

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, March 20, 2023
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Kurt Densmore, President
Steve Hardman, Vice-President
Ashleigh Shaw, Treasurer
Dustin Crumbaugh, Trustee
Stephanie Throop, Trustee

Traci Gavenda, Superintendent/HS Principal
Stephanie Combs, K-8 Principal/Pre-K Director
Marty Cartwright, Dean of Students/AD

Guests:

Amber McAllister
Joe Shaw
Jenny Fabus
Sarah Stewart
Logan Drummond
Jim Skaryd
Jeff Reser
Mary Levy
Bailey Crocker

Members Absent:

Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Lucas Studt, 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, Shaw, Crumbaugh, Throop
Members Absent: Wilson, Studt

4.0 Audience Participation

None.

5.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Hardman seconded by Crumbaugh to approve the March 20, 2023, agenda as presented; approve the February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes as presented; and approve the bills. Motion passed.

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

6.0 Correspondence

None.

7.0 Student Recognition

- FFA
 - Logan Drummond and Bailey Crocker attended the National Convention.
 - Jim Skaryd and Mary Levy donated \$1,500.00 to the FFA on behalf of the Ashley Sportsman's Club.

- Ava Juhas
 - Ava was recognized for qualifying for States in wrestling.

8.0 District Reports

Athletics – Mr. Cartwright

- The following students were recognized for making the MSAC Honorable Mention Team:
 - Girls Basketball: Ali Emmendorfer and Ellie Drummond
 - Boys Basketball: Logan Drummond and Carson Litwiller
- Discussed the need for one platform for communication.
- Working on updating Varsity uniforms.
- Queen of Hearts has started again.

Pre-K-8 – Ms. Combs

- 14 projected for Pre-K next year. Three interested in young 3's.
- March is Reading Month has gone well.
 - Guest readers have been great.
 - Will end with obstacle course this Thursday.
- Bookworms – Elementary teachers still looking through books.
- Middle School Student Council is working with High School Student Council.
- Optimist Awards – one student from each grade.
- Hartley field trip coming up after Spring Break.
- 7th grade field trip to Mt. Pleasant CTE.
- Career Fair held by PTO last week – had a good turn-out.
- Question regarding recognizing Students of Marking Period
 - Board President Densmore left it up to Administration

9 – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda

- Testing to begin April 12.
- PT conferences held March 02, 2023. Turn-out wasn't as high as in the past.
- PD – ALICE Training review and curriculum work.
- Jim Harris visited on March 06, 2023. He toured the building and met staff.
- MSAC Leader Workshop – working on numbers and school spirit.
- Honors Band attendees: Alexyss McAllister, Ryan Kieffer and Michael Kieffer.
- Free sports physicals – May 05, 2023.

District – Mrs. Gavenda

- High School ELA curriculum review.
- Science and Social Studies are looking through their options.
- Washington DC invite for FFA. FFA offered two scholarships.
- Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) training – Mrs. Gavenda and Ms. Combs attended
- Title Financial Audit: a couple findings
 - Incorrect account code used
 - A couple of our policies are not detailed enough

9.0 New Business

- Board of Education Member Resignation/Post Vacancy
 - Lucas Studt has accepted a position out of state.
 - Applications accepted until Monday, April 10, 2023.
 - Interviews will be held April 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

- Adult/Alternative Ed
 - Housed in Alma.
 - Funded by grant money (3-year cycle). Would have to apply at end of cycle.
 - Do we move forward?
 - The Board asked Mrs. Gavenda to do some additional research.

- 31aa Grant Fund – Student, Mental Health, Safety
 - Received \$28,390.
 - Asking for input from the community.
 - Researching programs that would benefit the school.

- 2023-2024 Food Service Contract Renewal
 - A possible 3% rate increase by Chartwells.

- School Bond Loan Paperwork – payment due May 01, 2023.
 - 14 Bond Debt - \$183,825
 - 17 Bond Debt - \$158,413

We currently have enough money in the bond accounts that we will not need to borrow from the School Loan Revolving Fund to make this payment.

10.0 Action Items

Retirement Incentives

Motion by Hardman seconded by Crumbaugh to approve not offering retirement incentives to eligible staff for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Motion passed/failed.

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

Approve Door Bid

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve the door bid presented by Valley Glass Company for the amount of \$22,710. Motion passed.

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

Approve Van RFP

We did not receive any bids for a 10-person van. Our search has proved them very difficult to find. We will continue to search.

Approve Money Market 4%

Motion by Hardman seconded by Throop to approve opening a new MMIA account at Mercantile Bank with a 4% interest rate. Motion passed.

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

11.0 Audience Participation

None.

12.0 Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m.

- Staffing
- Superintendent Evaluation

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 10:04 p.m.

Motion by Hardman seconded by Crumbaugh to accept the Executive Session minutes. Motion passed.

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

13.0 Board Comments

None.

14.0 Upcoming Events

- March 21, 2023 – Strategic Planning @ 6:00 p.m.
- March 24, 2023 – First Day of Spring Break (Classes resume April 03, 2023)
- April 07, 2023 – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

15.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.