**Ashley Board of Education**

**Ashley Community Schools**

**Regular Meeting**

**Media Center**

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

**Members Present: Guests:**

Anmarie Andrews, President John Alvarez Jr.

Steve Hardman, Vice-President Roger Numerich

Kurt Densmore, Treasurer Mike Burlingame

James Fabus, Trustee Lynne Burlingame

Loretta Schneider, Trustee

Jeff Rohrer, Superintendent

Traci Gavenda, Principal

**Members Absent:**

Cindy Wilson, Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

President Andrews called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

Board members Wilson was absent at roll call.

**4.0 Audience Participation**

John Alvarez – discussed weapons on school property and his son being threatened by another student. A committee will meet to discuss school policies and whether to change them or keep them as is.

**5.0 Board Member Interviews**

The Board interviewed two candidates for the open board seat. The candidate chosen will fill the Board seat until December 31, 2018.

Candidate #1: Roger Numerich – retired from Postal Service in 2003. Moved to Ashley in August and would like to be more involved in the school and the community. Work in the cafeteria at Ashley Schools.

Candidate #2: Lynne Burlingame – has lived in community for 28 years. Has two kids enrolled in Ashley Schools, natural progressing of involvement, is currently a healthcare worker.

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**6.0 Board Member Appointment**

Motion by Fabus seconded by Hardman to appoint Lynne Burlingame to the vacant Board of Education position until December 31, 2018. Motion passed.

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| Andrews | - | Yes | Hardman | - | Yes |
| Vacant | - | Vacant | Schneider | - | Yes |
| Densmore | - | Yes | Wilson | - | Absent |
| Fabus | - | Yes |  |  |  |

**7.0 Oath of Office**

Board President Andrews administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member, Lynne Burligname.

**8.0 Correspondence**

None.

**9.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by seconded by to approve the March 18, 2018 agenda as presented; to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on February 12, 2018, and to approve the bills for March 2018. Motion passed.

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| Andrews | - | Yes | Hardman | - | Yes |
| Burlingame | - | Abstain | Schneider | - | Yes |
| Densmore | - | Yes | Wilson | - | Absent |
| Fabus | - | Yes |  |  |  |

**10.0 District Reports**

Athletics – Mr. Shaw (not present at meeting due to Germany Exchange Trip)

* Baseball and Softball first game, Wednesday, April 4th at Farwell.
* Baseball and Softball first home game, Friday, April 6th vs. Whittemore Prescott.

Pre-K – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

* + Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration
    - About 20 Pre-K students
    - Only 10 Kindergarten students registered
  + Parent-Teacher Conferences were March 8. Not as busy as fall conferences.
  + End of Marking Period is Friday, March 23. Report cards will go out after spring break.
  + The grant for the 20x30 mat was received last week. The kids have already used it.
  + March is Reading Month – lot of activities
  + ST Math Grant – will be purchasing program
  + Many grants received this year

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District – Mr. Rohrer

i. Ashley 2020 update

* Enrollment is up to 274; 20 higher than fall count
* Enrollment Committee has met and has started to implement ideas.
* Fundraising Committee has a 2-3 year plan in the works. Bringing back K-12 Art is in the plans.

ii. Construction Update

* We have about $115-$130K left
* Refurbish locker rooms – bids came in high
* Planning to complete everything and then take another look at locker rooms.

iii. RPC Audit Engagement Letter

* Needs signature and will be mailed

iv. Budget update

* Budget is on track

v. State of MI Library Director visit

vi. Board members terms expiring December 31, 2018, nominating petitions

due to the County Clerk on July 24, by 4:00 p.m.

* + - 1. Steve Hardman
      2. Cindy Wilson
      3. Lynne Burlingame

**11.0 Bus Service Update**

Frank and Bill from Ovid-Elsie bus garage gave update on bus service.

* State Police Inspection
  + Two busses were yellow tagged – can still be used with yellow tag
    - Bus #3 – rubber pad between frame and body
    - Bus #7 – worn rubber bushing for shock absorption
* Both bussed repaired and re-inspected; 2 of 7 busses = 71% they are all back on the road.

**12.0 Action Items**

**a. Approve Boys Varsity Soccer Co-op with Ovid-Elsie**

Motion by Hardman seconded by Fabus to approve the Boys Varsity Co-Op with Ovid-Elsie. Motion passed.

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| Andrews | - | Yes | Hardman | - | Yes |
| Burlingame | - | Yes | Schneider | - | Yes |
| Densmore | - | Yes | Wilson | - | Absent |
| J. Fabus | - | Yes |  |  |  |

**b. Construction Projects**

i. Field drainage – bids for adequate drainage with potential for expansion

Bids came in higher than expected. High bid was $22,500.

Stephan Hardman, Inc. submitted bid for $18.500

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Motion by Schneider seconded by Densmore to accept Stephen Hardman, Inc. bid of $18,500 for the field drainage project. Motion passed. Steve Hardman has declared his pecuniary interest in the project in a previous board meeting.

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| Andrews | - | Yes | Hardman | - | Abstain |
| Burlingame | - | Yes | Schneider | - | Yes |
| Densmore | - | Yes | Wilson | - | Absent |
| J. Fabus | - | Yes |  |  |  |

**c. Building Sign**

No vote on signage took place

**13.0 New Business**

**a**. Fundraising Committee – discussed earlier

b. Enrollment committee – discussed earlier

c. School Policies – updating process

* Some policies are in need of adoption – 1st reading tonight
  + Teacher discipline
  + Cash Management of Grants
  + Conflict of Interest
  + Cost Principles
  + Grant Funds
  + Travel Payment & Reimbursement
* Thrun Law Firm will be sending some policy updates
* Need to form a committee to review polices and student handbooks and make necessary changes.
  + Board Members for committee: Densmore, Schneider, Hardman
    - Alternate: Andrews

**14.0 Audience Participation**

None

**15.0 Board Comments**

**16.0 Upcoming Events**

* March 21, 2018 - Gymnastics Recital @ 7:00 pm
* March 23, 2018 - End of 3rd marking period
* March 23, 2018 – Spring Break begins at end of day

**17.0 Adjournment**

The Board of Education Regular meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.