

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

The Ashley school board held a public tax hearing on September 11, 2024 at 7:30pm. Present: Corey Ulmer, Amy Schlepp, Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Ross Litsey, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter, Jeremy Winter, Noah Ledezma.

Mr. Schmidt presented information including the following: 1) past and future enrollment projections; 2) current personnel; 3) past and present revenue/expenditures; 4) mill levy history; 5) proposed mill levy tax impact.

The regular school board meeting started at 7:44pm. All of the people listed above were present and Daniel Julson joined via zoom.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the agenda. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the August 15th and August 27th meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$47,873.30) and Bond fund bills (\$839,970.04). Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

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

Daniel Julson joined the meeting via zoom at 7:55pm to review the 23/24 audit report. Motion by Schlepp to approve the audit as presented. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously. Daniel Julson left the meeting at 8:01pm.

Jeremy Winter and Noah Ledezma gave an update on the building project. Still waiting on additional flooring—hope to be done in another week. Electrical is expected to be finished by the end of the month. Ceiling tile people and painters will be back next week. Still waiting on tile for the rest rooms and locker rooms—they are expecting it in mid-October. Jeremy and Noah left the meeting at 8:12pm.

Insurance covered the new unit for 5th grade room and the damaged books and carpet cleaning. The heating unit is expected in mid-November.

AVI is the company that monitors all the electronics on the entry doors. They also provide a fire alarm monitoring service for \$600 per year. Since we don't have a sprinkler system, we are not required to have that service but it's offered if the district wants it. Mr. Schmidt will check if there's an insurance discount if the fire alarm system is monitored. Fire alarm testing is required by century code and is something we'll have to start doing next year.

Motion by Ulmer to approve the contract amendment for Tucker Meidinger due to a lane change (\$49,300). Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt said ND ground beef from Legendary Steaks went up \$1 per pound from last year. Discussion on purchasing a cow from a local farmer to have it processed—could be done at Butcher's Edge in Edgeley as they're USDA approved. After some calculations, it seems that would come out in roughly the same range per pound.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) School start has gone well, everyone has adapted to the ongoing construction; 2) Mike Schumacher currently has 27 vacation days available-he has requested the board pay out 14 of those days to cover the vehicle repairs he needs. All board members were in agreement that they do not want to set that precedent so the request was denied.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Doing a book study on 'Anxious Generation' in PLCs; 2) Girls golf, elementary football and elementary GBB will wrap up soon.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2024 at 8:00pm. Motion by Jenner to adjourn, second by Ulmer. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

Lyle Fey, President