

MARCH 29, 2018

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 7am in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth*, Teresa Dockter.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the special meeting agenda: 1) Interviews 2) Resignation 3) Student Loan Forgiveness. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Interview for math position scheduled for tonight 3/29. Motion by Schumacher to authorize Mr. Schmidt to offer a contract to the math candidate if the 2 administrative and 2 board committee members unanimously agree to do so. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

DPI Student loan forgiveness program was discussed--the district must choose a total of 2 positions from the critical need/shortage areas to apply for the program by April 15th. If approved by DPI, critical need applicants would receive \$6500 per year for 4 years and shortage area applicants would receive \$4500 per year for 4 years (due to rural area). If the teacher in that position leaves the district, the new teacher in that area could use it, or the district could choose a new area. DPI will process and notify applicants by August, however if there is not enough money to cover all applicants statewide, some could be denied. Much discussion on core areas vs. elective areas, what's in the best interest of the district, critical vs. shortage areas. Motion by Nitschke to use the student loan forgiveness program for the critical need areas of Science and Agriculture Education. Second by Schumacher--roll call vote: Schumacher-yes, Schneider-yes, Fey-no, Nitschke-yes, Litsey-no, motion carried.

Discussion on offering a bonus to the math teacher if a contract is offered. Motion by Schneider to offer a \$10,000 signing bonus distributed \$4000 first year, \$3000 second year, \$3000 third year. Motion died for lack of second. *Mr. Hauth left the meeting at 7:57am. After further discussion, motion by Litsey to offer a \$10,000 signing bonus distributed \$5000 first year, \$3000 second year, \$2000 third year. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to accept the resignation from Nancy Aldrich effective at the end of this school year. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schmidt reported Melissa Meyer would like to move down to kindergarten. She would have two years to earn her kindergarten endorsement or could take her Praxis test this summer. Motion by Schumacher to allow Mrs. Meyer to move down to the kindergarten position and advertise for a 5th grade teacher. Second by Litsey. Motion by Schumacher to allow Kevin Nitschke to declare a conflict of interest. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously. Vote on motion to allow Mrs. Meyer to switch grades carried unanimously with Kevin Nitschke abstaining.

Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:14am.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

