JULY 13, 2016

The Ashley School Board held their annual meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lucy Meidinger, Ross Litsey, Kevin Nitschke, Lyle Fey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the agenda with two additions. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence from the FBLA advisor and students who attended the national convention thanking the board for their support.

President Meidinger thanked the board/administration for their support during her time as a board member and encouraged them to stay active with MREC. Board members/administration thanked her as well for her 15 years of service to the district.

Motion by Nitschke to accept the Oath of Office forms from Ross Litsey and Lyle Fey. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Following NDSBA guidelines, Lucy Meidinger turned the meeting over to Lyle Fey (most senior board member) for reorganization of the board. Fey called for nominations for president of the board for 16/17. Motion by Nitschke to nominate Lyle Fey for president, second by Schneider. Motion by Nitschke that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Lyle Fey. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve the minutes of the June 13th and July 5th meetings as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve payment of general fund bills ($40,379.12) and building fund bill ($5,005.86). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to designate McIntosh County Bank as the depository for school district funds. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve the pledge of securities by McIntosh County Bank. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to designate the Ashley Tribune as the official newspaper. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 8pm until time changes and then at 7pm. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Meeting dates are subject to change due to conflicts.

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

Supt. Schmidt reviewed revenue projections for the 16/17 school year—took a big hit in state aid this past year due to enrollment drop, will be a bit better this year. The proposed budget was also reviewed—projected $88,000 deficit, hoping it will turn out better than that. Motion by Nitschke to approve the budget as presented ($2,274,859). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Budget figure without contingency is $2,174,859.

Tax levies were discussed—proposing $445,317 (general)-12% maximum increase, $90,673 (miscellaneous)-12 mill maximum, $40,000 (building). Special assessment levy has been deleted, as there should be enough money in that fund to cover remaining assessments. Motion by Schumacher to approve the certificate of levy as presented. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the 14/15 district financial report that will be submitted to DPI. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for the following: Title IX, Homeless Liaison, ADA, Section 504, SE High Tech, Great Western Network, SCPSEU, MREC, AHERA & DOT Drug & Alcohol Safety. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

The board held the first reading of the Homeless Liaison policy.

Motion by Nitschke to renew the membership for the Small Rural Schools organization ($400).

The group has been successful in securing transportation/state aid increases during legislative sessions. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent’s report: 1) No need for a meeting regarding tax levies because the new growth number was high so actually came up with a negative percentage; 2) Has had inquiries about moving the handicapped access closer to the front entrance—will look into costs;

3) Building projects are progressing.

Next meeting will be August 10, 2016 at 8:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Schneider, second by Schumacher. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager Lyle Fey, President