

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, June 26, 2023
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

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

Guests:

Tom Keller
Heather DeVault
Joe Smolka
Jennifer Surdock

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

Members Absent:

Dustin Crumbaugh, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Densmore at 7:01 pm

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

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

4.0 Correspondence

N/A

5.0 Audience Participation

N/A

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve the June 26, 2023, agenda as presented; approve the May 15, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes and May 24, 2023, Special Meeting minutes as presented; and approve the bills. Motion passed.

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

7.0 Student Recognition

Elementary student of marking period and Middle School student of the marking period and citizen of the marking period were recognized for their achievements.

8.0 District Reports

Athletics – Mr. Cartwright

- Queen of Hearts progressive Raffle drawing tonight at 7:00 pm. The pot continues to grow. Raffle ends July 31, 2023.
- NCTL letter has been submitted. We haven't received any correspondence.
- Football reconditioning has returned.
- Football uniforms have been ordered. In the process of getting volleyball, girls basketball, and boys basketball uniforms also.
- Looking to switch from Schedule Star to Eventlink for scheduling as well as communication purposes.
- Athletics is also looking to add final forms to the department for online tracking, sign-up, and forms.

PreK-8– Ms. Combs

- Elementary and Middle School Field Days went well.
- Pre-K Graduation was held on May 19, 2023.
- Kindergarten Graduation was held on May 30, 2023.
- Middle School Awards Assembly was held on May 30, 2023.
- Summer School started. Tammy Fath is the Coordinator. Thirty-five students enrolled.
- Title I going to school wide K-12 for entire year.

HS Principal / District - Mrs. Gavenda

- HS Graduation went well.
- Maintenance staff working to clean and get ready for fall.
- Many staff are attending summer Professional Development.
- Science Curriculum is changing. Many curriculums have been reviewed. You will be receiving an update on the STEMscopes curriculum later in this meeting.
- ELA group evaluation Bookworms.
- Strategic Planning is in its final stages. A rough draft was presented to board members.
- June 28-30, 2023, RESD retreat at Traverse City.
- Looking into a counselor intern from CMU.

9.0 Science Curriculum Presentation

Demo information sent to the board. Asked if any other information was needed at this time. No other information was needed. Mrs. Smith is attending a science workshop in Illinois this week. Leaning towards Chemistry applications.

10. Action Items

School Bond Loan Resolution

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve the School Bond Loan Resolution. Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023 Tax Rate Request (L-4029)

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the 2023 Tax Rate Request (L-4029). Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 MHSAA Membership Resolution

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the 2023-24 MHSAA Membership Resolution. Motion passed.

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

Accept letter of resignation from HS ELA Teacher, Ed Hornback

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to accept the resignation of HS ELA Teacher, Ed Hornback. Motion passed.

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

Approve hiring Deanna Hardman as Elementary Special Education Teacher

Motion by Shaw seconded by Porter to approve hiring Deanna Hardman as Elementary Special Education Teacher. Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 Pupil Accounting Services Contract with GIRESD

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the 2023-24 Pupil Services Contract in the amount of \$9,785 with GIRESD. Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 METS Contract

Motion by Hardman seconded by Porter to approve the 2023-24 METS Contract. Motion passed.

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

Approve Strategic Plan

Motion by Shaw seconded by Throop to approve the Strategic Plan. Motion passed.

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

Approve Purchase of ELA Curriculum

Motion by Shaw seconded by Throop to approve purchase of the ELA Curriculum. Motion passed.

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

Approve changes to the 2023-24 MSAC Constitution

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve the changes to the 2023-24 MSAC Constitution. Motion passed.

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

Approve 2022-23 Final Budget

Motion by Hardman seconded by Porter approve the 2023 final budget as presented.

Revenues: \$3,644,106

Expenses: \$1,870,835

Fund Balance: \$759,181

Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 Budget

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve the 2023-24 budget as presented.

Revenues: \$3,222,960

Expenses: \$1,984,730

Fund Balance: \$592,050

Motion passed

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

Approve proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year.

- 07-17-23 Organizational Meeting @ 6:30 pm & Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 08-21-23 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 09-18-23 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 10-16-23 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 11-20-23 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 12-18-23 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 01-15-24 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 02-12-24 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 03-18-24 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 04-15-24 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 05-20-24 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 06-17-24 Budget Hearing @ 6:30 pm & Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 12-month employee contracts (Mike Burlingame, Leota Long, Aaron Peters, Sandy Slowinski).

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve 2023-24 12-month employee contracts (Mike Burlingame, Leota Long, Aaron Peters, Sandy Slowinski). Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 Dean of Students/Athletic Director (Marty Cartwright) contract renewal

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve 2023-24 Dean of Students/Athletic Director (Marty Cartwright) contact renewal. Motion passed.

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

Approve 2023-24 Elementary/MS Principal and Pre-K Director (Stephanie Combs) contract renewal

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to approve 2023-24 Elementary/MS Principal and Pre-K Director (Stephanie Combs) contract renewal. Motion passed.

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

Approve teacher moving to next year probation/tenure

Motion by Hardman seconded by Porter to approve the listed teachers moving to next year probation/tenure. Motion passed.

David Barr-Tenure
 Joe Shaw-5th year probation
 Joe Smolka-2nd year probation
 Mallory Yelsik-2nd year probation

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

11.0 New Business

None

12.0 Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:08 pm to discuss:

- Negotiations
- Staffing
- Superintendent Evaluation

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

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

13.0 Action Items

Approve 2023-24 HS Principal/Superintendent (Traci Gavenda) contract renewal

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve 2023-24 HS Principal/Superintendent (Traci Gavenda) contract renewal with the following changes:

- Roll-over unused sick and vacation days
 - Change compensation wording
 - Change amounts for compensated sick days
- Motion passed.

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

Approve Alternative Education Program

Motion by Shaw seconded by Porter to approve Alternative Education Program. Motion passed.

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

Approve Contract Revisions (added action items)

Motion by Hardman seconded by Porter to approve \$3,000 increase to Marty Cartwright's contract for obtaining his Administrative Certification as well as amend compensated sick days amount to \$30. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Hardman seconded by Shaw to amend Stephanie Combs compensated sick days amount to \$30. Motion passed.

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

14.0 Audience Participation
N/A

15.0 Board Comments

16.0 Upcoming Events

- Organizational & Regular Board Meeting – July 17, 2023

17.0 Adjournment

The Regular Board meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.