APRIL 11, 2018

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 8:15pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Cary Hauth, Tony Bender, Sara Sathre, Lucas Moldenhauer.

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

Motion by Litsey to approve the minutes from the March 13th, March 29th meetings and March 19th co-op meeting as written. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve payment of general fund bills ($26,792.27). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Nitschke to approve destruction of records from the 2010-11 school year as requested. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Trey Peterson submitted a letter of resignation from his 6th grade teaching position effective at the end of the school year. Motion by Nitschke to accept the resignation. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported the co-op hiring committee completed interviews for assistant football coach. They offered a contract to Quentin Schumacher and he has signed it. Motion by Nitschke to allow Gwyn Schumacher to declare a conflict of interest. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously. Nitschke commented the head position will be open now and whomever is hired for that should be involved in hiring other coaches. Discussion on the co-op coach hiring process. Motion by Litsey to approve the contract for Quentin Schumacher for Asst FB ($3,120), second by Schneider. Roll call vote: Schneider-yes, Fey-yes, Nitschke-no, Litsey-yes, Schumacher-abstain; motion carried.

Ancillary staff increase information was reviewed--Mr. Schmidt recommended a 3% increase. Motion by Schumacher to offer ancillary staff a 3% increase, second by Schneider. Schumacher, Schneider, Fey, Nitschke-yes, Litsey-no; motion carried.

Supt. Schmidt stated the 18-19 approved calendar PD day for staff is scheduled for 8/15, however Edgeley is sponsoring a PD day for area schools on 8/16 with several presenters/classes. He would like to be able to change the PD day on the calendar if the staff is interested in attending Edgeley’s event. Motion by Schumacher to allow the fall PD day to be changed if needed. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt stated the math candidate turned down the position, so still advertising. Have had 1 special ed interview and another scheduled for 4/18. Interviewed a 5th grade candidate--recommend offering a contract to Hanna Ebel. Motion by Nitschke to offer the 5th grade position to Hanna Ebel. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey extended congratulations on behalf of the board to National FBLA/International Science Fair participants and advisors. Ms. Sathre reported 6 students qualified for nationals (Katie Schmidt, Caitlin Molter, Addie Schnabel, Collin Martz, Alexis Kempf, Emily St. Aubin). One will not attend due to a mission trip. Abby Petersen was elected Region IV Vice President and will be representing as a state officer. They are doing a catalog fundraiser and will be doing a burger feed with science fair participants. Science Fair has two qualifiers (Katie Schmidt, Addie Schnabel) and two alternates (Tanner Kempf, Nicole Schmidt) that will attend the international science fair. Jr. High division did well also--Jackson Meidinger-1st, Marshall Lindgren-3rd and Katrina Gojkovich-4th. Mr. Schmidt said Abby Petersen did not qualify for national FBLA, however she will be attending/representing as a state officer. Board policy is to pay $500 for each student--they are requesting $500 for Abby as well. Motion by Schumacher to contribute $500 for Abby Petersen to attend national FBLA. Second by Schneider, motion carried. Total district cost will be $3400 for Science Fair and $5,070 for FBLA.

The board held the first reading of the following policies: Policy Notification Regulations, Open Enrollment, Drug & Alcohol Free Workplace, Drug & Alcohol Testing for Employees.

Co-op board increased gate prices for Jr. High and varsity sports so Mr. Schmidt recommended increasing elementary prices as well. Motion by Schneider to set elementary admission prices at $2 students/$3 adults, second by Nitschke. Schneider, Fey, Nitschke, Litsey-yes, Schumacher-no; motion carried.

Board members decided to table discussion until May on the items brought up during the walk-through of the building prior to beginning the meeting. Mr. Schmidt said the one item that needs to be addressed is the gym floor--needs to be sanded down and refinished. Generally, refinishing should be done within 10-14 years of installation and our floor has been in for 16 years. Quote from Athletic Performance Solutions--$14,700 and FLR Sanders--$17,154.01 (also $5400 in additional options). Wood floor committee may be willing to commit their leftover money to the project. 3 phase power is a requirement. Mr. Schmidt will check on those items & board can decide at a special meeting so work can be scheduled for this summer if moving forward.

Superintendent’s report: 1) Forms are complete for India Bender’s early graduation so if she completes all the required classes, she’ll be able to graduate in the fall of 2018; 2) Received several patron calls stating Napoleon had discussed a volleyball co-op with South Border at their board meeting. He told them the Ashley board had not discussed a volleyball co-op with Napoleon.

Principal’s report: Upcoming events--State Acalympics-4/16, small group music contest- 4/14, Best of Class-4/25, Aberdeen art show-4/26, MCT auditions-4/30.

Next meeting will be May 9, 2018 at 8pm. At 10pm, President Fey stated the board would adjourn into executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.2 to discuss principal negotiations.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:28pm. Motion by Litsey to adjourn, second by Schumacher. Meeting adjourned at 10:28pm.

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