

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Media Center  
Monday, February 14, 2022  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Kurt Densmore, President  
Cindy Wilson, Secretary  
Lynne Burlingame, Treasurer  
Ashleigh Shaw, Trustee  
Dustin Crumbaugh, Trustee

**Guests:**

Charles Clevenger  
Jen Jason  
Sarah Stewart  
Heather Kimmel

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

**Members Absent:**

Anmarie Bradley-Dodd, Vice-President  
Steve Hardman, Trustee

**1.0 Call to Order**

Board President Densmore called the Board of Education Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Densmore, Wilson, Burlingame, Shaw, Crumbaugh  
Board Members Absent: Bradley-Dodd, Hardman

**4.0 Review ESSER III Plan**

Mrs. Gavenda presented an overview of the American Rescue Plan ESSER III-LEA Plan of Use Narrative. Board members, parents, teachers, administration, and maintenance all sat in together to discuss.

**5.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Burlingame seconded by Crumbaugh to approve the February 14, 2022, agenda as presented; approve the January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes; and approve the bills for January. Motion passed.

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

**7.0 Correspondence**

Thank-you card addressed to the Board from support staff for the recent stipend they received.

## 8.0 District Reports

### Athletics – Mr. Cartwright

- MS boys' basketball hosts Vestaburg tonight at 4:30 pm.
- Varsity girls host Vestaburg tonight at 7:30 pm.
- Varsity boys travel to Sacred Heart for 7:30 pm start.
- Thursday MS boys host Sacred Heart at 4:40 pm. Varsity boys host Vestaburg at 7:30 pm, and varsity girls travel to Vestaburg for 7:30 pm start.
- Reconditioning has been started through Riddell and should be returning soon.
- Weight room equipment has been ordered from Rogers for the Gratiot County grant.
- Districts for girls' basketball are drawn this weekend. Boys will be drawn the weekend after.

### Food Service-Mr. Clevenger

- Reviewed the increases in meal prices
- Went over the shortages. About 25% shortages every week to \_\_\_\_\_ full orders.

### Pre-K – 8 – Ms. Combs

- K-4 back to the cafeteria for breakfast on February 14 like pre-COVID.
- March is Reading Month – need guest readers. BINGO for books night, family event night.
- Middle School working on Team Building. Had to cancel last Friday. Rescheduling ski trip to Snow Snake.
- March 17 – Kindergarten Round-Up at 6:00 pm
- March 22 – Pre-School Round-Up at 6:00 pm

### 9-12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- FFA dress up days this month.
- Interviews last week to fill Social Studies and Media Specialist Positions.
- Held PD for staff last week
- Staff Wellness
- Curriculum alignment at GIRESD

### District – Mrs. Gavenda

- MSAC Expansion – nothing has moved forward to expand our league.
- Annual surveys will go out soon.
- Website has changed. ADA requirements met.

**9.0 Action Items**

**Accept resignation from Jerry Sprouse, MS/HS Social Studies Teacher.**

Motion by Shaw seconded by Burlingame to accept the resignation of Jerry Sprouse, MS/HS Social Studies Teacher. Motion passed.

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

**Raise adult meal prices as follows: Breakfast-\$2.76, Lunch\_\$5.11. Prices to take effect March 01, 2022.**

Motion by Crumbaugh seconded by Burlingame to raise adult breakfast meal to \$2.76 and adult lunch meal to \$5.11. Prices take effect March 01. 2022. Motion passed.

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

**Approve purchase and repair of bleacher sections in main gym.**

Motion by Shaw seconded by Burlingame to approve the purchase 100 bleacher sections to replace cracked and broken seat in the main gym. Total amount of purchase \$7,050.40. Motion passed.

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

**Approve EAI Contract**

Motion by Wilson seconded by Shaw to approve the EAI Contract as presented. To use ESSER money to hire architect with drawings/specs for bids to be approved. Motion passed/failed.

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

**Approve purchase of cafeteria tables.**

Motion by Wilson seconded by Crumbaugh to approve the purchase of ten cafeteria tables. Motion passed.

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

**Approve replacing the kitchen floor.**

- Tabled until the March Board Meeting.

**Approve hiring Joe Smolka as MS/HS Social Studies/History Teacher pending background checks.**

Motion by Burlingame seconded by Wilson to approve hiring Joe Smolka as MS/HS Social Studies Teacher pending background checks. Motion passed.

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

**Approve hiring Lisa Cano as District Librarian.**

Motion by Wilson seconded by Burlingame to approve hiring Lisa Cano as District Librarian. Motion passed.

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

**10.0 New Business**

Present 98b/104a Data

Ms. Combs:

- Reading/Vocabulary – increase
- Geometry – Decrease
- Preschool – increase vocabulary
- Student/class growth – is there a standard for growth. How do we compare to other schools?

Mrs. Gavenda:

- Freshman
  - Composite score low
  - Need to work and increase overall scores
  - No required test – not as focused

- Sophomores
  - Overall composite down by 10 points
  - Increase in Math by 14 points
  
- Juniors
  - Math increased by 32 points
  - Reading decreased by three points
  - Composite score - overall growth 30 points
  
- Seniors
  - Overall composite score decreased from spring
  - Factors change
    - Number of students taking the test could impact change
    - Time of year and no required test
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Bus Purchase Discussion

- Cost of used/leased 2-3 years old \$85,000
- 2014-2015 about \$40,000
- New busses run \$105,000-\$110,000. New busses are hard to get.
- What year are our busses and what is the current mileage? Superintendent to provide update at next board meeting.

Board Members – Terms Expiring 12-31-22

- Steve Hardman
- Cindy Wilson
- Lynne Burlingame
- Dustin Crumbaugh (partial term)

Petitions due to courthouse by July 26, 2022, to be placed on ballot

**11.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**12.0 Executive Session – Negotiations**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:24 pm for Negotiations/ Superintendent Evaluation purposes.

Executive Session was adjourned at 9:51 pm, at which time the Board reconvened to Open Session.

Motion by Burlingame seconded by Shaw to accept the Executive Session minutes. Motion passed.

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

**13.0 Board Comments**

Surveys are a lot about money and curriculum.

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

- Friday, February 18, 2022 – Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL
- Monday, February 21, 2022 – Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, March 10, 2022 - PT Conferences 11:30 am dismissal
- Wednesday, March 16, 2022 – Teacher PD school starts @ 10:00 am
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**15.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.