

OCTOBER 10, 2022

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Tony Bender*, Trevor Huffaker* & George Smith*(EngTech). Kyle Thiery was absent.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the agenda. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Trevor Huffaker and George Smith from EngTech were present to outline possible renovations & repairs to the building—ballpark figure provided was 4.5 million but could be less depending on what projects the board decides to do. Discussion on various options, tax impacts, input from staff and patrons, possible bond referendum. EngTech engineers will meet with staff members to discuss possible options. They will also put together three options including tax impacts of those proposals to discuss at a public meeting on November 3rd at 8pm. The board hopes to gain a sense of direction from those meetings and proceed from there. *Trevor Huffaker and George Smith left the meeting at 9:06pm.

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$60,598.56). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schmidt stated the proposal for a 3-class system for basketball needs support from 60% of the schools prior to the NDHSAA board vote. Mr. Doane explained it would not change our area of travel much. Motion by Jenner to authorize the administrators to draft a letter of support for the proposal. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

*Tony Bender left the meeting at 9:20pm.

Supt. Schmidt said the current state meal reimbursement rates are \$7/\$10.50/\$17.50 for breakfast/lunch/dinner respectively. He would like to see the district increase to \$9/\$13/\$20 to cover more of the cost. Employees are required to provide meal receipts prior to reimbursement and the district pays either per receipt or set rate, whichever is lower. Motion by Schlepp to increase the meal reimbursement rates as proposed. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to hire Valuations Northwest to perform the district's appraisal and inventory to meet DPI requirements at an estimated cost of \$5763. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Lyle Fey is willing to provide a tractor for snow removal at the same rate as last year--\$25/hour with a \$750 minimum. Motion by Litsey to allow Fey to declare a conflict of interest, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Litsey to rent the tractor from Lyle Fey for snow removal as proposed. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's report: 1) Wellness policy needs to be reviewed—Amy Schlepp will be the board volunteer; 2) Mr. Schmidt and Lyle Fey will attend a meeting with legislators on 10/26; 3) NWEA & STARS testing is done in elementary. Two goals this year are Science of Reading and 7 Mindsets; 4) Football scoreboard is not working—will need to look into a new one for next year.

Principal's report: 1) Parent-Teacher conferences on November 3rd; 2) FB playoff game in Wishek on 10/15; 3) District VB in Ashley 10/28, 31 & 11/1; 4) HS test scores are at or above state level—goal is to work on vocabulary and spelling; 5) NFHS camera at FB field is still having issues.

Next meeting will be November 9, 2022 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President