

JANUARY 10, 2024

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Lyle Fey, Corey Ulmer, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger. Amy Schlepp was absent.

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

Motion by Ulmer to approve the minutes of the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$39,113.54) and building bond fund bill (\$8,000). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

Building project: Rafter Electric submitted cost savings (approximately \$50,000) to Consolidated Construction for review. Work contracts have been issued. Still looking at a mid-March start with the asbestos abatement in the cardio, weight and elementary computer lab rooms.

Motion by Ulmer to approve the following policies: Concussion Management; Concussion Management Program; Student Education Records and Privacy. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

The first reading was held on the following policies: School Board Ethics; Board Member Internet and Social Media Use; Executive Session; Data Protection & Security Breaches.

Mr. Schmidt reported that state assessment tests require 95% participation and this year the elementary math and ELA came up short at 94.4% due to three students that were on the roster but didn't test because they moved.

Ulmer and Litsey will be on the administrative negotiations team. Will plan for executive session at the end of the February meeting.

HA Thompson found a motor for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade unit and repaired the coil so it's working now.

Surveyed staff regarding school calendar drafts for next year—will update and present final version for approval in February.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) MDU bill is about \$6500 less so far this year; 2) Elementary will start the Amira program for grades K-4 to help improve reading comprehension scores. The program is free through the state for the next two years.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Engagement survey starts 1/15 for grades 3-12; 2) NAEP testing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade in February; 3) County spelling bee in Ashley on 2/13; 4) Girls wrestling tournament went well; 5) Still need asst baseball coach.

Next meeting will be February 13, 2024 at 7:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Jenner, second by Ulmer. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President

