

DECEMBER 12, 2018

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth, Teresa Dockter, Lucas Moldenhauer, Sara Sathre, Tony Bender, Faith Dockter, Collin Martz. Ross Litsey was absent.

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

Motion by Schneider to approve the November 7<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve payment of general fund bills (\$24,143.77). Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

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

Board members reviewed the McIntosh county taxable valuation/levy report. Actual valuation is about \$20,000 above the estimated amount from July so levies are pretty close to what was expected.

Teresa Dockter requested authority to temporarily raise the credit card limit for purchase of state wrestling tickets and room charges for the Gettysburg tournament. Limit will be returned to \$1,000 when purchases are cleared. Motion by Schumacher to authorize the temporary credit card limit increase. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve the contract for Savannah Harbaugh to be the speech coach (\$825). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to accept the resignation from Deb Jenner effective at the end of the 18/19 school year. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hauth reported that Mr. Garnaas is willing to be the mentor for the new math teacher. The state mentor program has run out of funds so he will self-train with the book provided. Motion by Nitschke to approve Mr. Garnaas as the math mentor for \$250. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hauth also stated that Melissa Meyer will mentor the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and she was one of the last to get into the state program so will be trained and paid by them.

Mr. Schmidt presented several policies for review--the first reading will be held in January.

Supt. Schmidt recommended hiring an additional Special Ed para to help Ms. Morrison. She currently has 12 students and will be testing 4 more in January. The Para would be needed for 25-30 hours and the current rate paid for subs for that job is \$13.50. The Special Ed unit would reimburse \$2,700. Motion by Nitschke to hire a Special Ed Paraprofessional per Mr. Schmidt's recommendation. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

MREC and MDEC are proposing a merger--Mr. Schmidt recommended the board approve the merger as it will allow more available staff and more services to the schools involved.

Motion by Schumacher to follow Mr. Schmidt's recommendation and approve the merger of the two consortiums. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's report: Scholastic book fair on 2/10-11--will also have family fun day on 2/10 beginning at 1pm. Mrs. Bender is asking for volunteers to help with the event.

Principal's report: 1) Staff involvement for AdvancEd is complete; 2) Upcoming events-- elementary Christmas program 12/13 & 7-12 program on 12/19, pie/silent auction 12/20&21; PK family workshop 12/20; new teachers will be in classrooms 12/17-21.

Next meeting will be January 9, 2019 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Schumacher. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President