

JULY 16, 2025

The Ashley school board held their annual meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 8:00pm in the conference room. Present: Lyle Fey, Jordan Jenner, Amy Schlepp, Corey Ulmer, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter. Ross Litsey was absent.

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

Motion by Schlepp to accept the Oath of Office for Lyle Fey and Ross Litsey. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Fey called for nominations for president of the board. Schlepp nominated Lyle Fey. Motion by Schlepp that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Lyle Fey. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ulmer to approve payment of general fund bills (\$45,567.95) and building fund bill (\$18,923.00). Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Motion by Schlepp to hold regular school board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, subject to change due to conflicts. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

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

Discussion on the new public comments law—1) comments will be limited to the current or last regular meeting agenda items; 2) agenda will be posted on the website three days prior to the meeting; 3) must contact Mr. Schmidt prior to the meeting if they want to be recognized for public comments and must state the agenda item the comments are regarding; 4) there will be a 5 minute time limit.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed preliminary revenue/budget numbers. The taxable valuation has gone down about \$250,000 so that means it takes more mills to generate revenue, which will further limit what the district can levy. The new 3% cap also limits the options—the cap is applied to general, miscellaneous and building fund levies. We are still waiting on the

Title II allocation and some other numbers are tentative. Will present a budget and certificate of levy for approval in August.

Motion by Ulmer to approve the recommended 10 cent increase in breakfast and lunch meal prices. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the Certificate of Resolution for the district's Section 125 Premium Only Plan for the 25/26 school year. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ulmer to approve the 24/25 DPI District Financial report as presented. Second by Jenner, 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 Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Motion by Ulmer to accept the resignations from Sandra Ulrich and Leah Ostby. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Teacher update—still looking for English and Ag teachers. Coach update—interviews scheduled for elementary BBB, JHVB and asst Girls WR. Head WR, JHBBB and C-squad VB are still open.

Contracts/hire notices for approval:

Sue Buerkley-Wasson--\$19.08/hr

Donna Doane--\$18.29/hr

Teresa Dockter--\$31.20/hr

Todd Dockter--\$1,978.78/month(9mo)

Link Golz--\$67.53/day

Linda Gutschmidt--\$22.88/hr

Erich Kroh--\$41.60/trip

Gerri Kroh--\$18.20/hr

Marlon Lippert--\$20.02/hr

Fred Newhouse--\$41.60/trip

Mike Schumacher--\$19.29/hr

Matt Schlepp--\$1,050 (PWWR)

Denise Martz--\$335.71/day-max 7 days

Motion by Ulmer to allow Schlepp to declare a conflict of interest. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously. Motion by Jenner to approve contracts/hire notices as listed. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Dockter explained that the city special assessments are paid and there is a balance of \$695.26 in that fund. According to NDCC 57-15-41, that balance should be transferred to

the general fund. Motion by Schlepp to transfer the balance per century code as requested. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schlepp to use policy BDA to expedite the adoption of the cell phone policy FFI. President Fey confirmed all members were ok with using policy BDA to expedite. Second to motion by Jenner. Roll call vote: Jenner-yes, Fey-yes, Schlepp-yes, Ulmer-yes; motion carried unanimously.

Public tax hearing date will be September 10, 2025 at 7pm with the regular school board meeting to follow.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Frozen coil in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade air conditioner unit—parts available from old units so hoping to get it fixed quickly; 2) Reviewed the process for Mr. Alcala to get his permanent visa.

Next meeting is August 20, 2025 at 8:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Jenner. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President