

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM  
Monday, February 08, 2021  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Anmarie Bradley-Dodd, President  
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer  
Jim Fabus, Trustee  
Lynne Burlingame, Trustee  
Ashleigh Shaw, Trustee

**Guests (via ZOOM)**

Ben Engelter, Business Manager  
Charles Clevenger, Food Service Manager  
Joe Shaw  
Stephanie Combs  
Deann Smith

Traci Gavenda, Superintendent/HS Principal

**Members Absent:**

Steve Hardman, Vice-President  
Cindy Wilson, Secretary

**1.0 Call to Order**

Board President Bradley-Dodd called the February 08, 2021, Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

Board members in attendance: Bradley-Dodd, Densmore, Fabus, Burlingame, Shaw.  
Board members absent: Hardman, Wilson.

**4.0 Audience Participation**

None

**5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Densmore seconded by Fabus to approve the February 08, 2021, agenda as presented, approve the minutes for the January 18, 2021, Regular Meeting as presented, and approve bills to be paid. Motion passed.

Bradley-Dodd	-	Yes	Hardman	-	Absent
Burlingame	-	Yes	Shaw	-	Yes
Densmore	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Absent
Fabus	-	Yes			

**6.0 Correspondence**

None

**7.0 District Reports**

Athletics – Mr. Cartwright

- Winter sports are able to have contact practice today and games start. Masks are to be worn by everyone. 2 spectators per player is the limit of people in games at this time.
- Pixellot will be used for streaming the games for people to subscribe to and watch.

- Working on adding an athletic website through Big Teams. It is a free site. Things are being added and will be rolled out for all things athletic.
- Boys Basketball plays this week
  - 2/8 at Breckenridge
  - 2/10 vs Montabella
  - 2/12 @ Merrill
- Girls Basketball plays this week
  - 2/9 vs Breckenridge
  - 2/11 @ Montabella
  - 2/12 vs Merrill
- Sports Boosters is still unable to meet in person. We are looking into the possibility of holding a bowling event this winter.
- Spring sports are scheduled to start on time at this time.
- We put in for the Gratiot County Foundation Grant to help fund repair on fencing at the baseball complex. We will also put in for grants through Riddell and America Football to try to acquire football equipment.
- All football reconditioning has been sent out so that we meet all safety standards.

Pre-K-12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- NHS will be hosting a Blood Drive on February 23, 2021.
- MSAC has been working on organizing virtual academic contests. Focusing on ELA, Forensics, Quiz Bowl, Honors Band, and Talent Review.
- Mr. Cervine received a donation through Donors Choose. He was able to secure computer speakers for teacher's classrooms.
- Pre-K registration will be held March 05, 2021, by appointment.
- Kindergarten registration will be held on March 19, 2021, by appointment.
- FFA Leadership Competition Leslie Bockheim took a silver in Job Interview and Logan Drummond received a silver in Public Speaking.

District – Mrs. Gavenda

- Obtained bids for the much-needed copy machine. Working on securing one by the end of the month.
- Erate bids-working on completing paperwork to update wireless and fiber options in the school.
- Website Update – went down Thursday night. Root cause analysis still points to a hardware failure. Was confirmed the incident was not cybersecurity related.
- Mrs. Gavenda sent information to the Board regarding MASB events and workshops.
- Reflection surveys will be reviewed shortly.
- Dr. Rice has testified before the House and Senate Committees last week. He believes that schools need to attend more days. Any increase in days would require a change in the law.
- Waiver for Assessment and Accountability Requirements:
  - Current 40% of evaluation deals with student growth.
  - If waiver granted, it would basically not make tests mandatory.
  - Baseline data was required and had to be posted to our website. Post test information must be gathered and posted to demonstrate progress.

**10.0 New Business**  
None

**11.0 Action Items**

Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

- Students return back for in-person learning. HS and MS not as much as Elementary
- Mrs. Gavenda gave Powerpoint presentation on survey results of student and parent feedback.
- No results yet on staff survey information
- Elementary                      MS                      HS  
    >2 85%                      78%                      100%  
    1 10%                      4%                      0%  
    0 5%                      18%                      0%
- Edgenuity – not as good success

Board Member Densmore inquired how many students are still virtual. Mrs. Gavenda stated 47 students are virtual.

Motion by Densmore seconded by Shaw to extend the Continuity of Learning Plan. Motion passed.

Bradley-Dodd	-	Yes	Hardman	-	Absent
Burlingame	-	Yes	Shaw	-	Yes
Densmore	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Absent
Fabus	-	Yes			

**12.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**13.0 Board Comments**

- Glad sports resumed.
- Board Member Bradley-Dodd asked about Superintendent Evaluation. Mrs. Gavenda will email the tool to board members.
- Board Member Densmore asked if conferences are virtual. Mrs. Gavenda answered “yes”.
- Board Member Fabus stated ZOOM meetings were great.

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

- Friday, February 12, 2021, Mid-Winter Break -NO SCHOOL
- Monday, February 15, 2021, Mid-Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, March 11, 2021, PT Conferences-students dismissed at 11:30 am

**15.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Densmore seconded by Fabus to adjourn meeting at \_\_\_\_\_p.m.  
Motion passed.

Bradley-Dodd	-	Yes	Hardman	-	Absent
Burlingame	-	Yes	Shaw	-	Yes
Densmore	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Absent
Fabus	-	Yes			