

MAY 13, 2020

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 8:00pm in the school lobby. Present: Lyle Fey, Gwyn Schumacher, Trisha Schneider, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Don Paulsrud. Kevin Nitschke was absent.

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

Motion by Schumacher to approve the minutes of the April 14th meeting and May 4th co-op meeting as written. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schneider to approve payment of general fund bills (\$37,038.64). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Schneider to authorize destruction of records prior to 2012-13 as requested by the business manager. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schumacher to approve the PK program for 2020/21. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt stated that the school board is also the coalition board for discussion and approval of the early childhood grant. The district receives \$2,000 for free students and \$1,000 for reduced students coming into PK. We are the only entity in the community that applies for the grant. Mrs. Bender needs to do at least 10 hours of parent activities throughout the year. Motion by Schumacher to authorize Mr. Schmidt to apply for the early childhood grant for the 2020/21 school year. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Schmidt said the committee interviewed Tyler Ernst for the Math position and offered him a contract, which he accepted. Mrs. Ellingson is willing to mentor him. The committee also interviewed and offered a contract to Eric Weisser for the English position. Motion by Schumacher to approve contracts, extra-curricular agreements and intent to rehire notices as listed. Second by Schneider, motion carried unanimously.

Contracts:

Tyler Ernst--\$40,200

Wendy Bichler--\$42,200

Eric Weisser--\$44,200

Extra-Curricular Agreements:

Corey Bader--Asst BBB (\$3,216)

Wendy Bichler--ElemGBB (\$1,050), Asst GBB (\$3,216)

Dean Christianson--Asst Golf (\$3,216)

Chris Doane--Asst VB (\$3,216)

Charles Garnaas--Music (\$1,475)

Matt Gauss--Asst WR (\$3,216), Asst FB (\$3,216)

Josh Hoffman--Co-Head WR (\$4,020)

Cheyenne Ketterling--FFA (\$1,500)
Tucker Meidinger--Science Fair (\$1,350), Sophomore/Junior class co-advisor (\$400)
Eugene Nolz--Asst WR (\$3,216)
Kara Salzer--Head VB (\$4,020)
Sara Sathre--AdvancEd Chair (\$350)
Breigh Schlepp--Yearbook (\$1,975)
Matt Schlepp--PWWR (\$1,050)
Jason Schmidt--Athletic Director (\$4,824), Head GBB (\$4,020)
Jessica Schmidt--AdvancEd Chair (\$350), Sophomore/Junior class co-advisor (\$537.50)
Quentin Schumacher--Head FB (\$4,020)
Jeremy St. Aubin--Head Golf (\$4,020)
Mike vanGorkom--(\$1,050)

Intent to Rehire Notices:

Teresa Dockter--\$22.01/hr
Kristy Glaesman--\$15.14/hr
Link Golz--\$52.42/day
Jim Heupel--\$21.56/hr
Marlon Lippert--\$14.57/hr
Holly Meidinger--\$12.94/hr
Mike Schumacher--\$13.97/hr
Teresa Thiery--\$14.39/hr
Monica Wolf--\$15.43/hr

Discussion on quotes received for various summer projects: 1) Replacement of lockers (30 on elementary side and 90 on HS side)--Salisbury Industries \$16,237, Gerrells Sports \$17,480, SP&E Inc \$22,342.05; 2) Replace concrete by bus shop door--Wes Schlepp \$1,220, Ron Mettler \$3,150 ; 3) Replace door/concrete in utility shed--Meidinger Construction \$2,000, Ron Mettler \$2,160; 4) Paint outside metal panels/beams on west side of building--Meidinger Construction \$2,300, Ron Mettler \$7,700; 5) Add/Install new garage door in bus shed--Ron Mettler \$6,730. Motion by Litsey to accept the bid from Salisbury Industries for lockers (#1), Wes Schlepp for replacement of concrete (#2), Meidinger Construction for replacement of doors/concrete in utility shed (#3) and Meidinger Construction for painting of metal panels/beams (#4). Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously. Decided to hold off on adding a garage door in the bus shed.

Mr. Schmidt proposed a technology project to be done this summer--1) New wireless system with 14 access points--current system is 8 years old and we found through the distant learning process that the current system bogs down with a number of users; 2) 11 touch-screen Activeboards--current boards are 5-12 years old and require projectors which we can no longer get bulbs for. The new boards are self-contained and would not have projectors; 3) 10 teacher laptops for 7-12--they are on the rotation for replacement this year; 4) 25 laptops for the mobile cart; 5) 24 chromebooks for elementary students. He said the additional laptops and chromebooks would help us move in the direction of one to one computer access. All of the projects would help the district better prepare the students and teachers if distant learning is necessary in the future. Mr. Schmidt said the cost for the project is estimated at \$75,000. The district will receive \$36,718 in CARES Act money which would be used for the updates. We budget \$27,000 each year for technology so the

difference between all of those is an additional \$12,000. Discussion about the timeline--project would be completed this summer and budgeted for 20/21. Motion by Schneider to move forward with the technology project as proposed. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt said it appears rural bus routes will remain as they are for now. He does have a backup plan if the one family decides to attend school in the fall. Mrs. Engelhart will continue to pick up the Rohrich family in the mornings and then someone will drive the west students home at night as we did this year. Notices of Intent to Rehire will be sent to the two rural drivers.

The long-term planning meeting will be held on June 8th at 7pm with the regular meeting to follow.

Graduation will be held on July 17th. Should have more details by the June meeting.

The 20/21 calendar had to be revised--moved Parent-Teacher conferences from Feb 25th to March 2nd with teacher comp day on March 3rd--changes were due to regional girls basketball tournament. Motion by Schneider to approve the updated calendar. Second by Schumacher, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's report: DPI has approved summer school programs in the building. We will allow special ed, OT/PT services and driver's education in the school building--they are either one on one or a small group.

Principal's report: 1) Presented a list of state FBLA competition results; 2) Put awards on school Facebook page as well as newspaper; 3) DPI is working on a statewide slideshow featuring 2020 graduates to be televised May 30th; 4) City of Ashley organized a senior graduation parade for May 17th at 2:30pm.

Next meeting will be June 8, 2020 with long-term planning at 7pm and regular meeting to follow. Motion by Schneider to adjourn, second by Schumacher. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President