

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 8:09pm in the ITV room. Present: Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Tyler Ernst*.

Motion by Litsey to approve the agenda with one addition. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve minutes of the August 12th meeting as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$41,900.27). Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported the Ashley Lions Club donated \$6,000 for the purchase of Chromebooks--they should arrive in October. The Lions also donated \$2,500 for the purchase of two sanitizing guns.

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

Coreen Schumacher retired from the county superintendent position. The McIntosh county commissioners eliminated the position so the schools will be responsible for organizing the spelling bee, mathcounts and busdriver workshops. Motion by Schlepp to approve the resolution drafted by the McIntosh County Commission to dissolve the county superintendent position. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt explained the federal government's social security tax deferral. Main points: 1) This is a deferral not a forgiveness so the tax that's not withheld during the months of Sept-Dec will have to be paid from Jan-April along with the regular tax so it would be double the withholding during that time; 2) This is optional for employers; 3) Currently, the district's accounting software company hasn't come out with an update to accommodate it. Both Mr. Schmidt and Teresa said none of the superintendents or business managers on their list serves have indicated they were going to participate and recommended the district opt out. Board members agreed with that recommendation.

The district's current boiler insurance policy is with Insurance Plus at a cost of \$1,858--the policy has been in place for about 25 years and its purpose is to cover damage from equipment failure. MCB Insurance quoted an equipment breakdown policy at \$770 for the \$1,500 deductible and \$682 for the \$5,000 deductible. Motion by Litsey to cancel the policy with Insurance Plus. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously. Board members will review the information from MCB Insurance and make a decision in October.

Nitschke expressed concern about football issues and asked that the athletic directors keep board members informed when situations come up.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the Intent to Rehire notice for Dawn Goehring at \$13.50 per hour. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt reported McIntosh county is in the green zone so some of the covid restrictions have been relaxed. All seems to be going well.

The elementary basketball tournament has been cancelled for this year--not enough space to accommodate all the people while keeping social distance. All JHVB jamborees except Wishek's have been cancelled--scheduling individual games instead.

Principal's report: 1) Virtual learning is going pretty well, still working out a few kinks. (*Tyler Ernst left the meeting at 9:13pm). Elementary students are supposed to be starting next week--Arizona State University has had trouble trying to get everyone registered; 2) NWEA testing currently in progress; 3) Seniors will be helping with the newsletter this year.

Next meeting will be October 14, 2020 at 8pm. Motion to adjourn by Nitschke, second by Schlepp. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President