

JANUARY 8, 2020

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Kevin Nitschke, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, *Kristi Bender (7:07pm). Ross Litsey was absent.

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the December 11th meeting as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve payment of general fund bills (\$27,372.09) and special assessment fund bill (\$997.56). Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

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

Ann Bettenhausen is willing to teach Driver's Ed again this year at a rate of \$1,200 for classroom instruction and \$30 per hour for B-T-W instruction. Mr. Schmidt expects 10-12 students. *Kristi Bender entered the meeting at 7:07pm. Motion by Schneider to hire Ann Bettenhausen for driver's ed at the proposed rates. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey reviewed information from NDSBA regarding Boardbook Premier which is a paperless meeting/document storage software program for school boards--cost for Tier 1 is \$2,000. All agreed they are satisfied with the current paper methods and are not interested in making a change.

Mr. Schmidt distributed policies: Student Education Records Access & Amendment Procedure, Prohibition On Aiding Sexual Abuse. The first reading will be held at the February meeting.

Negotiation seminar is February 6-7 in Bismarck.

Discussion on the math position--currently Mrs. Ellingson teaches from Ashley on Tuesday/Thursday and from Kulm on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Both schools have aides in the classroom on the days she teaches via ITV. There is still a shortage of math teachers and the chances of getting a full time teacher in Ashley are slim. All agreed this arrangement seems to be working well and would like to continue for next year. Kulm board will be meeting next week to discuss as well.

Superintendent's report: 1) Working on a co-op meeting date for March; 2) Writing a Homeland Security grant to get more cameras in the school/buses/playground.

Principal's report: 1) Book Fair will be Feb 7-14, with family fun day on Feb 9th; 2) Mathcounts on 2/5, spelling bee on 2/19; 3) Student council had a hat day for Hunter Pinke--there will also be a silent auction during BBB game on 1/21.

Next meeting will be February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President