The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, *Daniel Julson (via zoom). Corey Ulmer was absent.

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

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes of the October 11th meeting as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve payment of general fund bills (\$56,454.19) and Bond Fund bill (\$7,855.64). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

Daniel Julson joined the meeting via zoom to review the audit report for the fiscal year ending 6/30/23. Motion by Schlepp to approve the report as presented. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. *Daniel Julson left the meeting at 7:20pm.

Building update: Bid opening is on 11/30/23—will send a link to view that. Architect and Construction Manager will be at the December meeting to review the bids for approval. Architect and a representative from Badlands Environmental were here last week to review asbestos abatement. There will be a pre-bid meeting possibly next week.

President Fey stated the superintendent evaluation was complete and Mr. Schmidt received satisfactory marks in all areas. Motion by Jenner to approve the superintendent evaluation report. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

The second reading of the School Meal Charge Policy was held. Motion by Litsey to approve the policy as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

The first reading of the following policies was held: Visitors in The Schools; Visitors in the Schools Regulations. Motion by Litsey to approve the updated policies for the following: Possessing Weapons; Suspension and Expulsion. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Doane will survey the staff to see if they'd rather have a Christmas party or a couple of meals provided by the school board.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Will have virtual learning information at next meeting; 2) Will be completing teacher evaluations; 3) FB players read to elementary students; 4) Two Gackle teachers attended this week's PLC to review a couple of programs to improve reading scores; 5) Pep fest 11/9 for state football.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Winter sports are getting started; 2) Parent-Teacher conferences on 11/16.

Next meeting is December 13, 2023—will start at 6:00pm due to bid reviews/approval. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.