

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, January 26, 2015
(Re-scheduled from January 19, 2015)
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Tom Fabus, Vice-President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer
Steve Hardman, Trustee
James Fabus, Trustee
Clark Bowman, Trustee

Guests:

Adrian Cervini
Charles Clevenger

Tim Hughes, Superintendent
Traci Gavenda, Principal
Joe Shaw, Athletic Director

Members Absent:

1.0 Call to Order

Board President Andrews called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Oath of Office

Board President Andrews administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members, Cindy Wilson, Steve Hardman, and Clark Bowman.

4.0 Roll Call

All Board members were present.

5.0 Audience Participation

Adrian Cervini-AEA-addressed the Board regarding Board Appreciation Month
A letter from AEA President, Brandee West regarding teacher contract negotiations was read aloud by Anmarie Andrews

6.0 Student Recognition

In honor of Board Appreciation Month a special presentation was held.

7.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by T. Fabus seconded by Hardman to approve the board agenda for the January 26, 2015, meeting as amended moving Agenda Item #13 Approve League Expansion to a Discussion Item; approve the Board minutes from the December 15, 2014, regular meeting as presented, and approve the bills payable for January 2015, in the amount \$194,381.31. Motion passed.

Andrews - Yes
Bowman - Yes
Densmore - Yes
J. Fabus - Yes

T. Fabus - Yes
Hardman - Yes
Wilson - Yes

General Fund-Revenue for Dec 2014, was \$198,079.73 with Expenditures of \$194,315.07
General Fund-YTD Revenue \$650,975.07 with YTD Expenditures of \$961,346.40
Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Dec 2014, was \$2,438.55 with Expenditures of \$2,372.30
Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$35,657.89 YTD Expenditures of \$38,425.99

8.0 Correspondence

A thank-you card for the holiday breakfast from Mrs. Burk was read aloud.

9.0 Student Body Recognition

Student Council representatives update the Board on the following:

- Recapped Christmas activities
- Valentine fundraiser – February 9-13. Will be selling Crush pop for \$1.00 a can during lunch hour.
- Spirit Week – replacing Snowball Week

10.0 District Reports

Athletics – Mr. Shaw

- Middle School girls' basketball season has started. The girls are off to a 2-0 start.
- Met with baseball coach Eyer last week. He will not be able to coach now with changes at his work. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Hughes will discuss filling the position.
- Middle Schools boys' basketball banquet and parent game will be Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 pm.
- Alumni basketball games will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015, for both girls and boys.
- Girls' basketball Parents Night will be February 19, 2015. Boys' basketball Parent's Night will be February 27, 2015.

PreK – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- Received Children's Fund Grant for \$12,500. Was able to purchase washer/dryer and a lot of extras that were needed. Five shoppers took care of everything.
- We have a Spanish Teacher replacement until the end of the year.
- Last Professional Development Day teachers worked with on getting familiar with a new computer program.
- Started book study with Dr. Mohmand in August and is continuing on.
- Honors Band – Noah Drummond at the end of February at Grand Valley State University.
- NHS induction Wednesday, January 28 in the Media Center.
- February 13, 2015 – Elementary Dance at basketball game to show what is being learned in Physical Education class.

District – Mr. Hughes

- Thanked the Board Members and presented them with candy and certificates.
- Suggested tabling the agenda item regarding League expansion.
- Continuing to work on sinking funds.
- Pre-School – student no longer have to be potty trained to attend.
- The school is now open before and after school for community members who wish to walk. Hours are 6:15 am – 7:30 am and 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm. All walkers must enter at the elementary, sign in and out and leave an emergency contact number.

- Board Workshop – asked the Board if they are still interested in having a workshop with a guest speaker.
- The Library Board still wants to renegotiate the lease amount.
- The District is fourth highest in the State and according to the article the high school is first in the State for academics. Article will be released to the media on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Will need to make sure it is in the local newspapers and social media.

Action Items:

11.0 Approve Overnight Trip to Hartley Nature Center

Mrs. Smith is planning a trip for the 5th grade students to Hartley Nature center again this year. She is requesting to allow for 2 nights of overnight stays. This will take place March 25-27, 2015. Mrs. Gavenda will work with Mrs. Smith to arrange for chaperones, etc.

Motion by J. Fabus seconded by Densmore to approve the request for a two-night overnight stay for 5th grade students at the Hartley Nature Center. Motion passed.

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

12.0 Accept Spanish Teacher Resignation

Over the holiday break Karla Cartrite informed us she had taken a position at Saginaw Valley and would be leaving Ashley effective January 8, 2015. We are currently seeking a replacement for this position.

Motion by Hardman seconded by J. Fabus to accept the resignation of Karla Cartrite. Motion passed.

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

13.0 Approve League Expansion

Moved to discussion item.

Discussion Items:

Approve League Expansion

Breckenridge and Merrill have petitioned the league for admission. According to the League Constitution,

"A school wishing to enter the MSAC must present a request in writing to the secretary of the MSAC. The application will be read at the next regular meeting and a thirty-day period must elapse before any action is taken. Acceptance into the MSAC is to be by five-sixths majority vote of member boards of education."

Discussion will take place and action will be taken at the February 2015, Board of Education Meeting.

14.0 Board Comments

- Gratiot Community Foundation grants are out, deadline February 01, 2015.
- Screen is in – need projector ideas. Would like to install all at once. Need to keep an eye out for a lift. It costs \$200-\$300 each time we rent one.
- Greenhouse – we were misinformed about the need for electric and gas permits. We are required by the State to have these permits.
- Library Board Position – Tom Fabus asked to step down early from this position and to also take a 5-month leave of absence from the Board of Education. Kurt Densmore was appointed to the Library Board as Tom's replacement effective immediately.

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.