

**Ashley Board of Education  
Ashley Community Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Media Center  
Monday, May 15, 2023  
7:00 pm**

**Members Present:**

Kurt Densmore, President  
Steve Hardman, Vice-President  
Cindy Wilson, Secretary  
Stephanie Throop, Trustee  
Jennifer Porter, Trustee

**Guests:**

Marti Bontrager  
Amber Hinterman, BOM  
Amber McAllister  
Clayton Barancik  
Tom Keller

Traci Gavenda, Superintendent/HS Principal  
Stephanie Combs, K-8 Principal/Pre-K Director

**Members Absent:**

Ashleigh Shaw, Treasurer  
Dustin Crumbaugh, Trustee

**1.0 Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Densmore at 7:00 pm.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Roll Call**

Members Present: Densmore, Hardman, Wilson, Throop, Porter  
Members Absent: Shaw, Crumbaugh

**4.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the May 15, 2023, agenda as presented; approve the April 17, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as presented; and approve the bills. Motion passed.

Crumbaugh	-	Absent	Shaw	-	Absent
Densmore	-	Yes	Throop	-	Yes
Hardman	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Yes
Porter	-	Yes			

**6.0 Correspondence**

None.

**7.0 Student Recognition**

- Elementary: Student of Marking Period recognized
- Middle School: Student of the Marking Period and Citizen of the Marking Period recognized.

**8.0 District Reports**

**Athletics – Mr. Cartwright**

- Queen of Hearts Progressive Raffle drawing is tonight at 7:00 p.m. The pot continues to grow.
- Golf has first match Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant Country Club.
- Baseball and softball travel to Carson City tonight and travel to Montabella Friday.
- NCTL letter waiting for board okay to be resent for application to apply to the league.
- Summer schedule meetings will take place with all athletes in the next couple weeks.

**Pre-K-8 – Ms. Combs**

- Fourteen preschool applicants. Three are 3-year olds.
- A few sites, but all are fixable. Filed a plan to fix those things.
- Julia Lewis for Kindergarten Teacher for 2023-24 school year.
- Vetting Bookworm program over the summer.

**9 – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda**

- Greenhouse Sale – Saturday, May 13, went well. Flea Market and On-line Auction items being picked up also took place on this date.
- Field trip for FFA-Ag day.
- Ten tractors for tractor pulling day.
- Logan Drummond represented Ashley Schools in the MSAC Talent Review.
- Prom was held Saturday, May 06, at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister.

**District – Mrs. Gavenda**

- Strategic Planning Meeting #8 finished up May 11.
- Meeting with Dr. Harris tomorrow. He will be working with us starting next year.
- “Hope not Handcuffs” is a new program trying to get started in Gratiot county.

**9.0 New Business**

- GIRESD Budget Presentation – Amber Hinterman, BOM
- Adult / Alternative Education
  - Won’t be running this year. Planning to start next year at the Wilson Center in Alma. There are some things that need to be fixed prior to starting.

**10.0 Action Items**

**GIRESD Budget**

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the GIRESD Budget as presented with Revenues of \$8,831,090 and Expenditures of \$6,760,770. Motion passed.

Crumbaugh	-	Absent	Shaw	-	Absent
Densmore	-	Yes	Throop	-	Yes
Hardman	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Yes
Porter	-	Yes			

**Approve hiring Julia Lewis for Kindergarten Teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year.**

Motion by Throop seconded by Porter to approve hiring Julia Lewis for Kindergarten Teacher beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed.

Crumbaugh	-	Absent	Shaw	-	Absent
Densmore	-	Yes	Throop	-	Yes
Hardman	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Yes
Porter	-	Yes			

**Accept letter of resignation from Pre-K Teacher Francine Sourek.**

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to accept the resignation letter from Pre-K Teacher Francine Sourek. Motion passed.

Crumbaugh	-	Absent	Shaw	-	Absent
Densmore	-	Yes	Throop	-	Yes
Hardman	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Yes
Porter	-	Yes			

**11.0 Audience Participation**

None.

**12.0 Executive Session**

**Superintendent Evaluation and Staffing.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m.

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

Crumbaugh	-	Absent	Shaw	-	Absent
Densmore	-	Yes	Throop	-	Yes
Hardman	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Yes
Porter	-	Yes			

**13.0 Board Comments**

None.

**14.0 Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Swingout @ 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, May 24, 2023, Graduation @ 7:00 pm
- Thursday, June 01, 2023, Exams-students dismissed @ 11:30 am
- Friday, June 01, 2023, Exams-students dismissed @ 11:30 am
- Friday, June 01, 2023, Last day of school

**15.0 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.