

OCTOBER 12, 2016

The Ashley School Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth, Teresa Dockter, Dean Christianson\*, Michelle Kempf\*, \*Harold Rotunda (8:23).

Motion by Schumacher to approve the agenda with two additions and one change. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> meetings as written. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve payment of general fund bills (\$36,171.59). Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

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

Dean Christianson and Michelle Kempf spoke on behalf of the country club. They are hoping to build a new clubhouse if funding can be secured. They want to apply for a grant and need the school to be the sponsoring entity, which would mean the money flows through the school. District auditor would want all dollars in/out of activity fund. A lease document is required by century code—all terms would remain as they have been in the past. Motion by Schneider that the school board act as the project sponsor for the golf course/country club grant application. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

\*Harold Rotunda entered the meeting at 8:23pm. Further discussion on the legal description of the golf course property—may require some measuring to provide a more detailed description if no documents can be located. Mr. Schmidt will check into it further and have the lease ready for approval in November. \*Dean Christianson and Michelle Kempf left the meeting at 8:34pm.

Harold Rotunda reviewed the 2015/16 audit report. The district is in fairly good shape despite the \$113,000 deficit, however he stated the board has to be diligent with tax levies because the legislature continues to adjust the state funding formula. Motion by Schneider to approve the 15/16 audit report. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Snow removal was discussed. Motion by Nitschke to rent the tractor from Lyle Fey as we have in the past for \$23/hour. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt said the south border athletic directors are proposing one co-op joint board meeting per year rather than two, unless something comes up. Board members agreed with that. Mr. Schmidt provided information on possible topics for the next meeting—the ADs will work together to find a date either this fall or next spring.

Mrs. Schmidt is willing to take over drama for 5 weeks so the kids can do a community play. They will not participate in the one-act competition. Motion by Schneider to approve the contract for Mrs. Schmidt for \$128.50. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt stated many of the district's policies need updating and some new policies may need to be added. He will begin updating and will try to present a few each board meeting until process is complete.

Have not had any applications for the math position at this point. Mr. Schmidt is contacting colleges to inquire about graduates. Couple of possibilities for the music position—there's

a retired teacher from Montana with 35 years of experience that lives in Linton who may be interested in long-term subbing or completing the school year. Also had an inquiry from a person who will finish student teaching this semester. Discussion on possibility of hiring the retired person as a long-term sub until Christmas and pursue the student teacher as a long-term solution. Also discussion on benefits/costs that would be applicable to a contract for the retired teacher, given his years of experience. Motion by Nitschke to authorize Mr. Schmidt to offer the retired teacher \$246.15-285 per day as a long-term sub until Christmas break with no benefits, or as option B, a contract for the remainder of the year equivalent to a masters at 20 years, flexible to 31 years pending transcript verification. Second by Litsey; Schneider, Fey, Nitschke, Litsey-yes; Schumacher-no, motion carried.

Fey reported he attended the city council meeting regarding the tax break for Hometown Credit Union. The council decided on a 75%/50%/25% tax break beginning with 2017 taxes.

President Fey distributed superintendent evaluation forms to board members—forms are to be returned to him by 10/28.

Superintendent's report: 1) E-rate application is complete, district will receive \$2,081.70 for the phones and \$12,880.70 for equipment/server. Those amounts will come in the form of bill credits through DRN; 2) District VB will be in Ashley on November 1, 3 & 4.

Principal's report: 1) Held a successful pep rally on 10/7; 2) Parent-teacher conferences on 10/27; 3) DFS fundraiser on 10/26 at The Roost.

Next meeting will be November 9, 2016 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:48pm.

-----  
Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

-----  
Lyle Fey, President

OCTOBER 26, 2016

The Ashley School Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00am in the ITV room to discuss the math position. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Lyle Fey, Trisha Schneider, Kevin Nitschke, \*Ross Litsey (7:02), Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth, Teresa Dockter, Jason Dockter.

Supt. Schmidt reported he had 1 application for the math position. They held a skype interview and all present felt the teacher would be a good fit for our school. \*Ross Litsey entered the meeting at 7:02am. She is currently teaching in Texas and has 25 years of experience. Discussion on salary (will depend on credit hours) and moving stipends offered in the past. Motion by Nitschke to offer the math position to Jennifer Ellingson and a moving stipend up to \$1,000. Second by Schneider--Roll call vote: Schumacher-yes, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes, Nitschke-yes, Litsey-yes, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:15am.

-----  
Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

-----  
Lyle Fey, President

