

AUGUST 10, 2022

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Kyle Thiery, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter. Amy Schlepp was absent.

Motion by Jenner to approve the agenda with one addition. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes of the July 18th meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$49,788.41). Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Litsey to adopt the Certificate of Resolution for the Section 125 Premium Only Plan for the 22/23 plan year. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported the building committee met to review projects—estimate available funds: \$150,000-\$170,000 in ESSER money, currently \$100,000 in general budget, \$140,000 current building fund (levy is 1.5 but could be raised to 10 mills, potentially \$100,000), so looking at \$350,000-\$500,000 over the next two years. The committee recommends hiring the engineer from EngTech for a cost of \$12,500 to do the master planning and prioritize needs. That would include initial visits, review of projects, estimates of projects to consider. If we move forward beyond that point, there would be additional costs for the actual project designs, bidding, contracts, etc. Motion by Jenner to hire the engineer for the master planning as recommended at a cost of \$12,500. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt provided updates on the summer projects—most of the work has been completed.

Public tax hearing will be held on September 14, 2022 at 7:30pm in the library.

Matt Schlepp said Peterson Farm Seeds and Maverick Ag would like to purchase a wrestling mat for the school. There would be a mustang head in the center and advertising for the two companies on the corners of the mat. Mr. Doane checked with NDHSAA and there is no rule against this type of equipment with advertising on it. Motion by Thiery to accept the donation of the wrestling mat from the companies as proposed. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Christina Kloster was hired as the special education paraprofessional at \$14.75 per hour.

Motion by Litsey to approve the annual compliance report. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Elementary/secondary principal roles were reviewed.

Superintendent's report: 1) PD days 8/11 and 8/15; 2) Projected enrollment is 135 which is down 11 students.

Principal's report: 1) Registration completed; 2) FB started, VB starting 8/15 & Elem GBB 8/22; 3) ElemBBB and JHBBB positions still open.

Next meeting is September 14, 2022—Public tax hearing at 7:30pm with meeting to follow. Motion to adjourn by Thiery, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President