

MAY 8, 2024

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:30pm in the ITV room. Present: Lyle Fey, Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp, Corey Ulmer (via phone/then in person @ 8:20pm), Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter. Jordan Jenner was absent.

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

Motion by Litsey to approve the minutes of the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve payment of general fund bills (\$26,863.46) and building bond fund bill (\$337,164.85). Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

Building project: Locker rooms are partially sheet rocked; Asbestos abatement team coming back 5/13 to start in special ed area; Demo coming in 5/15; will be some additional costs for fire alarm system—per fire marshal the barrel roof on gym requires more than what's in the plans.

Mr. Schmidt provided a quote from Q's Welding for a crow's nest with bathrooms--\$73,388.44. Includes labor, concrete, materials except for plumbing/septic, so probably total of \$80,000. Would be used for football and baseball. Parkboard would pay half the cost, sports club would contribute. Possibility of a grant for half the total cost. Motion by Ulmer to move forward and revisit the project contingent upon being approved for the grant. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the following contracts and hire notices:

Mary Hilgemann--\$47,200	Link Golz--\$64.93/day
Josh Hoffman--\$4,950 (Head WR)	Jim Heupel--\$26.70/hr
Ali Harriman--\$1,225 (FBLA)	Erich Kroh--\$40/trip
Jordan Montgomery--\$800 (10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> advisor)	Geraldine Kroh--\$17.50/hr
Sue Buerkley-Wasson--\$18.35/hr	Marlon Lippert--\$19.25/hr
Donna Doane--\$17.42/hr	Fred Newhouse--\$40/trip
Teresa Dockter--\$30/hr	Leah Ostby--\$16.85/hr
Todd Dockter--\$1,947.97/mo (9 months)	Mike Schumacher--\$18.55/hr
	Sandra Ulrich--\$17.42/hr

Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Bus contact said he's had no interest in either the 2010 or 2020 bus. He hasn't been able to get a minibus. Hoping for more information next meeting, issue was tabled.

The school's current messaging system, SwiftK12, will be discontinued in June. Current web page through DRN can be difficult to use. Most schools are using Apptegy, which combines the messaging system and website in one program. Updates can be pushed out to various platforms (Facebook, website, email, live feeds) with one entry, rather than doing them

separately. One-time set up fee is \$4,900 and then \$5,400 per year. Powerschool is also working on a messaging system but no cost information at this time. Current costs are \$1,200 for messaging & \$400 for website. Will table and revisit next month when Powerschool cost is available.

Received applications for head BBB, asst WR, asst GBB—will be doing interviews soon (Schlepp & Jenner on committee). No applications for JHVB or elementary FB.

Speech for 24/25: Teacher will come one day per week and district will pay 26% of her package. Speech para will come one day per week—wage will be \$22 per hour plus mileage from Gackle. Teacher will be supervising the para both onsite/offsite.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Elementary trip on 5/10; 2) Office moving to Ag dept on 5/13.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Graduation 5/12; 2) Baseball region tournament starts 5/20; 3) Two students qualified for state track.

Next meeting is June 12, 2024 at 8:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Schlepp, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President