

FEBRUARY 20, 2019

The Ashley School Board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Jason Schmidt, Cary Hauth, Teresa Dockter. Ross Litsey was absent.

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve payment of general fund bills (\$29,706.28). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Nitschke to hold the election on June 4, 2019. Second by Schneider, motion carried. Lyle Fey (city) and Ross Litsey (rural at large) terms expire this year. Filing deadline will be 4pm on April 1, 2019.

Motion by Schneider to approve the contract for Ann Bettenhausen to teach drivers ed (\$1,100 classroom instruction and \$30 per hour b-t-w instruction). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt reported there is a clean diesel grant opportunity to help purchase a bus. Motion by Nitschke to authorize Mr. Schmidt to move forward with the State Clean Diesel Grant Program application. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Following the second reading, motion by Schumacher to adopt the following policies: Education of the Homeless Student, Education of the Homeless Dispute Resolution Procedure, Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students, Enrollment Policy, Education of Special Education/Disabled Students, Student Conduct & Discipline, Student Conduct Standards & Disciplinary Procedures. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

The first reading was held on the following policies: Attendance & Absences, Suspension and Expulsion Regulations, Student Alcohol & Other Drug Use/Abuse, Student Handbooks.

Joint Board co-op meeting will be held in Wishek on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

SCPSEU will be adding the Linton, Strasburg, HMB and Bakker schools to the unit. The director is currently shared so that won't change, however the SCPSEU directors feel this will be more cost-effective and will provide more resources.

Mr. Schmidt provided a legislative update. It's looking like a bill may pass converting instructional days into minutes. If that happens, we'll need to add a few minutes to the school day to accommodate the change.

The Title I position is still being advertised.

The AEA has submitted a petition for recognition as the negotiating unit for teachers. Motion by Schumacher that pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of Ashley School District recognizes the AEA as the appropriate negotiating unit for all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Supteintendent's report: 1) January MDU bill was double that of last year; 2) Starting to consider construction projects for the summer. Gym floor will be redone and tiles in upstairs locker rooms need to be replaced; 3) Spelling bee--James Schumacher won and Kitana Martel took 2<sup>nd</sup>--both will compete at the state spelling bee on 3/18; 4) AdvancEd review team will be here 2/25-26. Team will meet with board members at 9am on 2/25; 5) Other upcoming events--Sophomore dance on 3/1, Ashley Science fair-2/26, region science fair 3/8.

Principal's report: 1) Book fair generated \$600 in 'scholastic dollars' which will be used to purchase coding kits for teachers to check out for classroom use; 2) 5<sup>th</sup> grade went to Kulm for a President's Day presentation; 4) Acalympics in Linton on 3/12; 5) Mathcounts on 2/27; 6) Emily St. Aubin & Riley Molter will participate in the 'Parade of Champions' at state BBB; 7) Registration packets for 19/20 will be distributed to students this Friday.

The next meeting will be March 13, 2019 at 7:00pm.

President Fey stated the next agenda item is teacher negotiations strategy. This item may be discussed in an executive session only when an open meeting would have an adverse fiscal effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the board. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is NDCC Section 44-04-19-.1. The purpose of this executive session is teacher negotiations strategy. Motion by Schumacher to move to executive session. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously at 8:13pm.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:01pm with Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Jason Schmidt and Teresa Dockter present. Motion by Schumacher to adjourn, second by Schneider. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:01pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President