

MAY 10, 2023

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Sara Sathre, Rachel Rueb*, Trevor Huffaker*, Tony Bender, Dean Christianson*. Kyle Thiery was absent.

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

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes of the April 12th and April 20th meetings as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

*Dean Christianson entered the meeting at 8:02pm.

Motion by Schlepp to approve payment of general fund bills (\$48,369.33). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schmidt reported the building committee met with Trevor Huffaker last week to discuss revised timelines, colors, classroom shuffles during construction. Huffaker stated they were delayed with drawings and missed the first window so bidding did not happen on 4/25 as planned. They intend to put everything in one bid package now rather than two and release that to bidders 5/22. On-site pre-bid meeting tentatively set for June 1 and then open bids on 6/15. Will present bids to board at 6/19 meeting and then a special meeting 6/29 to approve the GMP. Expect construction to start early August and proceed throughout the next year in 3 phases. President Fey and Supt. Schmidt both expressed their disappointment that the project has been delayed. Schmidt, Litsey, Meidinger, Dockter & Huffaker will tour some schools on 5/15 and then details will be finalized for the bid package.

Negotiations were completed on April 13th—6% base salary increase 23/24 (\$2,600) and 5% base salary increase 24/25 (\$2,250). Motion by Jenner to approve the master contract for 23/24 & 24/25. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to accept the resignation from Melissa Meyer (kindergarten teacher). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a list of returned contracts and hire notices as follows:

Joseph Alcala--\$44,550

Rachel Baker== \$44,550

Kristi Bender--\$58,300

Wendy Bichler--\$47,750

Dan Girard--\$58,300

Kelsi Lippert--\$44,950

Denise Martz--\$56,150

Tucker Meidinger--\$46,150

Kristie Morrison--\$57,400

Don Paulsrud--\$58,150
Mary Paulsrud--\$58,550
Rachel Rueb--\$44,950
Sara Sathre--\$52,150
Breigh Schlepp--\$46,150
Jessica Schmidt--\$54,950
Teresa Thiery--\$44,950
Abby Ward--\$50,650, Abbey Ward—extended contract \$7,835.52
Eric Weisser--\$49,850
Chris Doane--\$6,195 (AD)
Dan Girard--\$350 (Cognia)
Kelsi Lippert--\$325 (student council)
Tucker Meidinger--\$1,500 (Science Fair), \$537.50 (Sophomore/Junior class co-advisor)
Rachel Rueb--\$1,350 (FBLA)
Sara Sathre--\$350 (Cognia)
Breigh Schlepp--\$350 (Cognia)
Matt Schlepp--\$1,050 (PW WR)
Jessica Schmidt--\$537.50 (Sophomore/Junior Class Co-Advisor), \$350 (Cognia)
Brent Vetter--\$900 (Elem FB)
Abby Ward--\$1,350 (FFA), \$350 (Cognia)
Sue Buerkley-Wasson--\$16.85/hr
Donna Doane--\$16.59/hr \$14.97 FFV
Teresa Dockter--\$25.97/hr
Todd Dockter--\$2,197.74/month (9 months)
Sandra Edwards--\$16.59/hr
Link Golz--\$61.84/day
Jim Heupel--\$25.43/hr
Joann Huettl--\$16.05/hr
Marlon Lippert--\$17.75/hr
Fred Newhouse--\$23.59/trip
Leah Ostby--\$16.05/hr
Scott Schlepp--\$16.85/hr
Mike Schumacher--\$17.05/hr

Revised co-op guidelines were reviewed. Mr. Schmidt/Mr. Kuntz will set up a co-op meeting to discuss and finalize the guidelines for next year.

Discussion on sixth graders participating in JH sports. Supt. Schmidt clarified they cannot participate in wrestling or football because those are contact sports but can participate in others, however can only compete against other 6th graders. Currently the co-op guidelines say they can participate in practice if requested by the coach and approved by the AD. Board members decided at a previous meeting not to allow sixth graders to participate, however Wishek does have a sixth grade golfer. Dean Christianson spoke in support of allowing sixth graders to participate. The board's greatest concern is students missing school—all agreed they'll come up with a guideline to limit absence from school and allow it for next year. *Dean Christianson left the meeting at 8:49pm.

Rachel Rueb and Sara Sathre requested extended contracts for the national FBLA convention at the end of June. Total cost for both advisors for 7 extra days is \$4,241.99. Motion by Litsey to grant the request. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Sathre presented updated financial information following their fundraiser and stated the Lions will be donating as well. *Rachel Rueb left the meeting at 8:57pm.

Mr. Schmidt said he'd like to offer the music teacher an extended contract for 3-4 days to do a thorough inventory in the music rooms as that hasn't been done in quite a few years. Cost would be \$296.36 per day. Motion by Schlepp to offer an extended contract for up to 4 days. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

CPI training is required this year. Team is Mr. Doane, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Martz and Ms. Morrison. Training is 4-6 hours and cost for the two teachers will be less than \$800.

Supt. Schmidt explained the H-1B visa sponsoring process for the math teacher coming from the Philippines. Most of the paperwork is completed and cost to the district is \$5,960 for application and legal fees associated with the visa. That will be good for 3 years and after the first year, the teacher can apply for 3 more years. He could apply for citizenship after 5 years.

DRN provided a quote for 32 chromebooks for elementary and 16 desktops for the new computer lab for \$25,466.08. Motion by Jenner to approve the quote. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) MCT had 50 kids participate; 2) Grades 4-6 will be on a field trip to Gateway to Science on 5/11; 3) Mower needs repairs and if it can't be fixed, will need a new one; 4) Will be purchasing school access (\$2400) for Teachers Pay Teachers for next school year. The program provides curriculum and supplements for teachers—each one will receive credits for purchases and there are some free materials as well. Some teachers have been purchasing their own. There was a lot of interest in school-wide access so will try it for a year; 5) Paras & cook will clean and paint the music room beginning 5/22; 6) Received a couple of applications for first grade position; 7) Positions open—Head VB, Asst GBB, Elem GBB, Head baseball, yearbook.

Next meeting will be June 19, 2023 at 8:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Jenner, second by Schlepp. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President