

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Media Center  
Monday, December 21, 2009  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Anmarie Andrews, President  
Ron Koppleberger, Vice-President  
Cindy Wilson, Secretary  
Allen Burk, Trustee  
Annette O'Dell, Trustee  
Pat Wilk, Trustee

**Guests:**

Connie Stehlik  
David Grollmund  
Cindy Gross

Tim Hughes, Superintendent  
Tom Saylor, Principal

**Members Absent:**

Melissa Payne, Treasurer

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Anmarie Andrews called the Regular Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

All board Members were present with the exception of Melissa Payne.

**4.0 Audience Participation**

No audience participation.

**5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Ron Koppleberger to approve the board agenda for the December 21, 2009, meeting as presented, the board minutes from the November 16, 2009, regular meeting as presented, and the bills payable for December 2009. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell	- Yes		

- General Fund-Revenue for Nov. 2009, was \$228,804.12 with Expenditures of \$210,272.32
- General Fund-YTD Revenue \$677,585.75 with YTD Expenditures of \$950,259.08
- Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Nov. 2009, was \$15,950.50 with Expenditures of \$19,305.24
- Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$36,954.52 with YTD Expenditures of \$41,453.40
- Athletic Fund- Revenue for Nov. 2009, was \$331.00 with Expenditures of \$2,671.05
- Athletic Fund-YTD Revenue was \$13,580.15 with YTD Expenditures of \$30,107.30

**7.0 Correspondence**

None.

**8.0 Student Body Recognition**

Student Council representatives, Jaclyn Cartwright and Nathaniel Sperling gave brief update.

- Wall decorating contest
  - First place-Juniors
  - Second place-Seniors
- Student Council donated \$60 to the Spitzley family after their house fire.
- Snowball coming up in February.

**9.0 District Reports**

PreK – 12 – Mr. Saylor

- Completed 72 days of school before the Holiday break.
- Christmas Programs and parties went well.
- Semester ends January 22.
- Early release in January for Professional Development.
- Bullying issues and awareness, mostly through the middle school.

Athletics – Mr. Hughes (Mr. Holloway absent)

- See attached report.

District – Mr. Hughes

- Mrs. Cook retired effective end of the calendar year. Her last day was December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A hearing has been set for March 18<sup>th</sup> here at the school for Ms. Gase. We are still waiting to hear from our attorney.
- Seeking bids for snow plowing. We have received one bid. We will ask a few more questions, and get a definite price.
- Mrs. Hasper is having knee surgery in early January. She will be off for about 5-6 weeks for recovery.
- Mr. Cervini is asking approval for Senior band to go to Cleveland, Ohio on March 27, 2010, to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Great Lakes Science Center, and the Hard Rock Café. The Board consensus is to let the Senior band go to Cleveland.
- Funding
  - Race to the Top Legislation: A Summary
    - \$400 million-competitive grant
  - Monthly State Aid Update for the Board's review.

**Action Items:**

**10.0 Resolution to Establish Regular Election Date - (Attachment A)**

The board, having held a Public Hearing on the matter to Establish a Regular Election Date, should now act on a resolution if it is the desire to select an annual November election date.

Recommended Action: The board adopts the resolution as presented.

Discussion took place regarding the cost and the break-down of how the cost is split amongst school districts.  
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Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Cindy Wilson to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell	- Yes		

**11.0 Letter of Retirement - (Attachment B)**

Janet Cook has submitted a letter of retirement with an effective date of December 31, 2009. Janet has been an employee of the district since 1983. Her many years of service for the district and the children of Ashley is greatly appreciated.

Recommended Action: The board accepts Mrs. Cook's letter of retirement.

Motion by Ron Koppleberger seconded by Pat Wilk to accept Mrs. Cook's letter of retirement. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell	- Yes		

**12.0 Leave Request - (Attachment C)**

Sharon Hasper is scheduled for surgery on December 28, 2009, and has requested a leave to end approximately February 8, 2010. Kent Whitford will be subbing in Mrs. Hasper's classroom and Becky Gavenda will be covering Kent's position in the Pre-K/Kindergarten classroom.

Recommended Action: The board approves Sharon Hasper's leave request.

Motion by Pat Wilk seconded by Allen Burk to approve Sharon Hasper's leave request. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell	- Yes		

**13.0 Great Start Readiness Program – Participating Resolution (Attachment D)**

The board is asked to approve a Participating Resolution as a requirement of our Great Start Readiness Pre-K program grant from the State of Michigan. The resolution identifies the parameters that we operate our Pre-K program by for the students who receive funding through the state.

Recommended Action: The board adopts the Participating Resolution.

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Discussion took place regarding the Pre-K program. It was question if we are breaking even or losing money. It was stated that we are losing about \$13,000. The Pre-K students will remain on tuition based for the remainder of the year. It was determined to operate the rest of the year and see what happens with funding for next year. Are students attending other districts? Are other districts charging tuition? It was stated we have always approved the resolution in the past.

Motion by Ron Koppleberger seconded by Pat Wilk to adopt the Participating Resolution. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell	- Yes		

#### 14.0 Mid-Year Evaluation of Superintendent

To provide the board and the superintendent regular feedback it would be appropriate to have a mid-year evaluation of the Superintendent at this time. At the request of the Superintendent the evaluation is to be conducted in closed session.

Recommended Action: The board adjourns to closed session for the purpose of a Superintendent mid-year evaluation.

Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Annette O'Dell to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of a Superintendent mid-year evaluation. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell	- Yes		

The board adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to closed session.

Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Annette O'Dell to reconvene to open session and accept the closed session minutes. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Absent
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Yes
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
O'Dell			

The board reconvened at 9:24 p.m. to open session.

#### **Discussion Items:**

#### 15.0 Board Comments

- Ron Koppleberger stated on Thursday, December 17, at 4:20 p.m. he was coming from the east and met an Ithaca bus turning on McClelland Road heading north. He was curious why it was in our district.

**16.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.