

JANUARY 11, 2023

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Kyle Thiery, Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Tony Bender.

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

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting as written and the notes from the January 4th public meeting. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$48,246.09) and special assessment fund bill (\$997.56). Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

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

Discussion on the renovation project—may have to revamp the Powerpoint presentation for the next public meeting and focus more on the critical areas being addressed within the project. Many community members are looking at it as a facelift, rather than taking care of necessary needs. Should stress the safety improvements that are proposed. Encourage people to use the tax impact calculator to determine their own tax increase, rather than going by hearsay. Construction manager interview is on 1/16.

Mr. Schmidt reported he hired Joann Huettl for the para position (\$15/hr).

The board held the first reading on the following policies: Virtual Learning Because of Weather or Other Conditions; School Meal Charge Policy; Possessing Weapons; Procedure for Adopting Board Policy.

Motion by Schlepp to accept the resignations from Christina Kloster (para) effective 1/6/23 and Larry Schauer (busdriver) effective 5/12/23. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously. The para position has been filled. Mr. Schmidt will advertise for a rural route busdriver for the 23/24 school year.

Mr. Schmidt explained the plan to make up the four school days lost due to weather: school will be in session on January 16, March 17, April 10 and full school days on February 1, March 1 and April 5 instead of the early outs. Teacher comp day will be moved to February 17th and teachers will make up professional development on March 3rd.

Pursuant to NDCC 15.1-16.13, the Ashley Education Association hereby notifies the Ashley Public School Board of our desire to enter negotiations prior to the expiration of the existing negotiated agreement. Motion by Schlepp to approve the AEA notice. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Board negotiators will be Jordan Jenner and Ross Litsey.

Superintendent's report: 1) Bus roof has been fixed; 2) DRN managed service contract will increase \$20 per hour next school year; 3) Writing a Cybersecurity grant with help from DRN for \$103,000 for computers, switches, cameras, access points; 4) Legislative updates will be sent weekly.

Elementary Principal's report: 1) Mentor program going well; 2) Reader buddies—having guest readers throughout the year—Amy Schlepp will read on behalf of the board.

HS Principal's report: 1) Teachers are evaluating vocabulary data; 2) Finished finals after Christmas break due to storm days; 3) Athletic directors are waiting on scheduling until NDHSAA clarifies when the 3-class BB system starts; 4) Girls WR region dual is 2/3 in Carrington and region individual is 2/10 in Grand Forks; 5) Some schools starting to use Hudl TV instead of NFHS.

Next meeting will be February 8, 2023 at 7:00pm. Special meeting on February 20, 2023 at 7:30am to canvas election. Public meeting on February 1st and 7:30pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Thiery. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

JANUARY 18, 2023

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 18 2023 at 7:30am in the ITV room to discuss hiring a construction manager for the bond referendum project. Present: Lyle Fey, Kyle Thiery, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter.

Mr. Schmidt stated an interview was conducted with Consolidated Construction—committee consisted of Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp, Erich Schock, Jason Schmidt and EngTech engineers Trevor Huffaker and Ryan LaBere. Attendees from Consolidated Construction were Cassidy Hartman, Carl Parry Jr and Chris Sievert.

Consolidated Construction was the only applicant, however all agreed that they would be a good fit for the project. They have worked with EngTech many times before on school projects. There would not be any fees unless the referendum passes.

Motion by Litsey to hire Consolidated Construction for the construction manager at risk position. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Thiery to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:51am.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President