

JULY 10, 2024

The Ashley school board held their annual meeting on Wednesday, July 10, 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.

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

Motion by Schlepp to accept the Oath of Office for Jordan Jenner. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to nominate Lyle Fey for board president and cast a unanimous ballot. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the June 12th and June 24th minutes as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund (\$62,801.41), building fund (\$14,189.00), and bond fund bills (\$751,132.45). Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to designate McIntosh County Bank as the depository for all school funds. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ulmer to approve the pledge of securities provided by McIntosh County Bank. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to designate Ashley Tribune as the official newspaper for the district. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to schedule regular board meetings for the second Wednesday of each month, subject to change if a conflict arises. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Reviewed end of year financial reports. Motion by Jenner to approve the reports as presented. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt explained the revenue projections and budget proposal. ESSER funds are depleted and there will be bond project overage costs so end balance is projected to be quite a bit less next year. Motion by Ulmer to approve the 24/25 budget for \$3,065,731, which includes \$100,000 for contingency. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the Certificate of Levy—(\$665,000-general fund, \$25,000-building fund, \$334,500-sinking & interest fund). Mills are projected to increase about one mill based on the county auditor's estimated taxable valuation. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the 10-cent per meal increase for breakfast and lunch programs for 24/25. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the 23/24 school district financial report to be filed with DPI. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV and REAP funds. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for the following: Title IX, ADA, Section 504, SE High Tech, Great Western Network, SCPSEU, CRACTC, AHERA, and DOT Drug & Alcohol Safety. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve Mrs. Martz as the authorized homeless liaison. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve Mr. Doane as the authorized foster care liaison. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Building project—board members did a walk through of the building prior to the meeting. 1) Since we're not painting the bricks, elementary halls can be painted, should be a wash with cost; 2) Will paint the cafeteria as planned; 3) Sheetrock where old lockers were removed will be painted blue like the lockers; 4) Two new heating units for new bathrooms, as old ones are not in great shape (about \$4,000); 5) Getting quotes on additional concrete in front of building by doorway as there was quite a savings on the other parts of the concrete projects; 6) Mr. Doane's office will be about a foot bigger to accommodate a roof drain pipe in that area. Still a lot to be done before school starts on 8/15.

Discussion on elementary football—it's strictly an Ashley program so even though there's only a few Ashley participants and more Wishek kids, all practices are in Ashley and Ashley school takes care of the costs for the program. Still working on getting a coach for this fall.

Motion by Schlepp to approve extended contracts for Denise Martz (\$324.86/day, max 7 days) and Nick Bettenhausen (\$260.77/day, max 28 days). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

The public tax hearing will be held on 9/11/24 at 7:30pm.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Zeeland has submitted the paperwork to NDHSAA to co-op with us in football for the 25/26 school year—still pending; 2) Kidder County school is holding an AI training on 8/7 that Mr. Schmidt would like to make available to the teachers. Fee is \$50 per teacher and would like to pay \$100 stipend per teacher. Motion by Ulmer to allow interested teachers to attend and pay the costs as proposed. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously; 3) Grades 3&4 will try a group-based reading program this year; 4) Discussion on music teacher—agreed to leave the position open; 5) One of the gym blower motors may need repairs; 6) Lawn tractor has 1000 hours on it and transmission needs to be replaced—rough estimate on a new one is about \$3600. They are currently using the 2007 mower but it may not last long. Current snowblower won't be compatible with a new machine but may work on the 2007. All agreed since it's a time sensitive issue, Mr. Schmidt has enough knowledge about mowing due to his business and he would be able to make a decision on what's best. Motion by Ulmer to authorize Mr. Schmidt to gather bids, pick the best option and purchase. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be August 14, 2024 at 8:00pm. Motion to adjourn by Jenner, second by Schlepp. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:35pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

