

MARCH 27, 2017

The Ashley School board held a special meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 4:47pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Ross Litsey, Kevin Nitschke, Lyle Fey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Cary Hauth, Lucas Moldenhauer.

Four items on the agenda: unit ventilators, bus purchase, elementary position, national FBLA/science fair clarification. Motion by Nitschke to approve the agenda. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported he talked with elementary teachers and the custodians and determined the unit ventilators in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade rooms are in greatest need of replacement. HA Thompson stated there will be a 5% discount on the annual maintenance contract if 3 are replaced and a 10% discount if 5 are replaced. Motion by Nitschke to replace the unit ventilators in grades 2, 3 and 4 at \$17,895 per classroom. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the bus bids received and type of bus most needed. Motion by Schumacher to purchase the 77 passenger bus from Trucks of Bismarck for \$83,597. Second by Schneider—roll call vote: Schumacher-yes, Schneider-yes, Fey-yes, Nitschke-yes, Litsey-no; motion carried.

Supt. Schmidt stated two interviews were completed for the elementary position and the committee recommends hiring Ashley Herman. Motion by Schneider to offer a contract to Ashley Herman. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schmidt questioned the need for the board to approve offering contracts if the committee is unanimous in their recommendation, especially since there are already two board members on the committee. In some cases there is a short time frame to hire when competing with other schools. He was directed to check the legality of doing so without full board approval.

Per board motion from August 2016, the district will pay \$500 per student for national FBLA or international science fair participants and pay the full cost of the advisor. Mr. Schmidt pointed out the board did not clarify whether to pay for alternates and thought that should be clear before the state competitions. Mr. Moldenhauer proposed the board consider a budget for the students only and then scale that dollar amount to the number of participants. Nitschke commended both groups on their fundraising efforts last year, however thought future participants should still do some fundraising regardless of what the board pays. International science fair sends the top 2 presenters and 2 alternates and FBLA sends the top four placers in each event but alternates can fill in the top 4 spots if the original 1st-4th placers can't attend. Motion by Nitschke to pay \$500 per student for international science fair, including alternates and to pay \$500 per student for FBLA top four placers but not alternates beneath 4th place sliding into the top four due to someone not attending. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey adjourned the meeting at 5:52pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

