

JUNE 19, 2023

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger. Kyle Thiery was absent.

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

Motion by Litsey to approve the minutes from the May 10th meeting and June 5th co-op meeting as written. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve payment of general fund bills (\$21,791.32). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

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

Building project update from Jordan Nieuwsma: Public Bid opening 6/29—that will consist of opening bids & reading them out loud. Following that he will get construction costs together—that consists of 4-5 days to qualify the bids, which means he calls the contractors to make sure they have everything included. Then will prepare the final estimate for the GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price). He will present that at the July 12th annual meeting—that number needs to be approved by the board. Subcontracts go out after the 7/12 meeting. They expect to start the last week of July with demo/framing (couple days each) in the classrooms (library, PK, computer lab, counselor, ITV—all pretty minimal, so that the spaces can be used. Walls will be up, floors may not be done but will be usable. Will probably start with ITV rooms so Strasser can come & move ITV equipment where needed. Will do the concrete floor cutting for the shower rooms either before school starts or will be working on that after school hours because it will be noisy.

Documents were received for the 2% construction loan—payments will be twice a year beginning July 1, 2024. Closing date on the loan is July 6th so funds can be drawn after that. Motion by Jenner to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Establishing the Terms of \$4,850,000 General Obligation School Building Bond, Series 2023. Second by Litsey—roll call vote: Schlepp-yes, Fey-yes, Jenner-yes, Litsey-yes, Thiery-absent. Motion carried.

Election results were reviewed: 35 votes cast—Amy Schlepp (at large) and Corey Ulmer (city) each received 34 and there was 1 write-in for each area. Motion by Litsey to approve election results. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Dockter requested a permanent increase in the credit card limit to a \$6,000 monthly line of credit. She explained it's difficult navigating summer orders because several require credit card purchase, rather than purchase orders. There's about \$5,000 in orders that are pending due to the current \$1,500 limit. Anticipating running into the same problem each summer. Motion by Schlepp to grant the request. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the north/east rural bus route—nobody has indicated interest so suggestion is to advertise for a person to drive a mini-bus on the route. Regular driver's license, no certified busdriver needed for that, pay would be same as west route--\$23.59 per trip. All agreed to advertise for a mini-bus driver for the route. If a mini-bus is needed on the west route this year, that will cause problems with extra-curricular transportation. Board may want to consider selling a large bus and purchasing another mini-bus.

Motion by Schlepp to accept the resignation from Abigail Ward from her Ag teacher/FFA positions. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Denise Martz had an extended contract for the 22/23 school year for a maximum of 7 days outside the contracted days. She has requested the same for the 23/24 school year. Item tabled until July meeting.

Teacher update: Working with Brenda Dohn for first grade—she has a 4- year degree so would be able to get certified through the same program Breigh Schlepp did. Nick Bettenhausen applied for the Ag position—he has a 2-year degree in diesel mechanics and enough experience hours farming and working for Titan Machinery to qualify for a provisional license. Both would be working on programs to become licensed teachers. Mr. Doane will set up interviews—Jenner, Litsey and Tucker Meidinger will be on the committee as well. Motion by Schlepp that if the committee agrees, they are authorized to offer contracts to the individuals. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Coaching update: Tucker Meidinger-head baseball, Chris Doane-head VB, Josie Henningsen-asst VB, Jason Schmidt-Elem BBB. Still open: C-squad VB, Asst Baseball. Mr. Doane said NDHSAA is considering a proposed 3-class system for volleyball for 24/25.

Extra-curricular contracts were reviewed as listed:

Rachel Baker--\$1200 (Music)

Corey Bader--\$4,710 (Head BBB)

Krisit Bender--\$1,700 (yearbook)

Dean Christianson--\$3,768 (Asst Boys Golf)

Chris Doane--\$4,710 (Head VB)

Ali Harriman--\$3,768 (asst girls golf)

Josie Henningsen--\$3,768 (Asst VB)

Josh Hoffman--\$4,710 (Head WR)

Tucker Meidinger--\$4,710 (Head Baseball)

Eugene Nolz--\$3,768 (Asst WR)

Jason Schmidt--\$3,768 (Asst BBB), \$1,413 (Elem BBB)

Jeremy St. Aubin--\$4,710 (Head Girls Golf), \$4,710 (Head Boys Golf)

Motion by Schlepp to approve the Back-to-School plan. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed information on available insurance coverage endorsements from MCB Insurance. Will discuss more at the July meeting.

Mr. Doane reported that the math teacher has been approved to come to the U.S. and now we are waiting on the exit interview and approval from the Philippines. Still looks on track for him to be here in August.

Next meeting is July 12, 2023 at 8:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President