

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Organizational Meeting
Media Center
Monday, July 15, 2013
6:30 pm**

Members Present:

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

Guests:

Traci Gavenda, Principal
Jan Amsterburg, Interim Superintendent

Members Absent:

Pat Wilk, Vice-President
Tom Fabus, Trustee
James Fabus, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

President Anmarie Andrews called the Board of Education Organizational meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

Roll call was taken and members absent included T. Fabus, J. Fabus, and P. Wilk.

4.0 Audience Participation

No audience participation.

5.0 Election of Officers

The board is required by law to hold an Organizational Meeting prior to its regular meeting and elect officers to serve for the 2013/2014 academic year.

5.1 A. Andrews is nominated for **President** by S. Hardman. Andrews asked if there are any other nominations.

It was moved by S. Hardman with support by K. Densmore to close the nominations for President and cast a unanimous ballot for Andrews, as President. Roll call vote:

Andrews - Yes

Densmore - Yes

J. Fabus - Absent

T. Fabus - Absent

Hardman - Yes

Wilk - Absent

Wilson - Yes

- 5.2 P. Wilk is nominated for **Vice-President** by S. Hardman. Andrews asked if there are any other nominations.

It was moved by S. Hardman with support by K. Densmore to close the nominations for Vice-President and cast a unanimous ballot for P. Wilk, as Vice-President. Roll call vote:

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

- 5.3 C. Wilson is nominated for **Secretary** by S. Hardman. Andrews asked if there are any other nominations.

It was moved by S. Hardman with support by K. Densmore to close the nominations for Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for C. Wilson, as Secretary. Roll call vote:

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

- 5.4 K. Densmore is nominated for **Treasurer** by C. Wilson. Andrews asked if there are any other nominations.

It was moved by S. Hardman with support by C. Wilson to close the nominations for Treasurer and cast a unanimous ballot for K. Densmore, as Treasurer. Roll call vote:

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

6.0 Establishment of Agenda Format

If the board wishes to make changes in the agenda format, the changes should be made now and action taken to adopt the changes. The current agenda uses the consent agenda format.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Kurt Densmore to approve continuing to use the consent agenda format. Motion passed.

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

7.0 Approval of Routine Business Operations and Designates

7.1 Board policies and by-laws

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Kurt Densmore to adopt current board policies and by-laws as presented. Motion passed.

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

7.2 Public Participation Procedures

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Cindy Wilson to adopt the Public Participation Procedures. Motion passed.

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

7.3 Roberts' Rules of Order

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Kurt Densmore to adopt the Robert's Rules of Order. Motion passed.

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

7.4 Athletic Season Passes as Compensation for Board Members

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Steve Hardman to accept athletic season passes as compensation for Board Members for 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

7.5 District Library Board Director Position.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Kurt Densmore to appoint Pat Wilk as District Library Board Director. Motion passed.

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

7.6 Publication of Official Notices

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Kurt Densmore to approve The Weekly and The Gratiot County Herald as publication of official notices for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

8.0 Establish Date, Time, and Place of the Regular Meeting

State law requires a minimum of one monthly meeting. Traditionally, the board has held the monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month.

Motion by Cindy Wilson seconded by Kurt Densmore to change September, October, and November to third Wednesday and remaining months back to third Monday at 7:00 pm. Motion passed.

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

9.0 Designation of Bank Depository for Funds and Signatories

9.1 It is required that the board names a depository for our school funds. The district currently uses Firstbank.

Motion by Kurt Densmore seconded by Steve Hardman to use Firstbank as the depository for school funds for 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

9.2 It is necessary for the board to name a signatory for the district Activity Account through Firstbank.

Motion by Kurt Densmore seconded by Steve Hardman to approve Traci Gavenda as the signatory for the Activity Account. Motion passed.

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

9.3 The board has designated the signatories for district account in past years at the organizational meeting.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Cindy Wilson to designate the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer as signatories for the district account for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

10.0 Designation of Legal Services

The board has over the years retained the Lansing law firm of Thrun Law Firm, PC, as the district's legal advisors.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Cindy Wilson to retain the Lansing Law Firm of Thrun Law Firm, PC, as the district's legal advisors.

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

11.0 Other

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.