

AUGUST 8, 2018

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 8pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Ross Litsey, Lyle Fey, Trisha Schneider, Kevin Nitschke, Cary Hauth, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Lucas Moldenhauer, Sara Sathre, Kelly Dockter, \*Denise Martz (8:04).

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> meetings as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$44,793.32) and building fund bill (\$1,815.18). Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

\*Denise Martz entered the meeting at 8:04pm. Motion by Litsey to approve financial reports as presented. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Lucas Moldenhauer, Sara Sathre, Kelly Dockter & Denise Martz were present to discuss the 2-month extended contract offered to the Ag teacher. They felt the FFA program was treated differently than other extra-curricular programs such as FBLA and Science Fair. Those programs are on a 3 lane pay-scale that increases with experience, whereas the FFA was given a straight extended 2 months with no experience. They pointed out the FBLA & Science Fair advisors also put in time on weekends/evenings during the school year. In addition, there are 7 days for the FBLA advisor outside of the school year if students qualify for the national convention and 1 for Science Fair advisor. Board members commended both advisors on their successful programs. They felt strongly that they wanted to get both the Ag Education and FFA programs off the ground and wanted to give the teacher what was needed to do that. They thanked the teachers for bringing their concerns and information to the board--the issues will require more research and will need to be addressed during negotiations in the spring.

Motion by Nitschke to authorize Mr. Schmidt to submit the annual compliance report. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt stated he had an inquiry from Allen/Becky Rohrich (Zeeland district) regarding open enrollment. They have a PK student and 2 other small children and wondered if transportation would be available. Board members agreed to provide transportation if they decide to attend Ashley school.

Motion by Nitschke to approve the following contracts: Tracie Gass-6<sup>th</sup> grade (\$37,675 & \$3,000 bonus upon completion of the program to obtain her ND teaching license-within 3 years); Melanie Jenner-Drama (\$512.50 one-act & \$512.50 spring); Jason Schmidt-JHFB (\$1,950). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Dockter explained budget revisions needed to accommodate the math teacher, math monitor, Title program allocations, JH/HS principal extra days, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, uniform purchases. Kulm has asked for 40% of Mrs. Ellingson's salary & benefit package and they don't want any reimbursement for TFFR or FICA taxes--total amount will be \$22,640. Total decrease to budget is \$14,217 so contingency will be increased by the same

amount--total budget figure will remain as approved in July. Motion by Schneider to approve 18/19 budget revisions as presented. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's report: 1) Teachers have been in getting their rooms ready for school; 2) Water fountain has been installed in elementary; 3) FB practice 8/6, VB 8/13, school starts 8/21, professional development days on 8/15 & 8/20; 4) ITV equipment will be installed in math room on 8/10 at no cost to the district.

Principal's report: 1) Schedule revisions have been completed to accommodate ITV math--able to salvage most choices; 2) India Bender has completed her early graduation requirements.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2018 with tax hearing at 7pm and regular meeting to follow. Motion by Nitschke to adjourn, second by Schneider. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President