

MARCH 8, 2023

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Ross Litsey, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger. Kyle Thiery was absent.

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

Motion by Litsey to approve the minutes of the February 8th, February 15th and February 20th meetings as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$13,635.16). Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported the building committee met with the architect and CMAR—expect projects to begin in June. Will start with classroom moves (library, PK, computer lab, counselor, study hall, weight/cardio, PE) in first phase. Second phase will be locker rooms, one set of bathrooms and elementary locker rooms. All of that should be complete by October. They will also get the tuckpointing done this summer as someone will be in the area for another project. Still expect to complete the entire project by August 2024. Construction loan application will be submitted 3/9/23.

Motion by Litsey to approve the contract for Ann Bettenhausen to teach driver's ed (\$1,350 for classroom and \$200 per student) and hire notice for Leah Ostby (paraprofessional) at \$15/hour. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the EngTech hiring agreement. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

President Fey stated the superintendent evaluation was completed and Mr. Schmidt received satisfactory marks in all areas. Motion by Schlepp to approve the evaluation. 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.

Motion by Schlepp to adopt the policies HCAA-Purchasing, HCAA-E-Purchasing exhibits, and DEBJ-Unauthorized Purchases as presented on first reading, and waive second reading to expediate the policy adoption process per board policy BDA. Second by Litsey. Roll call vote: Schlepp-yes, Fey-yes, Jenner-yes, Litsey-yes; motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to authorize issuance of teacher contracts upon completion of negotiations. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doane said Wishek is allowing 6th graders to participate in track and golf—they can only compete in JH events. Board members felt students have plenty of opportunities for elementary programs & agreed not to offer track & golf to Ashley 6th graders at this point.

Motion by Jenner to approve the 23/24 school calendar. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously. Start date is August 15, 2023 with an end date of May 10, 2024 and graduation on May 12th.

Co-op meeting will be March 20th at 7pm in Wishek. Discussion on agenda items.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Bus barn furnace went out & ordered new one—cost is \$3,100 installed; 2) FB scoreboard from Daktronics is approximately \$17,000. Have \$13,500 committed from sponsors, needs to be ordered soon because delivery is 17 weeks out. Motion by Litsey to order the scoreboard from Daktronics. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. 3) State has a grant available for air filtration systems—units are free & includes 3 years of filters. Lots of schools getting them--HA Thompson & architect both said it's a good deal. Will check on the cost of filters beyond the 3 years; 4) WR mats—cost is \$10,000-\$11,000. Maverick Ag, Peterson Seeds, sports club each donating \$3,000 and we can sell the old ones so most of cost will be covered; 5) Reading month activities in March; 6) Parent-teacher conferences generated a small turnout.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) State Mathcounts is 3/27—two students competing; 2) Track, golf, baseball starting soon; 3) Cognia—will be forming a safety committee; 4) Mid-term next week.

Next meeting will be April 12, 2023 at 8:00pm.

President Fey stated the board would move to executive session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-18.1 & 44-04-19.2 to discuss negotiations at 8:22pm.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:04pm. Schlepp, Fey, Jenner, Litsey, Schmidt & Dockter present. Tucker Meidinger & Chris Doane were no longer present. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

MARCH 24, 2023

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:02am to discuss negotiations. Present: Kyle Thiery, Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter.

Motion by Jenner to move to executive session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.2 to discuss negotiation strategy. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:02am.

The special meeting was reconvened at 8:00am with Thiery, Schlepp, Fey, Jenner, Litsey, Schmidt and Dockter still present.

Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:00am.

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