

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Media Center  
Tuesday, May 28, 2013  
(Rescheduled from Monday, May 20, 2013)  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

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

**Guests:**

Sue Peterson	Jennifer Moore
Erica Denman	Connie Stehlik
Josi Denman	Ada Boog
Traci Gavenda	Lynne Clark
Kyla Edgar	Aleeha Turner

Tim Hughes, Superintendent  
Michael Allison, Principal

**Members Absent:**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Anmarie Andrews called 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 Board Member Wilson.

**4.0 Audience Participation**

Student Kyla E. thanked Mr. Dunning for being a good teacher. She also expressed her concern regarding not being able to participate in dual enrollment for her senior year.

Board Member Wilson entered meeting.

**5.0 Student Recognition**

Kaleb Bradley was recognized for his exceptional performance as a Mentor to student in a younger grade.

**6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Discussion took place to add to agenda Discussion Item 14.1 - Painting of the Gym.

Motion by Pat Wilk, seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the board agenda for the May 28, 2013, meeting as amended, approve the board minutes from the April 15, 2013, regular meeting as presented and approve the bills payable for May 2013, in the amount of \$196,842.29-General Fund, and \$12,481.12-Hot Lunch, for a total of \$209,323.41, as presented. Motion passed.

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

- General Fund-Revenue for Apr 2013, was \$206,914.37 with Expenditures of \$196,842.29
- General Fund-YTD Revenue \$1,591,488.36 with YTD Expenditures of \$1,933,832.23
- Hot Lunch Fund-Revenue for Apr 2013, was \$12,821.69 with Expenditures of \$12,481.12
- Hot Lunch Fund- YTD Revenue \$64,326.89 YTD Expenditures of \$92,292.74

## 7.0 Correspondence

Thank you card from the elementary staff for Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week was read.

## 8.0 District Reports

Athletics & PreK – 12 – Mr. Allison

Mr. Allison updated the Board on athletic and Pre-K-12 events.

Pre-K-12

- Prom – Outstanding behavior
- Talent Show was a success – (Winner - Jamee Arntz)
- Science Expo – Student Driven Learning
- HS Awards Assembly was held Tuesday, May 21
- Graduation Rehearsal – Last Day for Seniors was May 22
- Senior Swingout – Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm
- Graduation – Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm
- Kindergarten Graduation – Thursday, May 30 at 6:30 pm
- MS Awards Assembly – Wednesday, May 31 at 8:30 am
- Elementary Awards Assembly – Wednesday, June 05 at 9:00 am
- June 05-06 – Semester Exams – half days
- Thursday June 06 – last day for students

Athletics

- Football pasta dinner / auction – raised over \$7,000
- Wrestling Co-Op with Ovid-Elsie
- BB/SB Districts at Fulton – Saturday June 01
  - Baseball at 10:00 am
  - Softball at 12:00 noon
- Football / Basketball Coaches search

District – Mr. Hughes

Mr. Hughes updated the Board on District events.

- State Aid Proposal – changes
  - \$6,966 - current foundation
  - \$7,026 - increase to
  - \$7,076 - \$50 equity payment
  - \$165 / 235 retirement offset
  - \$160,000 swing in our budget
- Taking action tonight on items that the Board is putting in place. Voting could take place as soon as the end of the month.
- Common Core – there is discussion to do away with this nationwide. By next year every student needs to be 100% proficient – which is impossible.
- Wednesday, June 05 is the end of the year staff potluck. Gathering will begin around 11:45 am and lunch will begin around 12:00 noon.

- We received 42 applications for the principal position.
- Discussed budget

**Action Items:**

**9.0 Approve MHSAA Resolution**

Annually the Board of Education must adopt a resolution to join MHSAA.

Motion by Kurt Densmore seconded by Pat Wilk to adopt the resolution to join MHSAA for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

**10.0 Reduction of Teaching Positions**

To continue to comply with our Deficit Elimination Plan, it is necessary to reduce the number of teaching positions by 1.5 positions. We have been able to put together a schedule that will allow for this reduction without impacting students. Following the Master Agreement, it is the recommendation to eliminate the Math position currently held by David Dunning and eliminate the Intervention Specialist position held by Jennifer Jason. The end result is that we are eliminating the position held by Mr. Dunning (1.0 FTE), eliminating the Intervention Specialist position held by Jennifer Jason 5/7<sup>th</sup> position and increasing here Counseling position from 2/7<sup>th</sup> to .5 FTE.

Board Member Wilk expressed his concerns of having only one math teacher. Board Member T. Fabus asked about previous discussions of no more staff reductions.

Motion by Jim Fabus seconded by Tom Fabus to approve the reduction of the teaching position occupied by David Dunning. The reduction is effective June 30, 2013. Motion passed.

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

Mr. Hughes explained there was a \$20,000-\$25,000 reduction of Title I funds and how they are able to be spent for next year.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Cindy Wilson to approve the elimination of Intervention Specialist occupied by Jennifer Jason for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

**11.0 Increase of Counseling Position**

Earlier this year the board reduced the Counseling position to a 2/7 position. While there are continuing economic concerns, it is recommended that the position of Counselor be increased to a .50 FTE position.

Board Member Wilk expressed his concerns that this was done at another time and it cost the school several thousand dollars for the grievance.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the increase in the position of School Counselor occupied by Jennifer Jason to .50 FTE. This change in the Counselor position will be effective at the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion passed.

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

**12.0 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion took place regarding concerns about the deficit.

Motion by Tom Fabus seconded by Pat Wilk to approve the Gratiot-Isabella RESD 2013-2014 General Fund Operating Budget as presented. Motion passed.

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

**13.0 GIRESD Biennial Election**

Bi-Annually Ashley Board of Education is asked to take action on Gratiot-Isabella RESD's candidates for their Board of Education. A profile of the candidates is included for your review. (Attachments C) Below is a four part resolution that the board should act on.

1. The Board designates Pat Wilk as its representative to serve on the 2013 electoral body responsible for electing members to the GIRESD Board of Education and jim Fabus as alternate representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
2. The Board supports candidates Thomas Steere (St. Louis), William Henderson (Alma) and Cheryl Booth (Ithaca), for the 3 open positions on the GIRESD Board of Education for a term of six years.
3. The Board directs its representative Pat Wilk to vote for candidates Thomas Steere (St. Louis), William Henderson (Alma) and Cheryl Booth (Ithaca), at least on the first ballot taken at the June 6 election.
4. The Board authorizes and directs its secretary to file this resolution with the secretary of the GIRESD Board of Education.

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

**13.1 Approval of Coaching Positions (added agenda item)**

Motion by Pat Wilk seconded by Jim Fabus to approve Fred Peacock as Varsity Football Coach. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Jim Fabus to approve Joe Shaw as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Motion passed.

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

Discussion took place regarding Joe's maturity and coaching levels needing to improve.

**13.2 Approve painting of gymnasium**

Motion by Tom Fabus seconded by Pat Wilk to approve the painting of the gymnasium and for administration to move forward on obtaining bids. Motion passed.

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

**13.3 Sex Education Committee**

Motion by Pat Wilk seconded by Tom Fabus to approve the following as the Advisory Board for this curriculum. Motion passed.

Robin Cordray – Medical	Deann Smith – Teacher
Sarah Mora – Student	Larissa Horn – Student
Mrs. Brown – Parent / Medical	Mr. Willbanks – Teacher
Deanna Hardman – Parent	Mr. Allison – Administration
Mona Dye - Pastor	

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

**Discussion Items:**

**14.0 Board Comments**

- Student Leadership / Gavenda received a grant to paint the gymnasium. The grant expires the middle of June.
  - Estimate to paint the gym: 6 ft. = \$3,200; ceiling = \$8,000
  - Sherwin Williams paint – cheaper if using a contractor.
  - Vote added to action items (13.2).
- Based on audience request, action item number 13.3 Advisory Board for Sex Education was added to the agenda.
- Principal Interviews
  - Monday, June 3 – afternoon
  - Wednesday, June 5 – afternoon
  - Might have to do an evening
  - Narrow down to 6-8 candidates

**15.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.