

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

The Ashley School Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7pm in the ITV room. Present: Ross Litsey, Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, *Kevin Nitschke (7:15), Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth, Teresa Dockter.

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the January 10th meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve payment of general fund bills (\$31,576.69). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Litsey to approve contracts for Trey Peterson-Head FB (\$3,900) and Bryan Schumacher-Driver's Ed (\$1,000 classroom & \$174 per student BTW). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to hold the annual election on June 5, 2018. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously. The at-large rural position currently held by Kevin Nitschke is up for election.

Lyle Fey and Ross Litsey will take care of principal negotiations--will hold an executive session in March to discuss terms.

Mr. Schmidt reported on the district 6 AD meeting--gate receipts are not keeping up with sport expenses. Recommendation is to increase admission prices to \$6/\$4--many schools have already been charging that price. Also recommend \$7/\$5 for doubleheaders. *Kevin Nitschke entered the meeting at 7:15pm. Admission prices will be on the co-op meeting agenda.

President Fey distributed superintendent evaluation forms and requested they be returned to him by March 1st.

North Dakota requires open enrollment/cross border applications for families living in South Dakota attending school in Ashley. Motion by Schumacher to approve the applications from Taylor/Becky Jenner, who currently live in SD and Jason/Dawn Goehring, who will be moving to SD in the next couple months. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

The board held the second reading of the following policies: Automated External Defibrillators; Staff And Student Acceptable Use Of Technology; Significant Contagious Diseases. Motion by Schumacher to adopt those policies as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schmidt stated that DPI recommended a couple of minor changes to the Wellness Policy so we'll have the second reading of the revised version in March. The board held the first reading of the following policies: Bullying Policy; Compensation And Expenses for Board Members; Accessibility Policy.

DPI was here to do the 3-year review of the foodservice program. A few minor things to resolve but overall it went very well.

Mr. Schmidt reported the state is offering a Clean Diesel Grant. We currently have 4 buses with over 200,000 miles and have had repairs with some of the buses in the last couple months. Jim Heupel & Mr. Schmidt both feel it's time to replace one of the route buses. The grant requires 3 bids and must be submitted by 2/28. Motion by Nitschke to authorize Mr. Schmidt to apply for the grant. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Bus bids will be reviewed at the March meeting.

Tentative date for co-op meeting is March 19th at 7pm in Ashley. Any agenda items should be given to Mr. Schmidt.

Superintendent's report: 1) Health inspector was here this week--couple of things to fix but nothing major; 2) Will have to hold long-term planning meeting in April; 3) Will do a walk-through of the building during March meeting to see what areas need to be addressed; 4) Looking into Experience Work which is a program that pays wages for a person 55 or older to help with maintenance, kitchen, etc.

Principal's report: 1) Mathcounts team took first place--members were James Schumacher, Zach St. Aubin, Darrell Eddins, Christopher Pfeifle, Colton Martz, Brendan Lear, Blake Meyer. James took 1st overall, Zach took 3rd and Brendan took 4th; 2) Was part of an AdvancEd review team in Edgeley. Ashley school's review will be in February of 2019; 3) Pep rally on Friday 2/9 for winter sports, also a state wrestling send-off on the morning of 2/14; 4) PK parent activity scheduled for 2/13; 5) Science fair in Ashley on 2/13 at 7pm; 6) Teacher pages on website don't meet ADA compliance so looking into some kind of staff directory instead.

Next meeting will be March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Schneider, second by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President