

APRIL 10, 2024

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 8:00pm in the ITV room. Present: Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Corey Ulmer, Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Erich Kroh.

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

Motion by Ulmer to approve the minutes of the March 20th meeting and March 25th co-op meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$43,613.36) and Bond fund bills (\$96,125.19). Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

Building project: Mr. Schmidt recommended accepting the furniture quote from Accent for \$73,898. He has researched all the quotes, which are similar and checked references with other schools who use the company exclusively because the quality is better and the representative stands behind the products. He also pointed out the quote is well below what was originally budgeted so that should help with cost savings on the total project. Motion by Jenner to approve the quote from Accent for \$73,898. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve record destruction as requested by the business manager. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Corey Bader submitted his resignation as head boys basketball coach. Motion by Jenner to approve the resignation. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve contracts as listed. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Rachel Rueb-extended contract national FBLA—7 days @ \$248.34/day

Tucker Meidinger-extended contract for national science—8 days @ \$254.97/day

Jordan Montgomery--\$46,800

Dean Christianson--\$3,960 (Asst Boys Golf)

Chris Doane--\$4,950 (Head VB)

Ali Harriman--\$3,960 (Asst Girls Golf)

Josie Lippert--\$3,960 (Asst VB)

Tucker Meidinger--\$4,950 (Head Baseball)

Eugene Nolz--\$3,960 (Asst WR)

Jeremy St. Aubin--\$4,950 (Head Boys Golf), \$4,950 (Head Girls Golf)

Co-op board approved moving to HUDL for streaming due to the continuous problems with the NFHS system. The NFHS contract was originally for 5 years and there are 2 years left so both systems will be in place at the Ashley school until that contract expires.

The second reading was held on the following policies: Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment; Criteria for Considering Third Party Student Surveys and Research; Student Transfer & Withdrawal Records. Motion by Jenner to approve the policies as written. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Long term planning meeting will be May 8th at 7:30 with regular meeting to follow.

Erich Kroh applied for the northeast rural route & would use a minibus. Motion by Schlepp to hire Mr. Kroh. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Change to sub busdriving procedures beginning next school year: Mr. Schmidt will arrange sub drivers when needed and the school will deduct the trip from the regular driver and pay the sub. West route will likely need a minibus next year most of the time. If both minibuses are used on routes, we'll need another one for sports transportation. Mr. Schmidt will check with his contact about getting a used minibus & selling either bus 9 or 3.

Ancillary staff increases--discussion on wage realignment for some positions to make them more comparable to area wages and experience. Ulmer explained the hospital evaluates wages yearly and adjusts where needed to remain competitive within the area. Following discussion, motion by Jenner to offer a wage realignment increase for the business manager to \$30 per hour. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously. After further discussion, motion by Jenner to offer a wage realignment increase of \$1.50 per hour for the head custodian, assistant custodian, head cook and assistant cook and a 5% increase for the remaining ancillary staff. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Will receive \$12,000 from Ashley Endowment fund, \$3,479 for SRSG grant next year. CHS donated \$500 and Rural Water donated \$500, those two will be used for library furniture; 2) Speech teacher requested a schedule change—still discussing options; 3) Parents & volunteers came to March reader buddies and read to the students; 4) Distributed copies of parent survey results to board members; 5) Denise Martz received Educator of the Year award from chamber.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Awards night 4/29, finals 5/9 & 5/10; 2) State testing done, NWEA testing next; 3) Two qualified for national FBLA and one qualified for international science fair.

Motion to adjourn by Schlepp, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

