

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, August 17, 2009
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Ron Koppleberger, Vice-President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Melissa Payne, Treasurer
Allen Burk, Trustee

Guests Present:

Jen Jason
Lynda Goward

Tim Hughes, Superintendent
Tom Saylor, Principal

Members Absent:

Annette O'Dell, Trustee
Pat Wilk, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

President, Anmarie Andrews called the August 17, 2009, Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

All Board members were present with the exception of Annette O'Dell and Pat Wilk. Annette arrived at 7:15 p.m.

4.0 Audience Participation

None at this time.

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Recommended Action: The board approves the consent agenda items, as presented:

1. Approve the board agenda for the August 17, 2009 meeting, as presented or amended.
2. Approve the board minutes from the July 20 Organizational Meeting and the July 20 regular meeting, as presented or corrected.
3. Approve bills payable for August 2009, in the amount of \$319,045.55 - General Fund, \$4,575.94 - Hot Lunch Fund, and \$3,579.18 - Athletic Fund, for a total of \$327,200.67, as presented or amended.

Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Melissa Payne to approve the board agenda for August 17, 2009, regular board meeting as presented, the board minutes from the July 20, 2009, Organizational and Regular Board Meetings as presented, and the bills payable for July 2009. Motion passed.

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

- General Fund-Revenue for July 2009, was \$318,240.38 with Expenditures of \$319,045.55
- General Fund-YTD Revenue \$318,240.38 with YTD Expenditures of \$319,045.55
- Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for July 2009, was \$1,222.63 with Expenditures of \$4,575.94
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- Athletic Fund- Revenue for July 2009, was \$310.00 with Expenditures of \$3,579.18
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7.0 Correspondence

8.0 District Reports

Athletics (see attached) - Mr. Holloway

- Athletic Code
 - A. Needs to be approved. Will vote on as an action item later in meeting.
 - B. Weekly eligibility

PreK – 12 – Mr. Saylor

- Open House/Ice Cream Social scheduled Sept. 02, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Trying to take school pictures.
- High School Orientation – 3:00 p.m.
- Middle School Orientation – 4:00 p.m.

District – Mr. Hughes

- Elementary – Mr. Hughes gave update on summer maintenance projects.
- Considering a 2nd/3rd grade split for the upcoming year.
- Waiting on stimulus money and how it can be used.

Grievance Hearing

9.0 Jennifer Jason Grievance Hearing

Jen Jason has requested the next step in the grievance process which is a hearing at the board level. Lynda Goward, representative from the regional AEA office, is contesting the layoff not in terms of the reduction of the counselor position but in terms of her certification and having more seniority than another staff member. It was suggested that Ms. Jason could teach English for the other half of the day.

Allen Burk asked Ms. Jason some questions and then requested a 15-minute recess at 7:55 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m. at which time more discussion took place. The determination of the board's position of the grievance will be an agenda item on the next regular board meeting on September 21, 2009.

Action Items:

10.0 Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) (Attachment A)

Elite Fund has advised that the board re-confirm our CIPA policy and the content filtering component of our connectivity. As a part of bid for internet service, content filtering was a required component. Through MMNET we are filtering content for inappropriate topics for student usage.

Recommended Action: The board re-confirms our CIPA compliance as previously acknowledged October 1, 2001.

Motion by Ron Koppleberger seconded by Annette O'Dell that the board re-confirm our CIPA compliance as previously acknowledged October 02, 2001. Motion passed.

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

11.0 Technology Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) (Attachment B)

Elite Fund has advised that the board re-confirm approval for our Technology Acceptable Use Policy. Attached is our current policy for your review and approval.

Recommended Action: The board re-confirm approval for our Acceptable Use Policy as presented

Motion by Melissa Payne seconded by Ron Koppleberger that the board re-confirm approval for our Acceptable Use Policy as presented. Motion passed.

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

12.0 Computer/Technology Specialist - Job Description (Attachment C)

The board has had an opportunity to review the Computer/Technology Specialist Job Description and it would be appropriate for the adoption of this description by the board.

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Recommended Action: The board adopts the Computer/Technology Specialist Job Description as presented.

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Ron Koppleberger that the board adopts the Computer/Technology Job Description as presented. Motion passed.

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

13.0 Computer/Technology Specialist

Per previous discussions with the board regarding the level of support we are receiving through Casair it is in the best interest of the district to advertise to hire a Computer/Technology Specialist to support the computers in the district.

Recommended Action: The board approves advertising for a Computer/Technology Specialist per the attached Job Description.

Motion by Ron Koppleberger seconded by Allen Burk that the board approves advertising for a Computer/Technology Specialist per the attached Job Description. Motion passed.

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

14.0 Approve Student Handbooks

At the last board meeting Mr. Saylor presented the board with drafts of the 2009-2010 Student Handbooks.

Recommended Action: The board approves the handbooks as presented or amended.

Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Cindy Wilson that the board approves the handbooks as presented or amended. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Yes
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Absent
Koppleberger	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes

O'Dell - Yes

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15.0 Approve Athletic Handbook

At the last board meeting the Athletic Handbook was presented for board review. Based on comments from the 2008-2009 academic year regarding eligibility it is the recommendation that the board consider a modification to the Athletic Policy regarding eligibility.

Recommended Action: The board approves the Athletic handbook as presented with the revised eligibility wording.

Motion by Allen Burk seconded by Ron Koppleberger that the board approves the Athletic handbook as presented or amended. Motion passed.

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

15.1 Approve Teacher Handbook

Motion by Annette O'Dell seconded by Cindy Wilson that the board approves the Teacher handbook as presented or amended. Motion passed.

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

16.0 Approve School of Choice Resolution

Annually the Board of Education must approve a 105c - School of Choice Resolution to accept students who reside in ISDs other the Gratiot Isabella. In reviewing past board minutes it has been the boards practice to approve this resolution.

Recommended Action: The board approves the 105c Resolution as presented for the 2009-2010 School Year.

Motion by Melissa Payne seconded by Ron Koppleberger that the board approve the 105c Resolution as presented for the 2009-2010 School Year. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Payne	- Yes
Burk	- Yes	Wilk	- Absent

Koppleberger - Yes
O'Dell - Yes

Wilson - Yes

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17.0 Approve Newspapers to Publish

At the July 20, 2009, Organizational Meeting the selection of newspapers to publish the official notices was tabled. Additional information was provided to the board for review before making a decision.

Recommended Action: The board approves two of the following newspapers for publication of official notices for the 2009-2010 school year:

- o The Weekly
- o The Gratiot County Herald
- o Tri-County Citizen

Motion by Ron Koppleberger seconded by Allen Burk that the board approve The Weekly and The Tri-County Citizen newspapers for publication of official notices for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed.

Andrews - Yes
Burk - Yes
Koppleberger - Yes
O'Dell - Yes

Payne - Yes
Wilk - Absent
Wilson - Yes

17.1 Approve Ashley Jr.-Sr. High School Fall Coaches as Presented

Motion by Melissa Payne seconded by Ron Koppleberger to approve the Jr.-Sr. High School Fall coaches as presented. Motion passed.

Andrews - Yes
Burk - Yes
Koppleberger - Yes
O'Dell - Yes

Payne - Yes
Wilk - Absent
Wilson - Yes

Discussion Items:

17.0 Bids on Used Buses

- It was decided to accept the bid of \$1500 for one of the spare busses and to hold on to the other spare bus for the time being.
- There were some minor blemishes and a few minor adjustments on Bus #10.

18.0 PreK Tuition Adjustments

- It was determined that Pre-K tuition will remain the same unless funding is cut. If funding is cut, tuition may be raised for the following semester.

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19.0 Board Comments

- Question was asked regarding Pre-K sub while Mrs. Grollimund on maternity leave.

20.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.