

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 7:02pm in the ITV room. Present: Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Tony Bender, Trevor Huffaker & Jodan Newsma (via zoom). Amy Schlepp and Kyle Thiery were absent.

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

Motion by Litsey to approve the minutes of the January 11th and January 18th meetings and notes from the February 1st public meeting as written. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$52,082.19). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

Bond referendum passed 225 to 118—still 3 absentee ballots outstanding but they won't change the result. Election results will be canvassed by the school board on February 20th at 7:30am. Trevor Huffaker and Jordan Newsma were present via zoom to discuss the next steps moving forward with the renovation/repair projects. The board will have a special meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:30am to discuss project planning. The building committee will meet with Trevor and Jordan on February 20th to get direction on what projects could be done this summer. Trevor Huffaker and Jordan Newsma left the meeting at 7:41pm. Mr. Schmidt will start on the application for the school construction loan.

The second reading was held 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 Jenner to approve the policies as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

The first reading was held on the following policies: Critical Race Theory; Curriculum Adoption; Review & Complaints of Instructional & Resource Material; Procedure for Reviewing Complaints About Instructional/Resource Material; Library Bill of Rights.

The AEA presented a petition for recognition as the negotiating unit. Motion by Litsey that pursuant to NDCC 15.1-16.10 and NDCC 15.1-16.11, the Ashley school board recognizes that the Ashley Education Association submitted the petition for recognition (including the 50%+1) by the required due dates. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner that pursuant to NDCC section 15.1-16-10, the Board of Ashley School District recognizes the Ashley Education Association as the appropriate negotiating unit for all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to hold the annual election on June 6, 2023 from 11am-7pm and to authorize Teresa Dockter to hire election officials. Second by Jenner, motion carried

unanimously. Kyle Thiery (city) and Amy Schlepp (rural at large) positions are up for election.

Motion by Jenner to hire Ann Bettenhausen to teach driver's education at a cost of \$1,350 for the 30 hour classroom instruction and \$200 per student for behind-the-wheel instruction. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the Consolidated Construction hiring contract. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/elementary principal report: 1) Reviewed fire marshall report; 2) Looking for a suburban; 3) Will have 23/24 calendar proposal for next meeting; 4) Bob Delzer donated the sound system for the football field; 5) HB1251 dealing with combining superintendents will be heard at the legislature on 2/9; 6) March reading month activities planned; 7) May have to consider out of country teachers at some point; 8) Cybersecurity grant in second phase, possible \$43,000, would get 6 new switches if approved. Also applied for BCBS health grant.

Principal's report: 1) Mathcounts team took 1st place and top 3 individuals were Ashley students; 2) Science fair—18 students qualified for regionals; 3) Acalympics on 3/13, County spelling bee on 2/14, Dist GBB 2/9-13, WR regionals 2/9 & 2/10; 4) 3-class BB system will be effective next school year; 5) Wishek will be re-seeding their baseball field this spring so all home games will be held in Ashley; 6) Boys wrestling team qualified for state dual tournament.

Special meeting 2/15/23 at 7:30am to discuss project planning. Special meeting 2/20/23 at 7:30am to canvas election and address AEA negotiation petition. Next regular meeting is March 8, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Jenner to adjourn, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President