

MARCH 15, 2017

The Ashley School Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth, Teresa Dockter, Jim Heupel*, *Brad Mann (7:01).

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

Motion by Nitschke to approve the minutes of the February 8th and February 27th meetings as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously. *Brad Mann entered the meeting at 7:01pm.

Motion by Schumacher to approve payment of general fund bills (\$26,051.19). Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

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

Brad Mann from HA Thompson & Sons outlined a proposal to replace unit ventilators in five classrooms. He feels they are the most troublesome—one of the biggest problems is that all of the building units are obsolete due to age and many repair parts are no longer available. Total base price is \$89,475 (\$17,895 per classroom)—price would be valid per classroom if we did at least three. Discussion on doing 3 instead of 5, possible decrease in maintenance contract cost, available funding. Units would need to be ordered in the next two weeks to guarantee summer installation. Brad Mann left the meeting at 7:40pm.

Bus bids were opened, information as follows:

- 1) Hartley's School Buses—2017/18 Chevrolet 14 passenger MicroBird: \$53,500; 2018 Blue Bird Vision 77 passenger: \$82,490
- 2) Trucks of Bismarck—2018 Thomas 14 passenger: \$52,750; 2018 Thomas 77 passenger: \$83,597; 208 Thomas 47 passenger: \$77,497
- 3) Harlow's—2017 Chevy/Starcraft 14 passenger: \$56,013; 2018 IC Buses CE Series 77 passenger: \$85,132
- 4) National Bus Sales—2012 used (65-105,000 mile range) 77 passenger: \$58,100
- 5) American Bus Sales—2014 used 14 passenger: \$51,465; 2012 used 53 passenger: \$58,235; 2014 used 77 passenger: \$72,435

Board members agreed they're not interested in the Oklahoma companies' used bus bids. Discussion on what the most urgent need is—couple of route buses with over 200,000 miles on them, 77 passenger would allow for 1 city route instead of 2, 14 passenger would help with extra-curriculars since there's a lack of licensed busdrivers. *Jim left the meeting at 8:13pm.

More discussion on both the unit ventilators and busses—board members directed Mr. Schmidt to check with HA Thompson about a decreased maintenance cost if we purchased 3 units instead of 5; also if there's any price break buying 2 buses. Also discussion on legislative action regarding funding. Motion by Schneider to table both issues until more information is available. Second by Schumacher, motion carried.

President Fey reported the superintendent evaluation has been completed and Mr. Schmidt received satisfactory markings in all areas.

Motion by Nitschke to accept the resignation from Patty Burian as JHVB coach. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to accept the resignation from Gary Schauer as head GBB coach. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve contracts for Charles Garnaas for 17/18 music (\$45,200) and Breigh Schlepp for 16/17 yearbook (\$1,650). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt stated he has 2 applications for the elementary position at this point—will set up interviews.

Superintendent's report: 1) New math teacher was here to spend a day with Mrs. Watkins and meet the students; 2) Track, golf, elem VB, PWR practices have started; 3) Joint board co-op meeting on March 27th in Wishek—will leave at 5:50; 4) 17 qualified for state science fair.

Principal's report: 1) 6th/7th grade field trip to Real World Camp on March 10th; 2) JH Acalympics team took 2nd, SH took 3rd.

President Fey announced at 9:09pm that the board, Mr. Schmidt and Teresa Dockter would go into executive session after a brief recess under century code 44-04-19.2 to discuss negotiations.

The board reconvened at 10:36pm with all board members and Teresa Dockter present. Mr. Schmidt was no longer present, as he left the executive session when the board discussed administrative negotiations. Next meeting will be April 11, 2017 at 8:00pm. President Fey adjourned the meeting at 10:38pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President