

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:26pm in the library. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tony Bender, Sara Sathre, Mary Paulsrud, *Ron Mettler *(8:16).

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

Motion by Nitschke to approve the minutes of the August 14th meeting as written. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$55,815.39). Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported the two rural bus routes are working well, however we just got a new student that lives in Lehr and that pickup would add another 10 minutes to the route. Another family may need busing from a farm location by December which adds 20-30 minutes to that route as well. Board members suggested advertising for someone to drive a van to Lehr morning & afternoon. The approved budget includes \$20,000 intended for the purchase of a used van (current van mileage is 140,000). Board members authorized Mr. Schmidt to go ahead with purchasing if he finds one.

Sportsmanship guidelines policy--NDSBA suggests replacing the word 'may' with 'will'. Motion by Litsey to rescind his original motion from July to approve the policy and make the changes in wording as suggested. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. This meeting serves as the first reading of the revised policy.

The board held the first reading of the revised Bullying policy (addresses cyber-bullying).

Tuition waiver agreements are in place for an Ashley student attending Hazelton & for two Zeeland students attending Ashley because open enrollment deadlines had passed. Open enrollment forms will be filed for next school year.

Motion by Schneider to approve the contract amendments for Larry Schauer & Todd Dockter for busdriving (\$1,800/month for 9 months). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Principal's report: 1) Homecoming week 9/16-9/20 and pep rally on 9/20; 2) 9/11-Took two students on a field trip for online FACS class, also 5/6 field trip to Whitestone; 3) Completed website training; 4) Conducting a book study on 'Energy Bus' during PLC.

Superintendent's report: 1) Gave the class of 1969 a tour of school during their reunion; 2) NDSBA convention 10/24-25; 3) Tentative co-op meeting in November; 4) Trouble finding a date for science fair due to sports schedules--only options are March 4th during Lent or do it during the day with outside judges rather than local. Board members agreed they like the idea of during the school day & said to pursue that.

*Ron Mettler entered the meeting at 8:16pm to discuss roof repairs. He has fixed the HS gym roof leak but is currently waiting on information from an engineer regarding repair of the fascia because the method he intended to use will not work. Fey, Litsey, Mettler & Mr. Schmidt checked on the soft spot in the roof above the library--all agreed it is not a major issue at this point and there's no need to address it. They did find cracked rubber in the library roof barrel channels and open areas on the columns. Mettler said he could repair those areas for \$1,300. There is also a leak in the roof vent of the small gym--that can be braced/caulked for \$200. Board members asked how much of the \$4,600 project that was previously approved is completed. Mettler replied 2/3 of that is finished--discussion on doing the work in the library area & small gym for the remaining 1/3 of the \$4,600 project and then putting the fascia repair on hold until spring. Motion by Litsey to have Mr. Mettler repair the library area and small gym as discussed in lieu of the fascia repair included in the original \$4,600 bid price. Second by Nitschke, motion carried unanimously. Fascia repair will be discussed after Mettler has more information and may be on hold until spring 2020.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2019 at 8:00pm. Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Schumacher. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President