

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Media Center  
Monday, November 16, 2015  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Anmarie Andrews, President  
Cindy Wilson, Secretary  
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer  
James Fabus, Trustee  
Clark Bowman, Trustee

**Guests:**

Charles Clevenger  
Dee Smith  
Brandee West

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

**Members Absent:**

Tom Fabus, Vice-President  
Steve Hardman, Trustee

**1.0 Call to Order**

Board President Andrews called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

All Board members were present with the exception of T. Fabus and S. Hardman.

**4.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**5.0 Student Recognition**

Ryan Brzak competed at the State Cross Country meet on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Ryan was recognized for coming in 50<sup>th</sup> out of 240 runners with a time of 17:35 minutes.

**6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Bowman seconded by Densmore to approve the board agenda for the November 16, 2015, meeting as amended to include discussion items 13.1 Bank Depositories, 13.2 Softball Coach Position, and 14.1 Closed session for legal matters and negotiations; to approve the board minutes from the October 21, 2015, Regular Meeting as presented; and to approve bills payable for November 2015, in the amount of \$242,793.68 - General Fund, and \$2,097.63 - Hot Lunch Fund, for a total of \$244,891.31, as presented. Motion passed.

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

General Fund-Revenue for Oct 2015, was \$201,007.74 with Expenditures of \$242,793.68

General Fund-YTD Revenue \$208,096.67 with YTD Expenditures of \$576,102.02

Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Oct 2015, was \$12,365.58 with Expenditures of \$2,097.63

Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$15,626.52 YTD Expenditures of \$2,467.63

**7.0 Correspondence**

None.

**8.0 Student Body Recognition**

Student Council Representatives Jayden Gavenda and Maddi Howe updated the board on the current school events:

- Seniors won Homecoming Week – reward party to take place on November 25.
- Student Council is selling buttons for the Country Christmas at the cost of \$2.00 each.

**9.0 District Reports**

Athletics – Mr. Shaw

- JV/Varsity girls' basketball – first game is November 30, and first home game is December 02.
- Freshman/JV/Varsity boys; basketball is December 08.
- Softball coach position has been reposted through December 04.
- Thank-you to all volunteers that helped with volleyball districts.

PreK – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- Ms. Cary, Pre-K Teacher, has resigned. Position has been posted.
- Quiz Bowl can in second in league. MPSH was first place.
- Model UN begins next week.
- Professional Development this Wednesday. Brad from GIRESD will be here to work on math goals.
- Gratiot Community Foundation Children's Fund Grant - \$14,000 for 2015. The money is used for purchasing coats, hats, gloves, and boots.
- Just received word of another grant in the amount of \$10,000 we were awarded through the Gratiot Community Foundation for access point readers.
- The County Christmas Committee asked if each class and staff would decorate a tree for the event. Each class has been assigned a color for their decorations.
- Cotton candy machine will be available at the Country Christmas again this year.
- Elementary Christmas Program – December 15
- Band Concert – December 16

District – Mr. Hughes

- Congratulations to Mrs. Gavenda on the security grant she was awarded.
- Mr. Hughes was approached by the Library Board regarding appointing a new representative for the Library Board or possible changing the dates/times of their meetings.
- Legislature is still busy, allowing concealed weapons at school.
- Road bills passed. Fees for vehicles can't be raised because of Hewlett Packard and software issues with lawsuit.

**Action Items:**

**10.0 Approve Coaching positions**

Motion by J. Fabus seconded by Bowman to approve Joe Shaw for JV Girls' Basketball Coach for 2015.2016. Motion passed.

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

**11.0 Letter of Resignation**

Michelle Cary has submitted her resignation as Ashley's Pre-K teacher. A suitable replacement is being sought.

Motion by Densmore seconded by J. Fabus to accept Michelle Cary's resignation. Motion passed.

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

**Discussion Items:**

**12.0 Mileage Reimbursement**

Bowman mentioned this being in the NEOLA policy book. Tabled until December to give time to review the policy.

**13.0 December Board Meeting**

It was suggested to move the December board meeting to December 14<sup>th</sup> instead of December 21. There is a boys' JH basketball game at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Bowman seconded by J. Fabus to move the December Board of Education meeting from December 21 to December 14, 2015. Motion passed.

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

**13.1 Bank Depositories**

Mercantile Bank Ashley branch is closing in the spring. Discussion took place regarding where to go to do banking. Leaning toward Isabella Bank. They have a branch in Ithaca.

**13.2 Softball Coach Position**

The position has been reposted. Mr. Shaw stated there are currently 14 girls interested in playing softball.

**14.0 Board Comments**

- German Exchange Program – meeting later this week with Dr. Jan.
- Staff Christmas Breakfast – Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 am.
- Questions were asked about the condition of the kitchen during the football pasta dinner fundraiser.

**14.1 Closed Session**

There are several issues that the Attorney has provided some guidance on that will need to be reviewed.

Motion by Bowman seconded by J. Fabus to enter closed session at 7:50 pm. Motion passed.

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

Closed session adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Motion by Bowman seconded by J. Fabus to accept the closed session minutes. Motion passed.

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

T. Fabus - Absent  
Hardman - Absent  
Wilson - Yes

**15.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.