

APRIL 12, 2023

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Jason Schmidt, Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Kyle Thiery, Amy Schlepp, Sara Sather, Rachel Rueb, Tucker Meidinger.

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

Motion by Schlepp to approve minutes from March 8th, 24th, 27th, 29th and March 20th co-op meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$59,809.68). Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

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

Architect building update by Mr. Schmidt: they decided to hold off until May for bid option 2. We have one more week to advertise bid package 1 in the paper. Bid opening still on target for the 4/25.

Motion by Schlepp to authorize the destruction of specified records prior to 2015-16 as requested by the business manager. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Amy Schlepp and Corey Ulmer have filed for school board. Election is June 6th and canvassing/regular board meeting will be June 13th.

Reviewed quotes on suburbans from Wilhelm's in Jamestown: 2020 2nd row bucket seats 72,852 miles-\$40,900; 2020 2nd row bench seats 66,912 miles-\$46,500. Recommendation to purchase the 2020 with bench seats--budgeted: \$50,000. Motion by Schlepp to purchase the 2020 Suburban at Wilhelm's, based upon the approval of the test drive for \$46,500. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Cooks and paras don't come in on virtual or storm days. Have missed 8-9 days this year. They were paid for the first virtual day and the lockdown day. Mr. Schmidt would like to give them two weeks this summer to make up those days. Possibly the week after school to come in and help move stuff and a week at the end of the summer—it would be optional. Board members agreed to allow it.

Mr. Schmidt discussed what was given to him by the cooks and custodians regarding salary increases. Recommendation by Mr. Schmidt would be 6-7%. Motion by Litsey to offer ancillary staff a 7% increase. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Sara Sathre & Rachel Rueb presented state FBLA results and financials. Both advisors asked for an extended contract for the June 25-July 1 days. Item tabled until the May board meeting. Fey asked for a financial update at the May meeting.

The second reading was held for 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 as written. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to accept the resignations from Tyler Ernst (math), Chuck Brandner (asst FB), and Kara Salzer (head VB). Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Schlepp volunteered to be the additional board member on the committee for updating co-op guidelines.

Mr. Schmidt discussed the e-Learning guidelines document that outlines expectations for virtual days--state may ask for this. The expectations and a letter will be sent to parents. Motion by Litsey to approve with the correction to the bottom attendance section. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Request from Herreid superintendent to discuss a wrestling co-op. He's also met with other schools. Discussed a possible practice co-op. Board members agreed that needs to be a co-op board decision, not an individual board decision.

Dan Girard requested a pitching machine. Mr. Schmidt said the Park Board would pay a portion. Mr. Girard said the Sports Club will pay \$1500 towards the machine. School district would pay about \$2,000 and the Park Board about \$2,000. Motion by Schlepp to purchase the pitching machine. Second by Thiery, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported a music teacher was interviewed and the committee recommends offering a contract.

Motion by Schlepp to offer Rachel Baker the music position. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Further discussion on hiring teachers—board members agreed if it's a good candidate and unanimous with the committee, Mr. Schmidt is authorized to offer a contract on the spot.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) There will be an interview April 20th via Zoom with the Math applicant. Jenner and Schlepp will be on the committee; 2) Instructional Time--high school requires 1,050 hours per year. We have extra minutes built in and are at 1,085 hours after all the storm days; 3) No applicants for Larry Schauer's rural route; 4) Elementary reading month is over, threw water balloons at Principal Schmidt. The students were able to watch a movie; 5) Currently doing state testing and NWEA, makeup tests due to weather and kids gone; 6) Juniors took ACT test.

Mr. Doane's notes: 1) State Math Counts Ryder Newman took 30th and Jaden Lear took 68th out of 162 kids; 2) Awards Night is May 9th; 3) Baseball meeting last week-- the plan is to start games on May 1st. Possibly have games on Sunday evenings. There will be Saturday games -- some were scheduled prior to the storms; 4) Elementary volleyball -- the last jamboree is next Monday (4/17); 5) Missoula Children's Theater starts 4/17.

Meeting in recess at 10:00 pm. President Fey adjourned into executive session at 10:05pm under NDCC 14-04-19.2 to discuss negotiations.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 10:48pm with Thiery, Schlepp, Fey, Jenner, Litsey, Schmidt in attendance. Next meeting will be May 10, 2023 at 8:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:49pm.

Notes taken by Sara Sathre/revised by
Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President