

JULY 19, 2021

The Ashley school board held their annual meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 8pm in the ITV room. Present: Kyle Thiery, Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Tony Bender.

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

Motion by Schlepp to accept the Oath of Office for Jordan Jenner. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Consolidated Construction representatives were not able to attend as planned so will present their information at the August meeting.

Reorganization of the board for 21/22: Motion by Thiery to nominate Lyle Fey for board president, second by Litsey. Motion by Schlepp that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Lyle Fey as president. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes from the June 7th and June 24th meetings as written. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$35,654.65) and building fund bill (\$7,549). Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to designate McIntosh County Bank as the depository for all district funds. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

The pledge of securities report by McIntosh County Bank was reviewed.

Motion by Schlepp to designate the Ashley Tribune as the district's official newspaper. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thiery to set the 21/22 regular school board meetings for the second Wednesday of the month, subject to change if conflicts arise. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve financial reports A-J as presented. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed revenue projections for 21/22—currently, we're not as far off the formula as projected last year, however this varies with student enrollment. He also reviewed the 21/22 proposed budget. Motion by Jenner to approve the 21/22 budget as proposed—total budget is \$2,592,162. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

The certificate of levy was discussed—taxable valuation estimate is close to last year. Proposing a 9% increase of \$54,900 in general fund and leave miscellaneous levy at zero. Total general fund levy--\$664,900 and building fund levy--\$15,000. Motion by Thiery to approve the certificate of levy as proposed. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

All student school meals are free again this year but we still need to encourage families to complete free/reduced applications. Those percentages are used for many grant fund allocations such as Title and Fresh Fruit & Vegetables. Monica Wolf will begin training the new cooks on August 9th and will stay until the end of October.

Motion by Litsey to approve the 20/21 district financial report to be submitted to DPI. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV and REAP funds. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thiery to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for the following: Title IX, ADA, Section 504, SE high Tech, Great Western Network, SCPSEU, CREA, AHERA & DOT Drug & Alcohol Safety. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve Mrs. Martz as the authorized Homeless Liaison. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve Mr. Doane as the authorized Foster Care Liaison. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Schlepp explained the Backpack program through Great Plains Food Bank. The program provides Ziploc bags of shelf-stable food for the weekend for children who need it. She would fill the bags and bring them to school for distribution on Fridays. Discussion on guidelines to determine who qualifies for the program and distribution procedures. Motion by Thiery to approve the Backpack program for Ashley school. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt explained that DPI will no longer pay for transportation beyond the district boundaries. We have out-of-district students in every direction, so will be losing quite a bit.

The Ashley school district moves to approve the consolidate application for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV and REAP funds. The authorized representative (Supt. Jason Schmidt) has the board's permission to submit this application. Motion by Thiery, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the contract for Melissa Meyer—yearbook advisor (\$1,700), and hire notices for Donna Doane—intervention strategist (\$14.50/hr), Scott Schlepp-cook (\$15/hr), Sue Buerkley-cook (\$15/hr). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

No bids were received for the two used buses that were advertised. Mr. Schmidt was directed to get a scrap price in writing. Fey will talk to Randy Ulmer about possible consignment sale.

Girls golf has been moved to fall—Jeremy St. Aubin and Brian Hendrickson will coach that. Jeremy and Dean Christianson will coach the boys in the spring. Girls wrestling will need a head coach. Motion by Jenner to advertise that position. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on whether it's necessary to do a re-evaluation of the building for insurance purposes since replacement costs have risen. Mr. Schmidt will check if there's any cost for the re-evaluation and report at the August meeting.

The following positions are still open and will be advertised again in the paper: Elementary BBB, Elementary FB, Student Council, FBLA, Asst GBB, JHBBB.

The public tax hearing was scheduled for September 8, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Mr. Schmidt made a recommendation to give all certified teachers a one-time retention bonus this fall—this could be paid with ESSER II funds, so would not be spending money from the general operating budget. Following discussion, motion by Schlepp to give all certified teachers a one year only \$1,000 retention bonus. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's report: 1) Building project updates—gym blower repair should be done by end of the week, carpet in mustang corral next week, wood chips are done, painting of metal on south side of building is close to done, false ceiling in principal's office hasn't been started; 2) Discussion on air conditioning options for the classrooms, will do more research; 3) PD days in July for reading and phonics series, WR camp July 27-28, girls golf starts 8/2, FB 8/5, VB 8/16, Registration 8/9&10, speaker on August 12th—all invited.

Next meeting will be August 11, 2021 at 7pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Thiery. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President