

MARCH 19, 2020

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:00pm in the high school lobby. Present: Trisha Schneider, Gwyn Schumacher, Ross Litsey, Kevin Nitschke, Lyle Fey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Don Paulsrud.

Agenda: 1) Minibus 2) Resignation 3) Ancillary staff compensation 4) Coronavirus update

Mr. Schmidt said a minibus would need to be purchased soon if we want an August delivery. He currently has one quote--cost is estimated at \$57,000. Would help with the many coaches/advisors that don't have bus licenses. Motion by Nitschke to pursue the purchase of a minibus. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schmidt will contact companies for solid numbers.

Motion by Nitschke to accept the resignation from Kelly Dockter effective the end of the 19/20 school year. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schmidt is advertising the position.

Discussion on ancillary staff compensation during the school closure due to Coronavirus. Staff has been in to prepare meals and help with cleaning/sanitizing. Mr. Schmidt asked for guidance if the closure goes beyond March 31st. Board members agreed they could continue to pay regular hours with the understanding the staff will come in to help with whatever work is needed when they are requested to do so. Motion by Schneider to pay ancillary staff for contracted days with the understanding they are on call to work when needed and no overtime hours will be paid. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt provided a Coronavirus update--the Governor has signed an executive order to keep schools closed through March 31st. Schools are required to submit a reentrance plan and an Opportunity Learning plan (virtual/online learning) to DPI by March 27th. The reentrance plan is ready to go if needed. Teachers have been at school this week to develop that plan as well as each of their individualized class platforms. Teachers & administrators will meet next Monday and Tuesday to finalize everything and intend to push their platforms out to the students on Wednesday. They will start at a slower pace to allow for fixing any glitches they may encounter. DRN and Bek will provide internet access to the 3 students that don't currently have it.

Motion to adjourn by Litsey, second by Nitschke. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President