

**ALBERT GALLATIN AREA SCHOOL BOARD – REGULAR MEETING  
D. FERD SWANEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

President M. Dunham called the meeting 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**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President M. Dunham announced an executive session was held on Monday, September 19, 2016 from 7:40 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. for personnel and contract negotiations.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Colebank second by P Dunham to approve the minutes of the following:

1. Regular meeting held on August 17, 2016
2. Emergency meeting held on August 28, 2016

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Plisko seconded by Swaney to accept treasurer's report including tax collections for August 2016 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 Moser to approve payment of the following for September 2016:

1. Bills, utilities, insurance and contractual obligations paid at the end of the previous month in the amount of \$5,411,880.57
2. Current month general fund bills in the amount of \$1,778,277.62

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

A motion was made by Colebank second by DeGusipe to approve payment of bills through activity accounts as presented by building principals.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**DDC SERVICE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to enter into agreement with CS & E for Schneider Electric – DDC PM Service Agreement at a cost of \$13,320.00 for the 2016-2017 school year.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**ROOF REPAIR**

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to enter into agreement with TMR Roofing to repair roof at AG South at a cost of \$2,950.00.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Bezjak announced the following notifications were received from the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

1. Notification was received from Jeannine Weiser, Chief of Budget/School Finances Pennsylvania Department of Education that PLANCON Part H – Project Financing for George J. Plava has been reviewed and approved. (Placed in Minute Book).
2. 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.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

None

**POLICIES**

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to approve the third and final reading of the following policies:

1. Revised Assessing and Reporting Student Progress # 213
2. Revised Class Rank # 214
3. Revised Graduation Requirements # 217

Ayes: Howard, P Dunham, Colebank, DeGusipe, Moser, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney

Nays: M Dunham

A motion was made by DeGusipe second by Howard to approve the policies waiving 3 readings and adopt as presented:

1. Enrollment in District # 200 Revised
2. Title 1 Parental Involvement # 918 revised
3. Naloxone #823 new policy
4. Hazing # 247

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by P Dunham to approve second reading of revised policy # 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

**PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Plisko second by P Dunham to accept the resignation of Kristine Pavlovich as Temporary Professional Employee effective August 18, 2016.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Howard to accept the resignation of Health Room Aide Rosemary Sabatula, effective August 23, 2016 but to remain as a substitute.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P Dunham second by DeGusipe to accept the retirement of custodian Charles Shaffer Jr. effective October 24, 2016.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

Mr. Bezjak thanks Charles for his many years of service and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to grant Michelle Aulthouse Elementary Counselor a leave of absence from January 3, 2017 to May 15, 2017.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by Colebank to grant Diana Muha a leave of absence commencing September 19, 2016 for approximately 4 weeks.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by P Dunham to grant Sheri Dunham, Special Education Supervisor, a half term sabbatical leave commencing October 10, 2016.  
Ayes: Moser, P Dunham, Colebank, DeGusipe, Howard, Plisko, Sholtis, Swaney  
Nays: None  
Abstain: M Dunham

A motion was made by Colebank second by Swaney to appoint Jared Plisko to serve as the Substitute Special Education Supervisor during the leave of Sheri Dunham.  
Ayes: Colebank, Swaney, DeGusipe, P Dunham, Howard, Moser, Sholtis, M Dunham  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Plisko

A motion was made by Swaney second by Colebank to grant Jared Plisko a temporary leave of absence from his Special Education Lead Support position until the return of the Special Education Supervisor.  
Ayes: Swaney, Colebank, DeGusipe, P Dunham, Howard, Moser, Sholtis, M Dunham  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Plisko

A motion was made by P Dunham second by Swaney to hire Tammy Kezmarsky as a long term substitute for Special Education Lead Support until the return of Jared Plisko at appropriate step. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Moser second by P Dunham to hire Annie Kutek as long term substitute for Speech for the remainder of the school year at Step 1. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by P Dunham second by Plisko to accept the resignation of Shawn Chory as Middle School Summer/Fall Athletic Director effective August 24, 2016. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Plisko second by P Dunham to award Mark Jones the temporary maintenance position at AGHS. All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Swaney second by Moser to create a Guidance Counselor at A.L. Wilson/High School position (This is not a new position). All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **COACHES**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Howard to hire the following coaches for one season pending receipt of all proper documents:

1. Mike Revak – Head 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball
2. Duane Dupont – HS Fall Strength Conditioning
3. Joe Embacher – Summer/Fall Middle School Athletic Director

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **CONFERENCE**

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to grant 1 administrator and 4 staff member's permission to present at the MTSS Academic Implementers Forum at Pattan in Harrisburg, Pa from October 18 – 20, 2016 with lodging paid by the Department of Education. Meals/mileage paid by District.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **HS BASEBALL TRIP**

A motion was made by P Dunham second by Sholtis to grant preliminary approval of HS Baseball Team to Myrtle Beach, SC for the Spring Training Ripken Experience from March 23 – 27 or March 30 – April 3, 2017 at no cost to the District; Mike Simon.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **FACILITY USE**

A motion was made by Colebank second by Moser to grant use of AGHS Library for the Upward Bound Program by California University on Tuesday's from 2:15 – 4:15 October 1, 2016 – May 5, 2017.

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Howard second by P Dunham to grant use of AG North/South for Elementary Basketball practice and games from September 15, 2016 to January 31, 2017 with dates and times to be determined by athletic directors; Richard Walters.  
All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **SUBSTITUTES**

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

1. Professional - Anne Kutek, Tammy Vansickle Kezmarsky, Donna McBride, Samantha Layhue, Alice Lynn
2. Custodian – Ron Collins, Jerred Hruska
3. James Heisterman Event Security

All members present voting in favor of the motion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President M. Dunham announced the next regular meeting will be held on October 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the D. Ferd Swaney Elementary School.

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

Mr. Pegg announced that there are ongoing meetings concerning the Bands participation in parades in and out of district along with field trips and the cost of transportation.