

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 19, 2021
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Bradley-Dodd, President
Steve Hardman, Vice-President
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer
Lynne Burlingame, Trustee
Ashleigh Shaw, Trustee

Guests

Marti Bontrager (ZOOM)
Lori Harmon (ZOOM)
Joe Shaw (ZOOM)

Traci Gavenda, Superintendent/HS Principal
Marty Cartwright, Dean of Students/AD

Members Absent:

Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Jim Fabus, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

Board President Bradley-Dodd called the April 19, 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, Hardman, Densmore, Burlingame, Shaw
Board members absent: Fabus, Wilson

4.0 Audience Participation

None.

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Densmore seconded by Hardman to approve the April 19, 2021, agenda as presented, approve the minutes for the March 15, 2021, Regular Meeting as presented, and approve bills to be paid. Motion passed.

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

6.0 Correspondence

None.

7.0 District Reports

Athletics – Mr. Cartwright

- Baseball fence grant in the works.
- First baseball/softball game Friday, April 23, at Breckenridge.
- Third week of antigen testing
- Girls basketball conference HM: Jenna Wirt, Ashleigh Jelinek

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- Sport Boosters working on fundraisers, developing FB page
- Possible Village Days
- Summer sports schedule for winter coaches
- Coaches meeting at end of year – end of May or early June

Pre-K-12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- March is Reading Month went well (virtual readers)
- Ten student attended Kindergarten registration.
- School improvement strategies – in staff meeting MICIP
- State testing done last week. Make-up dates next week.
- Researching summer learning opportunities. Mrs. Gavenda applied for grant from the State. If we don't get the students, the grant funds must be returned.
- Internal posting for Summer Learning Program Coordinator.

District – Mrs. Gavenda

- New copy machine has been installed
- Possibly replacing merry-go-round. Currently getting quotes.
- Mrs. Gavenda and Mr. Cartwright attended Village meeting. The Village is planning to tag-team plant sale with Village-wide garage sales.
- Prioritizing improvements list.
- We didn't need to borrow money to make our spring school bond loan payments. May need to borrow money in the fall.
- Two-way communication:
 - Elementary 90% - 10 on-line students
 - Middle School 90% - 10-11 on-line students
 - High School 60-65% - 33 on-line students
- Graduation – May 26, 2021.

8.0 New Business

Policy & Procedure Costs

- Thrun Law Firm (Retainer Clients)
 - Policy Manual = \$7,000
 - Administrative Guidelines / Forms = \$4,000
 - Annual Updates \$2,500
- NEOLA
 - Policy Manual = \$16,150
 - Administrative Guidelines / Forms = \$10,500
 - Annual Updates \$2,450
- Clark Hill Law Firm
 - No response to email or two voicemails

Currently we have NEOLA Polices and Thrun as Legal Counsel; most GIRESD Schools have NEOLA. No concerns with being the only district using Thrun. Handbooks will need to be revised regardless of who we use.

9.0 Action Items
Extended Continuity of Learning Plan

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

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

Approve FSMC contract with Chartwells.

Chartwells has been our FSMC for 11 years. It is recommended to approve the contact for a one-year renewal.

Motion by Hardman seconded by Densmore to approve the one-year renewal contract with Chartwells. Motion passed.

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

Approve Policy & Procedure purchase

It is recommended to purchase policies and procedures from Thurn Law Firm, PC, as they are our legal advisors and would be able to defend their own policies.

Motion by Hardman seconded by Burlingame to purchase Policies and Procedures from Thrun Law Firm. Motion passed.

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

Establish 1st day of school for 2021-22 school year

The Board will need to establish the 1st day of school for the 2021-22 school year so the calendar can be completed.

Motion by Densmore seconded by Hardman to start the 2021-22 school year on August 23, 2021. Motion passed.

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

Accept Brian Stehlik retirement letter effective June 30, 2021

Brian has worked for Ashley Schools for 30 years. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Motion by Burlingame seconded by Hardman to accept Brian Stehlik's retirement letter effective June 30, 2021. Motion passed.

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

Accept Nathan Dennison resignation letter effective June 30, 2021

Mr. Dennison, MS ELA Teacher, has submitted letter of resignation effective June 30, 2021.

Motion by Hardman seconded by Densmore to accept Nathan Dennison's resignation letter effective June 30, 2021. Motion passed.

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

10.0 Audience Participation

None.

11.0 Board Comments

12.0 Superintendent Evaluation – Executive Session

- The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation process.
- The Board reconvened to open session at 9:40 p.m.

Motion by Hardman seconded by Burlingame to approve the Executive Session minutes. Motion passed.

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

13.0 Upcoming Events

- May 03-May 07 – Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

14.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.