

JULY 12, 2023

The Ashley school board held their annual meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 8:01pm in the ITV room. Present: Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Corey Ulmer, Lyle Fey, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Tony Bender.

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

Motion by Litsey to accept the Oath of Office for Corey Ulmer and Amy Schlepp. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to nominate Lyle Fey for President. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the June 19th meeting as written. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve payment of general fund bills (\$52,774.84) and EngTech bill from bond loan (\$77,825). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to designate McIntosh County Bank as the depository for all school funds. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the pledge of securities provided by McIntosh County Bank. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to designate the Ashley Tribune as the official newspaper for the district. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to set the regular meeting schedule for the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm (8pm during daylight savings time), subject to change due to conflicts. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the projected revenue for 23/24—estimated at \$2,863,788.

Discussion on proposed budget/certificate of levy—a few things have come up since putting those together so would like to make final revisions and have it ready for the August meeting. Will still be able to meet the deadline for submission to county auditor. Both tabled to August meeting.

Motion by Litsey to approve the .10 increase in meal prices for breakfast & lunch programs. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the 22/23 district financial report to be submitted to DPI. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV and REAP funds. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for the following: Title IX, ADA, Section 504, SE High Tech, Great Western Network, SCPSEU, CREA, AHERA & DOT Drug Alcohol Safety. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve Mrs. Martz as the authorized homeless liaison. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve Mr. Doane as the authorized foster care liaison. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

The Ashley school district moves to approve the consolidated application for Title I, Title II, Title III and REAP funds. Mr. Schmidt is the authorized representative and has the board's permission to submit the application. Motion by Ulmer, second by Litsey and motion carried unanimously.

Bid opening date for building project is July 18th at 2:30.

Mr. Schmidt said the math teacher should be here from the Philippines around August 2nd. Mr. Alcala is asking if the district could loan him \$2,000-\$2,400 for his plane ticket and first month's rent after he arrives here. He would have repayment deducted from his paychecks during the 23/24 school year, beginning September 1st. Motion by Litsey to grant the loan request with repayment beginning September 1. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve contracts for Rachel Baker-extended (\$246.14 per day/max 3 days), Nick Bettenhausen-Ag (\$44,550), Chris Opsahl-rural route busdriver (\$2,197.74 per month for 9 months). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on extended contracts—when teachers attend conferences, district pays for meals, motels, registration and provides a school vehicle. Mrs. Martz and Ag teacher have included summer CTE conference days in extended contract day counts in the past, however that doesn't seem fair to other teachers attending conferences. Mr. Schmidt stated Mrs. Martz has several required state reports to complete after the school year. Motion by Jenner to offer Denise Martz an extended contract for up to 7 days (excluding the CTE conference), requiring documentation of days to be provided to the superintendent by 5/30/24. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously. Regarding the Ag position, Mr. Schmidt would like to have Mr. Bettenhausen document number of days used throughout the summer and then pay that out September 1. Motion by Schlepp to offer an extended contract to Nick Bettenhausen for up to 28 days (excluding CTE conference days), requiring documentation of days to be provided to the superintendent by the first day of school 2024 to be paid out September 1. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Public tax hearing will be September 13th at 7:30pm.

Superintendent's report: Teacher update—Joseph Alcala will need to obtain a social security number before he can apply for his teaching license; Brenda Dohn will need to take the American Board test before she can apply for her teaching license so will start out in first grade as a long-term substitute; Nick Bettenhausen has over 4,000 hours in the Ag field so he will be able to obtain a permit and then will have 3 years to complete classes for licensing.

Next meeting will be August 9, 2023 at 8:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

