

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Wednesday, April 16, 2014
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Steve Hardman, Trustee
James Fabus, Trustee
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer

Guests:

Sue Peterson
Shelly McPherson
Julie, Bryan, and Derek Moon
Paul, Sandy, and Saige Slowinski

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

Members Absent:

Tom Fabus, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

President Andrews call 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 Tom Fabus.

4.0 Audience Participation

Shelly McPherson, PTO President, addressed the Board regarding the possibility of placing a storage unit on school grounds to house PTO equipment such as games, inflatables, prizes, etc. Mr. Hughes said he would check around the school and see if there is some available space for them to store the equipment.

5.0 Student Recognition

The Board recognized the elementary students who were the Top Readers during the March is Reading Month as well as the top two middle school spelling bee champs.

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the Board agenda for the April 16, 2014, meeting as presented, approve the Board minutes from the March 17, 2014, Regular meeting as presented, and approve the bills payable for April 2014, in the amount of \$181,261.90-General Fund, and \$16,596.02-Hot Lunch, for a total of \$197,857.92, as presented. Motion passed.

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

General Fund-Revenue for Mar 2014, was \$272,014.48 with Expenditures of \$181,261.90
General Fund-YTD Revenue \$1,389,453.19 with YTD Expenditures of \$1,516,855.42
Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Mar 2014, was \$16,300.50 with Expenditures of \$16,596.52
Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$62,404.72 YTD Expenditures of \$69,958.42

7.0 Correspondence

Thank you notes were read from Travis & Becky Baker and also from the students that participated in the Hartley overnight field trip.

8.0 Student Body Recognition

Student Council Representatives gave update:

- Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5th-9th. They will be doing something every day.
- Student Council elections are coming up. This year each person will run on their own – there will be no co-positions.
- Student Council will be having a car wash the last two half days of schools. One day will be for staff vehicles and the other day for public.

9.0 District Reports

Athletics – Mr. Shaw

- Baseball and softball seasons have started. Would like to thank all of those who have worked hard to have the fields ready to play.
- There continues to be good participation every day in the weight room after school; both boys and girls of all ages.
- Merrill is having a community forum tonight on joining the MSAC. It looks promising that they want to come for 2015-16. If Merrill joins, it's a good possibility that Breckenridge may do so also.
- Fundraising was discussed.

PreK – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- March is Reading Month – students did well.
- Health Fair held on Friday, April 11th was funded by grant. The school got some athletic equipment as well.
- April 23, 2014 – Grandparent's Day – patriotic theme
- April 25, 2014 – ABC Spirit Day - home baseball / softball games
- April 29, 2014 – League Day – first time we have hosted this
- May 02, 2014 – Football spaghetti dinner (4:30-7:00 pm) / live auction (7:00 pm)
- Hartley Field Trip – went well; students enjoyed

District – Mr. Hughes

- Hot Lunch program is in the black. Hopefully will remain that way the rest of the year.
- Mr. Hughes distributed letter for us to review about the rumors of the school closing. If no changes, will go home in Friday folders and will also distribute to public places.
- April 25, 2014 – ABC Sprit Day – if Board in favor, would like to have half day for students

Tom Fabus entered meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Action Items:

10.0 Trading Days Fireworks Request

At the March meeting a request to allow the use of school athletic fields for the Trading Days Fireworks was requested. Our insurance company has provided guidance regarding this. At a minimum they are suggesting we be named as additional insured party on a liability policy.

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Tom Fabus to approve the use of the athletic facilities by the Ashley Trading Days Committee for fireworks display, meeting the set forth requirements. Motion passed.

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

Discussion Items:

11.0 Budget Implications

- \$20,000 from funds – Athletic Alumni / Sports Boosters
- Bottom line is going to be close - we still might not be in the black at the end of the year.

12.0 Board Comments

- Kurt Densmore asked if anyone went to the GIRESD meeting
- Dee Smith was questioned about the pull down screen. Needs to be installed by May 21, 2014, Senior Swing-out.
- ACT's – won't know overall score until fall.
- Band – did very well at competition. Photo is in the Gratiot County Herald.
- Grants – Boy's Assistant JV Basketball Coach, Tish Dodd has some experience and has offered to help.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.