

Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, May 19, 2014
7:00 pm

Members Present:

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

Guests:

Charles Clevenger
Sue Peterson
Connie Stehlik
Freddie Willbanks

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

Members Absent:

None

1.0 Call to Order

President Andrews called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

The secretary took roll call; all Board members present.

4.0 Audience Participation

Sue Peterson, AEA President, addressed the Board and requested the following be put in place before the end of 2013-2014 school year:

- 2014-2015 School Calendar
- Staffing for 2014-2015 – ½ time position
- 2014-2015 Student Schedules

5.0 Student Recognition

The Board recognized the top 8th Grade Students who were recognized this week for their outstanding accomplishments. Kara Brown and Nicole Hardman each received a scholarship from Montcalm College. The scholarship can be used any time for books, online course, etc.

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Tom Fabus seconded by Ron Koppleberger to approve the Board agenda for the May 19, 2014, meeting as amended by adding agenda items:

- 8.1 Kevin Kolb, GIRESD, presentation of GIRESD budget
- Discussion Items:
 - 11.1 Superintendent
 - 11.2 Contract Negotiations / Personnel Issues

to approve the Board minutes from the April 16, 2014, meeting with correction to:

- Approval of Consent Agenda – Tom Fabus should be marked absent;

and to approve the bills payable for May 2014, in the amount of \$199,176.43-General Fund and \$11,443.55-Hot Lunch. Motion passed.

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

General Fund-Revenue for Apr 2014, was \$248,335.62 with Expenditures of \$199,176.43
General Fund-YTD Revenue \$1,637,788.81 with YTD Expenditures of \$1,517,023.05
Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Apr 2014, was \$12,830.15 with Expenditures of \$11,443.55
Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$75,234.87 YTD Expenditures of \$81,401.97

7.0 Correspondence

Thank you notes read from Sue Peterson, AEA President and Amber McAllister, 4th grade teacher.

8.0 Student Body Recognition

The student body representative updated the Board on the current district events:

- Student Council recently held elections for officers for next year-Paige Mireles was elected President.
- Student Council gave treats to teachers during Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.
- Car wash scheduled for July 11th and 12th.

8.1 Kevin Kolb to present GIRESD Budget

Kevin presented and discussed budget to be voted on at tonight's meeting.

9.0 District Reports

Athletics – Mr. Shaw

- Baseball district are May 31st at Fowler. Ashley plays Fulton at 10:00 a.m.
- Softball districts are May 31st at Fowler. Ashley plays Fulton at 12:00 noon.
- Girls basketball camp is June 18-19 at Alma College.
- Girls basketball going to Morey Courts June 10, 12, 17, 19.
- Boys basketball camp is June 28-29 at CMU.
- Sports Boosters Golf Outing – June 21st at North Star Golf Course
- JV volleyball coaching position has been posted. Hoping to hire in early June.
- Working on revising Athletic Handbook for the fall.
- MSAC Constitution has been looked at by the Athletic Directors. Will now go to Principals for review. Should be ready for Board vote in July.
- Merrill will not be joining the league.

PreK – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- Completed pilot testing (Smarter Balance Testing); K-4th grades, 5th grade, and 11th grade participated.
- Grandparents Day was held April 23 – Patriotic Theme
- ABC School Spirit – Ashley took 6th place overall. We took first place in cereal eating contest and mascot relay contest.

- Annual Football Pasta Dinner took place May 3rd. Brought in \$5,000 from dinner, and auctions.
- Elementary and Middle School Field Day is scheduled for May 23rd.
- High School awards assembly May 20th at 6:30 pm
- Some local companies came in and held mock interviews for seniors.
- Seniors last day is May 20th.
- Senior Swing-Out is May 21st at 7:00 pm.
- Graduation is May 28th at 7:00 pm
- June 12-13 – exams (1/2 days)
- Elementary Awards Assembly – June 12th at 11:00 am

District – Mr. Hughes

- Vocational Mileage – will be reimbursed from the RESD for tuition and transportation fees.
- Chartwell’s in the black \$1,900 for April. New program for smart snacks next year; have already implemented this year.
- Distributed letter for final approval and signatures for dispersal to the students and community.
- Legislative still working on State Aid.

Action Items:

10.0 Approve GIRESD Budget Resolution

Annually Ashley’s Board of Education is required to adopt a resolution of support or disapproval of the RESD’s Annual Budget by June 1st. The budget was included in Board packets and Kevin Kolb presented.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the Gratiot-Isabella RESD 2014-2014 General Fund Operating Budget as presented. Motion passed.

Andrews	- Yes	Hardman	- Yes
Densmore	- Yes	Koppleberger	- Yes
J. Fabus	- Yes	Wilson	- Yes
T. Fabus	- No		

11.0 Approve Resolution For Bank Signatories

With the resignation of Pat Wilk, it is necessary for the board to approve a resolution to change the signatories on our General Fund checking account.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Ron Koppleberger to approve the Resolution for Bank Signatories as presented. Motion passed.

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

Discussion Items:

11.1 Superintendent Contract

Any questions or changes should be directed to Anmarie Andrews.

11.2 Contract Negotiation / Personnel Issues

Motion by Tom Fabus seconded by Jim Fabus to go into closed session for negotiations and personnel issues. Motion passed.

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

The Board entered into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Tom Fabus seconded by Kurt Densmore to accept closed session minutes. Motion passed.

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

The Board entered into open session at 9:30 p.m.

The Board addressed the AEA:

- 2014-2015 Calendar – four days to meet – need days of availability.
- Staff – align with the budget
- Scheduling – will be available for students June 6th – everything set before school is out.
- Calendar, staffing and schedules will be tentative pending Board approval.
- This is Sue Peterson’s last Board meeting as AEA President. Brandee West and Jennifer Gavenda will be next year’s AEA representatives.

12.0 Board Comments

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.