

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Organizational Meeting
Media Center
Wednesday, July 27, 2016
6:30 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Steve Hardman, Trustee
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer
Clark Bowman, Trustee

Guests:

Mike Burlingame
Sarah Frisbie
Charles Clevenger
Brandee West
Roger Slavik

Jeff Rohrer, Superintendent
Traci Gavenda, Principal
Joe Shaw, Athletic Director

Members Absent:

Tom Fabus, Vice-President
James Fabus, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

Board President Andrews called the Organizational Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

All Board members were present with the exception of Tom Fabus and Jim Fabus.

4.0 Audience Participation

None

5.0 Election of Officers

The board is required by law to hold an Organizational Meeting prior to its regular meeting and elect officers to serve for the 2016-2017 academic year.

5.1 President

Board Member Andrews was nominated for President
Motion by Wilson supported by Bowman to close nominations.

Roll call vote:

Andrews - Abstain
Bowman - Yes
Densmore - Yes
T. Fabus - Absent

J. Fabus - Absent
Hardman - Yes
Wilson - Yes

5.2 Vice-President

Board Member T. Fabus was nominated for Vice-President
Motion by Wilson supported Hardman to close nominations.

Roll call vote:

Andrews - Yes	J. Fabus - Absent
Bowman - Yes	Hardman - Yes
Densmore - Yes	Wilson - Yes
T. Fabus - Absent	

5.3 Secretary

Board Member Wilson was nominated for Secretary.
Motion by Densmore supported by Bowman to close nominations.

Roll call vote:

Andrews - Yes	J. Fabus - Absent
Bowman - Yes	Hardman - Yes
Densmore - Yes	Wilson - Abstain
T. Fabus - Absent	

5.4 Treasurer

Board Member Densmore was nominated for Treasurer
Motion by Wilson supported by Bowman to close nominations.

Roll call vote:

Andrews - Yes	J. Fabus - Absent
Bowman - Yes	Hardman - Yes
Densmore - Abstain	Wilson - Yes
T. Fabus - Absent	

6.0 Establishment of Agenda Format

The board approves retaining the current agenda format. The board should consider adding a second opportunity for public participation to the meeting format. This would be added near the end of the meeting. This change will allow the audience to provide a comment on any information presented during the meeting.

Motion by Densmore supported by Wilson to approve changes to the agenda format to include a second opportunity for public participation to the meeting format. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

7.0 Approval of Routine Business Operations and Designates

7.1 Recommended Action: The board adopts current **board policies and by-laws** as presented.

Motion by Densmore supported by Hardman to adopt the current board policies and by-laws as presented. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

7.2 Recommended Action: The board adopts the **Public Participation Procedures** as written and established.

Motion by Hardman supported by Densmore to adopt the Public Participation Procedures as presented. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

7.3 Recommended Action: The board adopts **Roberts' Rules of Order**.

Motion by Bowman supported by Wilson to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

7.4 Recommended Action: The board accepts **season passes as compensation** for Board Members for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Wilson supported by Hardman to accept season passes as compensation for Board Members for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

7.5 Recommended Action: The board appoints _____ to **District Library Board Director position.**

Motion by Bowman supported by Wilson to appoint Densmore / J. Fabus to the district Library Board Director position. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

7.6 Recommended Action: The board approves The Gratiot County Herald **and The Weekly as our publication of official notices** for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion by Hardman supported by Bowman to approve The Gratiot County Herald **and The Weekly** as our publication of official notices for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

8.0 Establish Date, Time, and Place of the Regular Meeting

State law requires a minimum of one monthly meeting. The board must take action specifying the date, location, and time of its regular meeting.

Motion by Wilson supported by Hardman to approve the dates of Regular Board Meeting as presented in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m. These meetings will be the 3rd Monday of the month with the exception of February 13, 2017, and June 26, 2017.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

9.0 Designation of Bank Depository for Funds and Signatories

9.1 It is required that the board name a depository for our school funds. The district currently uses Mercantile Bank.

Motion by Bowman supported by Wilson to approve Mercantile Bank as the depository for school funds for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

9.2 The board has designated the signatories for district account in past years at the organizational meeting.

Motion by Bowman supported by Wilson to approve the following changes a presented in the attachment. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

10.0 Designation of Legal Services

The board has over the years retained the Lansing law firm of Thrun Law Firm, PC, as the district's legal advisors.

Motion by Hardman supported by Denmsore to appoint Thrun Law Firm, as the district's legal advisors for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

11.0 Designation of Audit Services

The board signed a three-year agreement with Roslund, Prestage & Company (RPC) as the auditors for the district. The agreement was for 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016. There is no contract/agreement in place beyond June 2016. We can continue with RPC if the board desires, or we can seek bids on auditing services. RPC's fee for 2016-2017 will be \$10,400, assuming there are no significant changes to the accounting/auditing guidance.

Motion by Wilson supported by Densmore to approve Roslund, Prestage & Company as the auditors for the district for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	T. Fabus	- Absent
Bowman	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Absent		

12.0 Other

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.