

AUGUST 15, 2024

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 7:00am in the Ag shop. Present: Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Amy Schlepp, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter. Corey Ulmer was absent.

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

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes from the July 10th and July 30th meetings and the August 6th co-op meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve payment of general fund bills (\$65,654.97) and bond referendum bills (\$871,430.44). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

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

Building project: 1) Supposed to be starting on flooring 8/19—wax needs to be removed in order for glue to hold and for warranty to be in place. Cleaning company had trouble getting all the wax stripped so custodians will roughen it with the buffer, then there will be a primer put on the floor. Warranty company will accept that and warranty the flooring; 2) Painting is almost complete; 3) Electricians, plumbing & HVAC are on schedule; 4) Ceiling should be finished next week; 5) Framers/drywall will return to finish up; 6) Inside entry glass will be here next week. Shower rooms, north bathrooms and some other areas will not be finished but still expect to be complete enough to start school.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed the proposal to add a tuition levy to cover the district's portion of special ed tuition costs. He explained the special ed unit reimburses most of costs but the district will pay about \$20,000 this year. Motion by Schlepp to approve the added tuition levy of \$20,000. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Several budget revisions are necessary to accommodate final title allocations, tuition costs, equipment items, music program, training expenses and no Best In Class grant. Net change in the budget is \$38,592, however the contingency number will be reduced by the same amount so there is no change in the total budget figure of \$3,065,731. Mr. Schmidt stated Trudy Fraase-Wolf will teach 7-12 music via ITV. Loren Wolf will be a music para and will supervise 7-12 music and teach PK-6 music using the Quaver Ed program. He will not be able to start until October so elementary teachers will take care of their own music until then. Motion by Jenner to approve the budget revisions as proposed. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the Certificate of Resolution for the Section 125 Premium Only Plan. This is required to be in compliance with employees paying health insurance premiums on a pre-tax basis. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to agree to South Central Prairie Special Ed Unit's Comprehensive General Plan requirements and to appoint Mr. Schmidt to the SCPSEU board of directors. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Revised graduation date was supposed to be 5/24, however the state track meet finishes that day and there's a good chance a couple of seniors could be participating. Motion by Schlepp to move graduation to 5/25/25. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the annual compliance report as reviewed by Mr. Schmidt. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt's report: Discussion on the 'No property tax' issue that will be on the November ballot and how it will negatively effect school districts. He pointed out that other entities, such as the city can raise rates to cover costs. Schools have no other options to increase revenue, other than tax levies. Also, as enrollment declines, state aid payments decrease so if this would pass, there would be no way to make up that decrease in revenue. Litsey commented it's an absolute loss of local control. There is a coalition working to educate the public on the issue. More information is expected and will be shared with the patrons.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Registration is finished—dual credit/online classes begin 8/26 and ITV starts 8/19. Students involved in those classes will be able to join via computer until school is in session; 2) Elementary football has 30 kids—Willis Caldwell is the coach; 3) FB and golf have started, VB starts 8/19; 4) HUDL cameras are being installed.

Next meeting will be September 11, 2024 with public tax hearing at 7:30pm and regular meeting to follow.

Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:09am.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

AUGUST 27, 2024

The Ashley school board held a special meeting on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9:04am—agenda was a walk-through and update of the building project. Present: Lyle Fey, Corey Ulmer, Amy Schlepp, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Tucker Meidinger, Teresa Dockter, Chris Doane, Trevor Huffaker, Jordan Nieuwsma, Jeremy Winter.

Motion by Ulmer to approve the agenda. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.
Update:

- 1) Electrical workers will be here 3-4 more weeks; 2) Flooring should be done in administration area today, next is elementary and high school hallways; 3) Last update on tile was mid-September; 4) Twin City Roofing will be doing some maintenance on HS roof- cost is \$4,739; 5) Will replace concrete at northwest entrance by fitness room; 6) Cleaners will be in today.

Jordan & Trevor led a walk-through of the building.

Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President

