

JANUARY 14, 2026

The Ashley school board held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 7pm in the Ashley school conference room. Present: Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Amy Schlepp, Corey Ulmer, Jason Schmidt, Chris Doane, Teresa Dockter.

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

Motion by Schlepp to approve the minutes of the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$71,350.63) and building fund bill (\$11,270.00). Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

Motion by Ulmer to re-designate the McIntosh County Star & Tribune as the official newspaper for the school district due to the name change of the paper. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

The second reading was held on the following policies: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504 Evaluation Standards and Procedures; Education of Special Education Students/Students with Disabilities Under the IDEA; Board Conflict of Interest. Motion by Schlepp to approve the policies as written. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reported the Zeeland school will be going non-operational next year, meaning they will be open but will not have any students. He's had inquiries about whether the Ashley school will be providing transportation to Zeeland students that transfer to Ashley. Discussion on options. Motion by Litsey that Ashley school district will offer transportation to Hague/Zeeland area students that transfer to Ashley, contingent upon securing a driver for that route. Second by Schlepp, motion carried unanimously.

Ulmer and Jenner will be on the administrative negotiations team—will plan for an executive session at the end of the February meeting.

Motion by Schlepp to have Litsey continue as the school board's representative on the county JDA board. Second by Ulmer, motion carried unanimously.

Received a quote from Summit Fire Protection Company (\$3,600) for the annual fire alarm testing and monitoring. That cost includes a 1-time installation fee (\$1,200) for the monitoring system. After that point, it will be in the \$2,400 range for yearly inspection/monitoring. The monitor will alert the fire chief and administrators if the alarm goes off in the building. Motion by Jenner to accept the quote from Summit. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Received a quote from Athletic Performance Solutions for gym floor refinishing (\$6,700)—includes \$4,000 for removal of old wax that is peeling so cost of finish should be cheaper the following year. Sports club may be willing to pay some of the cost. Motion by Jenner to accept the quote from Athletic Performance Services. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) Some cracks back in the walls—waiting for a response from Consolidate Construction; 2) Regarding prior on-time funding discussion—will likely show a loss of 3.5 students which amounts to an approximate deduct of \$66,000 from next year's funding; 3) Completed the special ed review process—there were no corrective actions; 4) NDA+ testing has started; 5) Team bus has been repaired—several problems with that unit, may check into cost of a replacement; 6) Garbage disposal needs repairs and need a new water heater.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Doing some NDA+ testing; 2) Working on schedule for next year; 3) Review of athletic practices.

Next meeting will be February 11, 2026 at 7:00pm. Motion by Schlepp to adjourn, second by Ulmer. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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Teresa Dockter, Business Manager

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Lyle Fey, President