

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 15, 2021  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Anmarie Bradley-Dodd, President  
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer @ 7:20 pm  
Cindy Wilson, Secretary  
Jim Fabus, Trustee  
Lynne Burlingame, Trustee  
Ashleigh Shaw, Trustee

**Guests**

Ben Engelter, Business Manager  
Charles Clevenger, Chartwells  
Adrian Cervini (ZOOM)  
Joe Shaw (ZOOM)

Traci Gavenda, Superintendent/HS Principal

**Members Absent:**

Steve Hardman, Vice-President

**1.0 Call to Order**

Board President Bradley-Dodd called the March 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

Board members in attendance: Bradley-Dodd, Densmore @ 7:20 p.m., Fabus, Burlingame, Shaw, Wilson

Board members absent: Hardman

**4.0 Audience Participation**

**5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Wilson seconded by Shaw to approve the March 15, 2021, agenda as presented, approve the minutes for the February 08, 2021, Regular Meeting as presented, and approve bills to be paid. Motion passed.

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

**6.0 Correspondence**

None

**7.0 District Reports**

Athletics – Mr. Cartwright

- Boys Basketball plays this week:
  - Thursday at Vestaburg
  - Saturday vs St. Charles – Parent’s Night
- Girls Basketball plays this week:
  - Wednesday vs Vestaburg – Parent’s Night

- Friday at St. Charles
- MS Boys Basketball plays this week
  - Wednesday at Vestaburg
  - Thursday vs Coleman
- Spectators are at four per player
- District start March 22, 2021
  - March 22 – Girls vs Fulton at Sacred Heart
  - March 23 – Boys vs Bay City All Saints at Akron-Fairgrove
- Spring sports are scheduled to start on March 22, 2021
- We received the Gratiot County Community Foundation grant to repair fencing on baseball field.
- Football reconditioning is back. We are meeting safety standards.

Pre-K-12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- Charles Clevenger, Food Service Director, gave presentation (see attached).
- Next summer all the current waivers will follow through and we will offer food delivery.
- Quiz Bowl won 6 out of 7 contests.
- Kindergarten Registration was March 19, 2021. We only had nine students register.
- End of marking period is March 26, 2021.
- FFA dress up days took place.
- March is Reading Month. Due to COVID restrictions we can't have an assembly. Have had virtual readers.

District – Mrs. Gavenda

- New copier arriving this week.
- New website coming soon.
- Need to revisit purchasing policies and procedures.
- K-12 student count is 252.
- Currently 28.5% of our students are Schools of Choice. We are second in the GIRESD for Schools of Choice students after Beal City.

**8.0 New Business**

- School Bond Loan Fund Paperwork – Due April 01, 2021. Payment of \$547,315 due May 01, 2021. We currently need to borrow around \$32,000 but taxes are still coming in. Hoping to not have to borrow to make payment.
- Budget Amendment
  - Ben Engelter, Business Manager, presented budget amendment and answered questions.

Current Budget	Amended Budget
REV: \$2,689,886	REV: \$3,012,760
EXP: \$2,856,757	EXP: \$2,926,137

Projected Fund Balance:	
Current: \$279,400	Amended: \$560,586

Discussion took place that there are still many purchases that need to be made yet this fiscal year that have not yet been budgeted for. It is a process to determine what can be purchased with grant funds and what needs to be purchased with General Funds. There will be other budget amendments in the upcoming months and final amendment in June 2021.

**9.0 Action Items**

**Extended Continuity of Learning Plan**

We currently still have 56 students doing virtual classes.

**One-way Communication**

Elementary: 11%  
Middle School: 11%  
High School: 11%

**Two-way Communication**

Elementary: 78%  
Middle School: 78%  
High School: 66.3%

Motion by Densmore seconded by Wilson to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented. Motion passed.

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

**Retirement Incentives**

Motion by Densmore seconded by Fabus to not offer retirement incentives for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed.

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

**Approve Budget Amendment as presented**

Motion by Wilson seconded by Densmore to approve the budget amendment as presented

REV: \$3,012,760,

EXP: \$2,926,137

Fund Balance: \$560,586.

Motion passed.

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

**10.0 Superintendent Evaluation – Executive Session**

- The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation process.
- The Board reconvened to open session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Fabus seconded by Densmore to accepted the Executive Session minutes. Motion passed.

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

**11.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**12.0 Board Comments**

Start thinking about who you want as the next Board President.

**13.0 Upcoming Events**

- March 29-April 02, 2021 – SPRING BREAK

**14.0 Adjournment**

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.