

MARCH 10, 2021

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Kyle Thiery, Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter and Don Paulsrud.

Motion by Thiery to approve the agenda with two additions. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve the February 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve payment of general fund bills (\$37,137.41). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve all financial reports as presented. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey reported that the superintendent evaluation was complete and Mr. Schmidt received satisfactory marks in all areas.

Schlepp said she would like to see school opened up more to the community. She feels Covid numbers are low and it's time to ease up on the restrictions. Some board members thought with 8 weeks of school left it may be best to leave everything as it is. Following further discussion, no action was taken to make any changes.

Motion by Schlepp to allow destruction of records prior to 2013/14 as requested by the business manager. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the agenda items for the co-op meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Wishek.

Motion by Litsey to accept the resignation from Marilyn Simmons (5<sup>th</sup> grade) effective at the end of the school year. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to accept the following coach resignations: Wendy Bichler (Asst GBB), Phillip Wanner (Head BBB), Jason Schmidt (Head GBB). Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt will advertise all positions. Thiery and Litsey will be on the coach hiring committee. Schlepp and Nitschke will be the board representatives for the elementary position.

Motion by Litsey to approve the following policies: District-Schools Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Records Retention Policy. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

One of the blowers in the gym is not working. Quentin Schumacher thinks he can replace the shaft for \$3,500-\$4,000. Board members agreed to have him do so.

The Crisis Prevention Intervention team must recertify this summer. Mr. Schmidt asked that we pay the team for the one-day training. The board granted the request.

Fey and Litsey will serve as the board's negotiating team with Fey as the contact person. AEA team members are Don Paulsrud, Denise Martz and Tucker Meidinger with Paulsrud as the contact person.

Superintendent's report: Mr. Schmidt would like to budget for teachers to attend the fall conference (registration, meals, motels)--hoping it will be in person. Board members agreed to allow it.

Principal's report: 1) Acalympics on 3/25; 2) Will email grade snapshots to virtual students/parents on 3/15; 3) Elementary teachers are looking for a new reading curriculum; 4) Started scheduling for next school year; 5) Each 7-12 teacher will be sending positive communication postcards to the parents of two students of their choice. Intend to continue if it goes well.

Next meeting will be April 14, 2021 at 8:00pm. President Fey stated the board would go into executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.2 to discuss negotiations at 8:13pm.

The board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:20pm with Thiery, Schlepp, Fey, Nitschke, Litsey, Jason Schmidt and Teresa Dockter in attendance. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Thiery. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President

APRIL 7, 2021

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00am in the ITV room to discuss the first grade position and negotiations. Present: Lyle Fey, Kyle Thiery, Amy Schlepp, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Chris Doane.

Mr. Schmidt reported interviews were completed for the first grade position and the committee recommends hiring Amber Gerszewski. Motion by Nitschke to offer a contract to Amber Gerszewski. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously. Following further discussion, Nitschke amended his previous motion to include that if Ms. Gerszewski doesn't accept the position, it would then be offered to Alli Mogen. Second to amended motion by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey adjourned into executive session at 7:11am under NDCC 44-04-19.2 to discuss negotiations.

The special meeting was reconvened at 7:51am with all in attendance except Chris Doane. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:51am.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President

