTSS Forum in Gettysburg, Pa from October 16 -18, 2017 at no cost to the district.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

A motion was made by M Dunham second by Swaney to grant permission for David Diamond to attend the PLTW Refresher training at Bucknell University on October 10, 2017 paid through SSIP grant.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Myers second by Colebank to grant Troy Golden permission to attend the PDE Orientation to School Food Service Operations in Harrisburg from October 3 – 5, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$500.00.

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to grant California University permission to use HS cafeteria for Upward Bound program from October 24, 2017 to May 8, 2018 on Tuesday from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; Jennifer Ramsey

All members present voting in favor of motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President P Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on October 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School cafeteria.

A motion was made by Myers second by M Dunham to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

All members present voting in favor of motion.