

SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

The Ashley school board held a public tax hearing on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 7:30pm in the ITV room. Present: Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, *Jessica Schmidt. Kyle Thiery & Teresa Dockter were absent.

Superintendent Schmidt reviewed projected enrollments/comparisons, revenue/expenditures for the last five years and mill levy history. He also outlined Covid money the district has and will receive and how that is expected to be spent. Tax impact for the proposed levy is an increase of \$26.96 for residential and \$28.76 for agricultural compared to a decrease last year of \$24.48 and \$26.12 respectively.

*Jessica Schmidt left the meeting at 7:47.

The regular meeting convened. Motion by Schlepp to approve with 4 additions. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the August 11th meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$63,839.21). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve financial reports as presented. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt explained budget revisions needed to accommodate change in Title funds and ESSER expenses—Total increase in federal funds is \$95,645, which brings total budget figure to \$2,687,807. Federal revenue budget will be equally changed in those areas so there will be no change to the projected ending balance for 21-22. Motion by Jenner to approve the budget revisions. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to adopt the Certificate of Resolution for the district's Section 125 Premium Only Plan. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the contract amendment for Cheyenne Ketterling due to a lane change (\$42,900). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Staff email agenda item was tabled until next meeting.

Motion by Litsey to approve the tuition waiver agreement for Elayna Meier. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt is looking more into NFHS camera system for events. This has been tabled in the past, the board now wants more information.

Chevy van was damaged by a deer-- Insurance called and totaled out the Chevy van. If we retain the salvage we would get \$3640, if we turned the salvage into insurance we would get a check for \$3775. Motion by Schlepp to take the \$3,640 insurance payment and donate the salvage to the Ashley fire district. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to allow the 4H Archery program to use the small gym and locker rooms on Sundays during the winter months. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Insurance review was done on the building & grounds—recommended coverage for the 4 buildings we have (bus barn, school, shed out back and crows nest) would cost an additional \$103.21. Motion by Litsey to obtain the coverage. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt discussed educational trends.

Busing--the two old buses will be on consignment auction October 28th. Mr. Schmidt has concerns about not being able to get bus drivers—may get to a point we have to tell parents we don't have bus transportation because we don't have drivers. There also maybe times this year we call parents to pick up their child/children because of no drivers.

Supt. Schmidt stated we are up to 7 positive Covid cases. Discussion on sanitizing classrooms more with foggers and do more sanitation in the school. Agreed should send a letter to parents recommending the students wear masks but it is still personal choice.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the calendar change for PLC early out at 1:30 for February 2nd, March 2nd, and April 6th. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Supt report: Discussed school board convention on Oct 28-29.

Principal's report: Started NWEA testing and newsletter will be going out at end of September.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2021 at 8:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Chris Doane, acting secretary
Transcribed by Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

