DECEMBER 14, 2016

The Ashley School Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Cary Hauth.

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve the November 9th minutes as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve payment of general fund bills ($15,280.08) and building fund bill ($41.07). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported the school received a grant for the Missoula Children’s Theater production from the ND Arts Council in the amount of $2,125.

The board reviewed the taxable valuation/levy report from McIntosh County. The current taxable valuation is $7,656,064.

Teresa Dockter requested the authority to temporarily increase the credit card limit to process the state wrestling ticket group order online in January. Increase would be for that transaction and then return to the normal $1,000 limit. Motion by Nitschke to allow the increase in credit card limit for the requested transaction. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve the following contracts: Natasha Salzer for speech ($975) and Charles Garnaas for music for the second semester ($23,384.25). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

The Sand and Brokaw families were enrolled on a tuition waiver for the 16/17 school year because open enrollment deadlines had passed. Motion by Schneider to approve the open enrollment applications for Baxter Sand and Trent/Avery Brokaw. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt provided additional information on the Tech Ed Program of Excellence Award and Mr. Dockter’s request for district funds to attend the conference in Dallas to accept the award. Estimated costs are $1,120 after state reimbursement plus $345 for sub pay. Following discussion, motion by Schumacher to pay up to $1,000 for the national conference expenses in lieu of Mr. Dockter’s attendance at the fall CTE conference in Bismarck. Second by Schneider—Roll call vote: Schumacher-yes, Schneider-yes, Fey-no, Nitschke-no, Litsey-yes, motion carried.

The board reviewed 2 calendar drafts—Mr. Schmidt is waiting on a solid date for the inservice before school starts. Calendar will be ready for approval in January.

Superintendent’s report: 1) Math teacher has obtained her ND certificate; 2) Current enrollment is 134 (K-12), PK-12 = 145; 3) Have had 2 snow days so far and 4 two-hour late starts. There is one day of grace built into our calendar with the extra minutes per day so we will have to make up 1 ¾ days. The state will not forgive days unless every means available has been used (meaning snow days, extra minutes per day, Saturdays). We will use the February 17th and April 17th make-up days built into the calendar at this point and hope for the best.

Principal’s report: 1) Would like to move PLC time to Wednesdays next school year due to the many Fridays missed for holidays. Would mean the 3pm dismissal time would be on Wednesday rather than Friday. Motion by Nitschke to move PLC to Wednesdays starting with the 2017-18 school year. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously. Will get it in newsletter after the new year so parents have plenty of time to plan for next year; 2) India Bender planned the recent character education assembly on fairness and did a great job. Plans to involve more students in that process in the future; 3) India Bender and Abby Petersen have been published in the ND Living magazine. Nelson Meidinger & Hunter Gallagher were published in the past also.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2017 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Schumacher. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager Lyle Fey, President