

MAY 11, 2022

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:56pm in the library. Present: Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Gwyn Schumacher\*, Don Paulsrud, Sabrina Hornung. Kyle Thiery was absent.

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

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$24,360.43). Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

Daniel Julson joined the meeting at 8:05pm via zoom to present the audit report for the 18/19 & 19/20 school years. He stated all the accounting records are in order and there were no significant findings. He did note internal controls which is very common in many schools as it's not realistic to have two business managers separating the work required. Motion by Schlepp to approve the audit report for the 18/19 & 19/20 school years as presented. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Mr. Julson left the meeting at 8:20pm.

Contracts/Rehire Notices/Extra-Curricular Agreements were reviewed—listed as follows:

Dan Girard--\$55,250

Eric Weisser—\$46,750

Chris Doane--\$75,736 (22/23) & \$79,523 (23/24)

Jason Schmidt--\$102,124 supt, \$5,900 elem principal (22/23) & \$107,230 supt, \$6,195 elem principal (23/24)

Corey Bader--\$4,360 (Head BBB)

Dean Christianson--\$3,488 (Asst Boys Golf)

Chris Doane--\$3,488 (Asst VB) Athletic Director--\$5,900 (22/23), \$6,195 (23/24)

Josh Hoffman--\$4,360 (Co-Head WR)

Tucker Meidinger--\$1,500 (Science Fair), \$537.50 (Sophomore/Junior class co-advisor), \$3,488 (Asst Baseball)

Melissa Meyer--\$1,825 (Yearbook)

Eugene Nolz--\$3,488 (Asst WR)

Kara Salzer--\$4,360 (Head VB)

Sara Sathre--\$350 (Cognia Chairperson)

Breigh Schlepp--\$350 (Cognia Chairperson)

Matt Schlepp--\$1,050 (PW WR)

Jessica Schmidt--\$537.50 (Sophomore/Junior Class Co-Advisor), \$350 (Cognia Chairperson)

Jason Schmidt--\$3,488 (Asst BBB)

Jeremy St. Aubin--\$4,360 (Head Girls Golf), \$4,360 (Head Boys Golf)

Sue Buerkley-Wasson--\$15.75/hr

Donna Doane--\$15.23/hr, \$13.99/hr (FFV)

Teresa Dockter--\$24.27/hr

Todd Dockter--\$2,053.96/month (9 months)  
Sandra Edwards--\$15.49/hr  
Link Golz--\$57.79/day  
Jim Heupel--\$23.77/hr  
Marlon Lippert--\$16.59/hr  
Fred Newhouse--\$22.05/trip  
Larry Schauer--\$2,053.96/month (9 months)  
Scott Schlepp--\$15.75/hr  
Mike Schumacher--\$15.93/hr

Supt. Schmidt discussed the open teaching positions—there are currently 31 music openings in the state and no teachers available. He suggested hiring Kelsi Haupt to do K-6 music (Trudy Wolff would help educate her on the program) and possibility of Pam Schnabel teaching 7-12 music for one period. She would have to clear it with her employer but anyone with 4000 hours experience in a specific professional area can qualify for a 1-year teaching permit and then are qualified to teach in that area for that year only. Same would hold true for the Ag position (no teachers available either) if anyone has experience in construction, agriculture/ranching, welding. Board members want to leave the positions open for one more month and make a decision in June.

Extra-curricular positions—Evan Mellmer was hired as head football coach. Interviews upcoming for asst WR, head baseball and elementary girls basketball. Co-op sports still open—elementary BBB, JHBBB, two asst FB. In-house still open—speech, drama, elementary FB. Rachel Rueb is interested in FBLA and Sara Sathre would be willing to be a co-advisor for a year—both would attend fall & state conferences. Mr. Schmidt said the advisor salary would be split but they would both want to go to nationals if there are qualifiers, however that would cost approximately \$3,000 more for the extra advisor. Motion by Jenner to allow both FBLA advisors to attend the national convention for this first year only if there are qualifiers. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt clarified current co-op guidelines state if the hiring committee agrees by majority, they have the authority to offer contracts to coaches.

President Fey called a recess from 8:48-8:51 pm.

The board reviewed information provided by Mr. Doane and had further discussion on weighted grades. The consensus was to have a committee establish criteria for a weighted grade and to make recommendations for adding to and/or updating the current list of weighted classes. Schlepp & Litsey will serve on the committee as well as the administrators.

\*Gwyn Schumacher left the meeting at 9:16pm.

Supt. Schmidt reviewed quotes for various projects and explained what he thought were priorities. Motion by Litsey to purchase the griddle for kitchen from Capital City (\$8,058.37), have HA Thompson clean & service the boiler (\$5,400), have DRN upgrade the camera system (\$10,802.22) and install two more access points for wireless internet (\$2,474.84). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. The district received an \$8,000 grant that will be put toward the camera system.

After further discussion and review of quotes, motion by Litsey to move forward with the following: 1) SP&E Inc—Remove & replace backstop winches (\$9,265); 2) Pepi's Painting—

teacher's lounge, PK room, outside painting (\$4,475); A&R Roofing—elementary roof repairs (\$1,797); Wesley Schlepp—raise concrete downspouts (\$100 each or \$300 if replacement needed), fix teacher lounge wall (\$1,200 or \$1,800 if sheetrock necessary); Haugom Window Blinds—14 blinds in various rooms (\$948.78). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Sue Buerkley-Wasson & Donna Doane will paint the elementary hallways at an hourly rate.

Mr. Schmidt stated an architect will be at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss options regarding some of the bigger projects being considered.

7-12 will have a regular 7 period day next year and intervention time will be eliminated, which will mean no early dismissal on Wednesdays. Proposing to do teacher PLC meetings on Wednesdays from 3:20-4:00 and then adjust contract time to accommodate by allowing teachers to leave at 3:20 instead of 3:30 on 3 other days of the week. Motion by Jenner to agree to the change as proposed. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's report—discussion on weight room use, supervision by 18-19 year olds, number of keys out in the community and liability related to those issues. Board members asked Mr. Schmidt to check into it for further discussion in June.

Principal's report: 1) Graduation 3/15; 2) Reviewed cell phone survey completed by parents—recommendation for next school year will be for students to keep phones in their lockers during class .

Next meeting will be June 20, 2022 at 7:00pm. Motion by Jenner to adjourn, second by Schlepp. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:21pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President

MAY 25, 2022

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 7:30am in the ITV room to discuss the Ag position. Present: Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Chris Doane, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter. Kyle Thiery & Ross Litsey were absent.

Mr. Schmidt stated the committee interviewed Abigail Ward for the Ag position and recommends offering a contract. She has a Masters and 7 years experience as a science teacher. She is willing to learn and could bring outside people in to help with welding, woodworking and ranching. She can get a two-year out of field endorsement from ESPB and he would set her up with an Ag mentor. Motion by Schlepp to offer Ms. Ward a contract for the Ag position and FFA. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:43am.

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