

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7pm in the ITV room. Present: Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, Kevin Nitschke, *Amy Schlepp (7:01pm), Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, *Harold Rotunda, *Chris Doane (7:07pm). Kyle Thiery was absent.

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

*Amy Schlepp entered the meeting at 7:01pm. Motion by Nitschke to approve the minutes of the October 14th meeting and October 27th co-op meeting as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

*Chris Doane entered the meeting at 7:07pm. Discussion on the bills presented--question regarding the bill from the country club--replaced a pump in July and billed 1/3 of the cost to school and 1/3 to park board--pumps supply water for football field and baseball diamond as well as golf course. Board members agreed the school should have received communication before the work was done. The last time a pump was replaced, they were able to get an endowment grant to cover the expense. Motion by Nitschke to approve payment of all general fund bills except the Ashley Country Club bill. Motion died for lack of a second. Following further discussion, motion by Litsey to approve payment of all general fund bills (\$18,994.93). Second by Schlepp--Fey, Litsey, Schlepp-yes; Nitschke-no, motion carried.

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

Harold Rotunda reviewed the 19/20 audit report. *Mr. Rotunda left the meeting at 8:26pm. Motion by Litsey to approve the 19/20 audit report. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

Supt. Schmidt reviewed the Covid grants available until 12/31/20: Corps= \$58,237 and Resiliency=\$62,627 for a total of \$120,864. Estimate using \$28,550 on eligible expenses before end of year so about \$92,300 left. Received a quote from DRN for \$54,077 (50 laptops, 30 chrome books & licensing, 4 Tru Touch boards)--some of this technology would have been put in the 21/22 budget. Another consideration for grant funds is an air purification system (quote from HA Thompson-\$32,975)--once installed this would fall under our current maintenance contract, however filters would need to be replaced every 3 years at an approximate cost of \$8,000). Another option would be portable air purifiers from Link's Do It Best at a cost of \$715 per unit. Motion by Schlepp to move forward with the technology quote from DRN and the air purification system from HA Thompson & Sons. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously. That will leave about \$5,000 in grant funds remaining--will be able to use some for the billing for our elementary virtual students.

Won't be able to have a Christmas party this year--discussed other options.

Motion by Nitschke to accept the resignations from the following: Quentin Schumacher (head FB), Matt Gauss (asst FB), Josh Wiest (asst FB). Second by Schlepp, motion carried

unanimously. Mr. Schmidt said they will begin advertising for a head football coach and a head baseball coach. Fey and Schlepp volunteered for the hiring committee.

Supt. report: Had requests from community members to start using the school again--he has said no, considering that we've been doing pretty well keeping Covid cases to a minimum he does not want to risk it. Board members agreed that is the right course of action at this point in time.

Principal's report: 1) Held parent-teacher conferences virtually--good feedback for the most part; 2) Virtual students are doing well; 3) Will not be a Christmas concert--discussing videos of elementary classes that could be shared.

Next meeting will be December 9, 2020 at 7pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President