

FEBRUARY 12, 2020

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, *Kevin Nitschke (7:03pm), Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tony Bender.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the agenda with 5 additions. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the January 8th meeting as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve payment of general fund bills (\$38,594.71). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

*Kevin Nitschke entered the meeting at 7:03pm. Motion by Litsey to approve all financial reports as presented. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to hold the annual election on June 2nd. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously. Terms for Gwyn Schumacher (City) and Trisha Schneider (At Large) are expiring, filing deadline will be March 30th. The canvassing/regular meeting will be set for June 8, 2020.

First reading was held on the following policies: Prohibition on Aiding Sexual Abuse and Student Education Records Access and Amendment Procedure.

Motion by Schneider to approve the contract for Ann Bettenhausen to teach driver's education at a cost of \$1,200 for classroom and \$30 per hour for B-T-W. Classroom dates will be May 26-29. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

The district will need to hire a third party administrator to update and maintain 403b documentation to comply with revised IRS regulations. Teresa recommended Admin Partners--cost is \$750 initially and then \$600 per year (billed quarterly) this year and every year thereafter. Motion by Schumacher to contract with Admin Partners to be the Third Party Administrator for the district's 403b plan. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Dockter explained the need for an additional transfer of about \$25,000 from the lunch account to the general fund. A transfer is made every year to cover part of the cost of cook's salaries/benefits and to keep the lunch balance at the required level. DPI stated they were informed in December that the federal rules for calculation have changed, which resulted in excess funds in the lunch account for 18/19.

Mr. Schmidt reported on Farmer's Union livestream sports--there is a monthly fee involved. There are currently no North Dakota schools participating.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the 2020-21 school calendar. Start date is August 19th and graduation will be May 16th. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nitschke to approve the open enrollment applications for Matthew, Grace and Nathan Rohrich. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey stated superintendent evaluations are due to him by March 2nd.

Supt. Schmidt said the state is holding a super conference on October 22-23 which will have some very good speakers and information. He asked for authorization to budget food/lodging/registration for teachers to attend for professional development. Board members were in favor and said mileage should be included as well.

Spring sports co-op meeting will be held on March 16th at 7pm in Wishek.

Schumacher inquired about the cost of science fair supplies, particularly petri dishes for bacteria growing projects. She said it gets expensive and doesn't want a student not to do a certain project due to the cost. Mr. Schmidt will look into it.

Superintendent's report: 1) Jeremy St. Aubin is one of the 8 finalists for 2020 National Coach of the Year. Will discuss covering some costs at the co-op meeting; 2) MDU will be replacing the yard lights by the bus shop with LED lights--no cost to the district; 3) Provided information on eSports; 4) Starting to think about summer projects; 5) No math teacher applications to date.

Principal's report: 1) Mathcounts team took 1st place (Daniel Schumacher, Colin Goettle, Jace Nitschke, Trevor Schmidt). Jace Nitschke also took 2nd place individually; 2) Spirit week 2/10-2/14; 3) Family Fun Day & book fair on 2/16, Spelling bee-2/19, Science fair-2/26, Acalympics-3/3; 4) Will be several activities going on in March for reading month.

Next meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schumacher to adjourn, second by Schneider. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President