

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, December 16, 2013
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer
James Fabus, Trustee @ 7:08 pm

Tim Hughes, Superintendent
Traci Gavenda, Principal

Members Absent:

Pat Wilk, Vice-President
Steve Hardman, Trustee
Tom Fabus, Trustee

Guests:

Amber McAllister	Esther Litwiller
Denise Koppkeberger	Gwen Litwiller
Lori Harmon	Stephanie Seifert
Evan Litwiller	Jon Seifert
Dominic Garcia	Connie Stehlik
Jenna Wirt	Joyce Felton
Martha Bontrager	Dawn Wirt
Shelby Francis	Michelle Malek
Christina Worden	Gavin Malek
Paul Slowinski	Dave Murdock
Sandy Slowinski	Christina Murdock
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1.0 Call to Order

President Anmarie Andrews called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

Board members Pat Wilk, Tom Fabus, and Steve Hardman were absent.

4.0 Audience Participation

None.

5.0 Student Recognition

Mrs. Gavenda and the Elementary Teaching Staff recognized students who are showing excellent progress in our newly implemented Daily Five literacy program.

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Kurt Densmore seconded by Jim Fabus to add 15.1 Approving the Formula for Graduation to the December 18, 2013, board agenda; making the following corrections to the November 20, 2013, board minutes – Jim Fabus was absent, Kurt Densmore voted yes on 12.1; approve the bills payable for December 2013, in the amount of \$264,851.07 General Fund, and \$12,785.25 Hot Lunch. Motion passed.

- General Fund-Revenue for Nov 2013, was \$196,930.39 with Expenditures of \$264,851.07
- General Fund-YTD Revenue \$400,976.86 with YTD Expenditures of \$786,405.29
- Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Nov 2013, was \$11,907.25 with Expenditures of \$12,785.25
- Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$25,594.93 YTD Expenditures of \$32,529.06

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

7.0 Correspondence
None.

8.0 Student Body Recognition
There was no student body representative present.

9.0 District Reports
Athletics – Mr. Shaw

- See attached

PreK – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- 3rd-6th graders went to The Strand Theatre in Alma to watch a play.
- Band Concert, Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm
- NHS received a grant from the Gratiot Community Foundation for a Backpack Program.
- Many compliments on the school’s Christmas decorations.
- Elementary Christmas program Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

District – Mr. Hughes

- Mr. Hughes discussed bills going to the Senate for approval:
 - Epi Pen Bill – requires schools to have two Epi pens available and provide training to the staff on their use.
 - Holding 3rd grade students back if they can’t read at grade level
- Staff breakfast Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 7:00 am. Mr. Hughes could use some help at 6:00 am.

Action Items:

10.0 Approve Resolution Authorizing Sale of Refunding Bonds

This resolution is necessary to move forward with the refunding of our bonds, to generate the anticipated savings.

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the Bond Refunding Resolution as presented. Motion passed.

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

11.0 Approve Hiring of Science Teacher

Ms. Francis has been subbing in the Science program since the end of September. Mrs. Gavenda and Mr. Hughes are in agreement that she should be offered the position on a full-time basis. It is recommended that Shelby Francis be hired as our new Science teacher effective January 6, 2014, due to State guidelines that a sub cannot be in a classroom over 90 calendar days, and she will reach that point on Christmas day.

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Kurt Densmore to approve the hiring of Shelby Francis effective January 06, 2014. Motion passed.

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

12.0 Approve Reinstatement of Student

Last year the board expelled a student, with the option of an early reinstatement. It is recommended that the student be reinstated effective the beginning of the 2nd semester, which is about three weeks early. Approving this early reinstatement request is based on a number of facts, including the interaction of the student with the administration and the counselor, both of which support the student's early reinstatement.

Motion by Jim Fabus seconded by Kurt Densmore to approve the reinstatement of expelled student with an effective date of January 23, 2014. Motion passed.

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

13.0 Approve/Adopt Best Practices Resolution

During the 2013-2014 school year the State of Michigan is again providing one time funding for what they have determined are best practices. The district will receive \$52/student funding based on meeting the prescribed Best Practices. The resolution must be approved by the board to be able to receive this funding from the State.

Motion by Jim Fabus seconded by Kurt Densmore to approve the Best Practices Resolution as presented. Motion passed.

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

14.0 Approve Budget Revision

Our revised budget and Deficit Reduction Plan was submitted to the State and they returned it with revisions that will need to be approved by the board.

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the budget revision as presented. Motion passed.

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

15.0 Approve Revised Deficit Reduction Plan

Our revised budget and Deficit Reduction Plan was submitted to the State and they returned it with revisions that will need to be approved by the board.

Motion by Kurt Densmore seconded by Cindy Wilson to approve the Deficit Elimination Plan revision as presented. Motion passed.

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

15.1 Approve Graduation Formula

Motion by Kurt Densmore seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the Graduation Formula as a 70%/30% with the ACT score being 30%. Effective for the Junior class for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

Discussion Items:

16.0 Board Comments

Pat Wilk has been placed on second shift until March. The Board of Education needs a member who can be present more consistently. Pat's resignation needs to be received before the Board can move forward to fill his term.

17.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.