

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Pat Wilk, Vice-President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer
Steve Hardman, Trustee @ 7:20 pm
Tom Fabus, Trustee
James Fabus, Trustee

Guests:

Sue Peterson
Connie Stehlik

Tim Hughes, Superintendent
Traci Gavenda, Principal

Members Absent:

1.0 Call to Order

President Anmarie Andrews called the Regular Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

All Board members were present with the exception of Steve Hardman.

4.0 Audience Participation

Sue Peterson discussed the LINKS German Exchange Program taking place October 01-October 15, 2013. The spring 2014 dates are yet to be determined.

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Tom Fabus seconded by Pat Wilk to approve the board agenda for the September 18, 2013, as amended to remove agenda item #11 Approve Hiring of Science Teacher, approve the board minutes from the July 15, 2013, organizational meeting, the July 15, 2013, regular meeting, the August 19, 2013, regular meeting and approve the bills payable for September 2013. Motion passed.

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

Steve Hardman entered the meeting at 7:20 pm

6.0 Correspondence

None.

7.0 District Reports

PreK – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- 1st / 2nd daily reader last year
- K-4th daily reader this year first. A list this Friday, 9-20-13.
- High School Student Leadership tackling a bullying issue in the Middle School.
- Z92.5 – Local merchants (Wiggieswerks, Ashley Family Care Center, Ashley Care Center) are sponsoring student of the month. Zack Schmidt is Student of the Month for September 2013.
- October 11 – Homecoming. Plans for powder puff, dance, and parade all going well.
- Currently 33 students taking advantage of online courses. Two of these students are full-time online students.
- Athletics
 - Varsity Football - 2-1
 - Jr. High Football – 0-3
 - Varsity Volleyball – doing well
 - JV Volleyball – focusing on fundamentals
 - Jr. High Volleyball – doing well
- Academic Schedule – Need a Quiz Bowl coach by 9-19-13
- Thanks to Dwayne Payne, Brian Howe, Brent Andrews and Steve Hardman for helping with the mural and gym improvements.

District – Mr. Hughes

- Mr. Hughes and Kurt Densmore attended a free conference Monday in Lansing. The conference was hosted by MASB and focused on schools in deficit.
- Looking to rebid our food service. It’s a lengthy process.
- Mrs. Gavenda said elementary and middle school student counts were up; although the high school still isn’t coming around. Would like to try a focus group with the Student Council.

Action Items:

8.0 NHS Bylaws

The National Honor Society has revised their bylaws and would like the board of education to review them and approve them.

Motion by Pat Wilk seconded by Jim Fabus to approve the revised National Honor Society bylaws as presented. Motion passed.

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

9.0 Accept Resignations

Mr. Sahr and Mrs. Gray have submitted letters of resignation. Both have taken positions with other school districts. The Board should take action to accept their resignations at this time.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Pat Wilk to accept the resignation of Steven Sahr and Evelyn Gray from Ashley Schools. Motion passed.

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

Discussion Items:

10.0 GPA Changes

Mrs. Gavenda reviewed handout with other school's formulas compared to ours. She will get teacher input and revisit and the October meeting.

Mr. Hughes discussed the GIRESD Vocational Millage (1 mill) and the need to support the millage in the November election. The millage will raise 2.8 million dollars for Gratiot-Isabella counties. Fulton sends their kids to Montcalm County. The GIRESD is cheaper and less transportation is involved. They are looking to reinstate the Auto Body program. The Agricultural program will be regional wide at Alma only.

Motion by Steve Hardman seconded by Tom Fabus to support the resolution for the GIRESD Vocational Millage (1 mill) at the November election. Motion passed.

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

11.0 Budget Review

Count day – October 02, 2013. Count percent has changed but won't know until the following August. The school budget is always going to be a year behind.

12.0 Board Comments

None.

13.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.