

JUNE 12, 2024

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 8:00pm in the Ag shop. Present: Corey Ulmer, Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, \*Jeremy Winter (Consolidated Construction).

Motion by Schlepp to approve the agenda with two additions. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes of the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$36,862.89), Bond \$ bills (\$437,612.42) and Bank of ND loan payment (\$152,245.77). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

Jeremy Winter discussed the building project—demo should be completed by end of the week, painting in the next couple of weeks, starting on roof by 6/24. Original plan was to paint the bricks in the high school hallways. Board members agreed the bricks are in good shape and they want to leave them as they are. Discussion on the old lockers—wall behind most of them is bare unfinished cinder block. Lockers may not hold up well if painted—architect suggested removing them and putting laminate sheetrock in those spaces, the same color as the new lockers. Motion by Jenner to remove the old lockers and install laminate sheetrock over the existing cinder block, including the space between the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> lockers where there is currently plywood. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously. \*Jeremy Winter left the meeting at 8:29pm.

The Ashley school district moved to approve the consolidated application for Title I, Title II, Title III and REAP funds. Mr. Schmidt (authorized representative) has the board's permission to submit this application. Motion made by Ulmer, seconded by Jenner and motion carried unanimously.

The old bell/intercom system could not be salvaged during demolition. It was a very old and outdated system & wouldn't have worked once reconnected. Quote from DRN is approximately \$50,000—may be able to come down some. Mr. Schmidt will contact the company for the old system to see what their cost would be. Will meet again after he gets more numbers.

Ulmer said the hospital does a community emergency preparedness plan each year—this year their scenario is a 3-day blizzard that takes out the power and their generator. Currently the community gathering place is the hospital but they feel it should be the school instead. He thought there may be an opportunity to get federal dollars for a generator for the school if it was designated as a community gathering place for emergencies. All board members agreed it's a good idea and are willing to have the school be the designated place.

Reviewed the hire notice for Linda Gutschmidt as a speech para at \$22/hour for one day a week, plus mileage.

Discussion on minibus information Mr. Schmidt was able to gather. Board members agreed the best options at this point would be the 2012 diesel (100,000 miles) for \$11,000 & trade the 2010 for \$8,000 (Bismarck) or the 2023 (13,500 miles) for \$86,000 & trade the 2020 for \$55,000 (Miller,SD). Will see if Jim Heupel can go look at those.

Mr. Schmidt stated Powerschool messaging system in \$1,250 plus \$450 setup first year and then \$1,250 annually. Would still need to pay DRN \$400 per year for website. Apptegy year one is \$5,800 plus \$4,400 setup and then \$5,800 annually, however includes the website. Motion by Schlepp to go with the Powerschool messaging system. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

The safety committee put together an Emergency Plan with procedures for various emergency situations. Distributed copies for the board to review.

Mr. Doane reviewed the proposed changes to the school handbook. Motion by Jenner to approve the changes as presented. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Doane explained the Computer Science and Cybersecurity Integration Plan document and upcoming requirements. Motion by Litsey to approve the plan as presented. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve extended contracts for the 24/25 school year for Denise Martz (up to 7 days) and Nick Bettenhausen (up to 28 days). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

ND A+ will be the new state testing system that will replace NWEA and STARS testing. Administrators think it will be a beneficial change.

Proposed an increase in the substitute teacher rate from \$130 to \$140 to stay competitive with area schools. Motion by Jenner to approve the \$140 per day sub rate. Second by Litsey, motion carried.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Chip sealing was done in front of school—no cost; 2) Extended thanks for allowing the Washington DC trip; 3) Insurance claim on the damage from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade room unit is still pending.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Two applications for Asst BBB and one for Elem FB—will do interviews soon; 2) Plans to approach Lions and Tri-county Fair boards for donations to purchase vape detectors, also numbers for the outside doors and magnetic shades for inside door windows (both of those for the emergency plan discussed earlier).

Election canvas meeting on June 24, 2024 at 7:00am. Annual meeting will be July 10, 2024 at 8:00pm.

Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President

