

JULY 30, 2024

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2024 at 7:00am in the Ag shop to discuss the school start date. Present: Lyle Fey, Amy Schlepp, Jordan Jenner, Corey Ulmer (via phone), Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Tucker Meidinger, Kristi Bender. Ross Litsey was absent.

Mr. Schmidt explained the exterior glass for the front entrance is scheduled to arrive August 13<sup>th</sup> and flooring is supposed to arrive the week of August 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. He proposed moving the start date to August 26<sup>th</sup>, rather than August 15<sup>th</sup>. That would give the work crews 7 more days without students in the building. Jordan (construction manager) and Jeremy (job superintendent) feel that would help a lot. They will focus on the offices, hallways, classrooms first. The flooring crew also does the tiling in bathrooms & shower rooms but those areas could be done last, as well as the fitness center. May not be able to use office or north hallway bathrooms for a bit. If we pushed the start date to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, graduation would have to be moved a week and will run into memorial weekend.

Proposal for 8/26 start date to make up time: have school on 11/22 (No PD), 4/17, 5/16; start 5 minutes early or stay 5 minutes later for the whole school year; use 2 emergency days with no makeup. We would still meet the required hours of instruction. Teachers still need to meet their contract days so would need to come in the week of 8/19-23. Cooks and Paras would come in that week as well to help clean & move library books and whatever else is needed.

If we start on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the scenario would be the same with make up days on 11/22, 4/17, 5/16-5/23, extra 5 minutes before or after school and graduation could be Friday night. Teachers, cooks, paras would come in the week of 8/26-8/30.

Mr. Doane said practices could be moved to Wishek for the needed time and then make those up in Ashley at a later date.

Discussion on the time frames and remaining work to be done—some hesitation about starting 8/26 and whether the work would be completed enough that students would be able to move around the building and learn without too much distraction. Motion by Jenner to begin school on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, make up the required days on 11/22, 4/17, 5/16-23, start 5 minutes early for the entire school year, use 2 emergency days, with school ending on 5/23 and graduation on 5/24. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt will revise the calendar and get information out to the staff and parents ASAP. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 7:34am.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President