

JUNE 24, 2021

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7:30am in the ITV room to discuss the ESSER II application and ancillary staff. Present: Kyle Thiery, Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter. Kevin Nitschke and Amy Schlepp were absent.

Supt. Schmidt reviewed the ESSER II application—the committee consists of the Cognia team, both administrators, title teacher, special ed teacher, counselor and a board member. The application was completed with potential uses suggested by the committee—technology, mental health, learning loss curriculum, professional development and the remainder of Dawn Goehring’s salary/benefits from 20/21 school year. The application was completed with estimated amounts of money in those areas and will need to be spent by September 2023. Mr. Schmidt will be ordering 3 more TruTouch boards (special ed, title and a mobile one) and will need to replace computers in the labs in a couple of years. He said we currently have enough computers and chromebooks for one to one throughout the school. Will be ordering charging stations for the classrooms as well. Motion by Thiery to approve the ESSER II application. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported he was able to hire two cooks at \$15.00 per hour. That puts the custodians’ hourly wages out of proportion in relation to the kitchen positions. Following a lengthy discussion, motion by Litsey to increase the hourly wage .50 for both custodians (Mike Schumacher to \$15.17 and Marlon Lippert to \$15.80). Second by Fey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thiery to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:15am.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President