

**Ashley Board of Education
Ashley Community Schools
Regular Meeting
Media Center
Monday, September 18, 2017
7:00 pm**

Members Present:

Anmarie Andrews, President
Cindy Wilson, Secretary
Kurt Densmore, Treasurer
Loretta Schneider, Trustee

Guests:

Jeff Rohrer, Superintendent
Traci Gavenda, Principal
Joe Shaw, Athletic Director

Members Absent:

Steve Hardman, Vice-President
James Fabus, Trustee
Clark Bowman, Trustee

1.0 Call to Order

President Andrews called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Roll Call

Board member Fabus, Hardman, and Bowman were absent.

4.0 Audience Participation

None.

5.0 Construction Update – Chip Hendrick and Bob Smith (See attached list)

5.1 Tour of facility

5.2 Gym Floor Surface – Community presentation scheduled for September 19, 2017, between the JV and Varsity Volleyball games.

6.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Densmore seconded by Schneider to approve the September 18, 2017, agenda as presented: approve the August 21, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes as presented, and approve the bills. Motion passed.

Andrews	-	Yes	Hardman	-	Absent
Bowman	-	Absent	Schneider	-	Yes
Densmore	-	Yes	Wilson	-	Yes
Fabus	-	Absent			

7.0 Correspondence

None.

8.0 District Reports

- Athletics – Mr. Shaw
 - Homecoming is Friday October 13, vs. Montabella
 - Football Parent’s Night is Friday, October 20.
 - JV and Varsity Volleyball Parent’s Night is Thursday, October 26.
 - Cross Country Regionals is Friday, October 27, at Shepherd.
 - 9th Grade Boy’s Basketball coaching position is posted through October 2.
 - German Exchange – four students and one teacher arriving October 12 and will stay for two weeks.

- Pre-K – 12 – Mrs. Gavenda
 - Open House – great turnout. Huge thank you to Mike, Leota, and Brian for all of their work.
 - Paired up with Fulton for PD day.
 - Delayed start on Wednesday, September 20.
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences October 5.
 - Homecoming Week – October 9-13
 - Powder Puff Game – October 11
 - Parade and Game on October 13. Parade Grand Marshals are Annette and Neil Schultz

- District – Mr. Rohrer
 - School started up very well – enrollment is up
 - USAC Appeal Update-the same issue that was presented back in May, USAC wants \$24,000 returned. Ashley received this money for internet support in 2004 and 2005?????. USAC contends the process was not followed. USAC claims the internet consultant who helped Ashley with the process had a conflict of interest. Ashley contends that we did follow the process and if there was a conflict of interest we were not aware of it and the vendor should be paying the fine. We have been using an appeal consultant provided to us to appeal the process at no charge. We are told that there were 300 situations like this in the US. All appeals were denied at the first step. Clare Gladwin ISD used the same internet consultant and they have been asked to pay \$1,000,000.00 back. Clare Gladwin hired an attorney and their appeal was rejected. The same thing happened to Ithaca (60,000). For the next step, Mr. Rohrer will continue to use the consultant at no charge. To hire an attorney will cost \$7,500 for the next appeal. There are two more steps in the appeal process. If we start using an attorney for the next steps it could end up costing more for the attorney than we will lose. If others in our situation win their appeal in the next step, we can use their argument in the third step of the appeal process.

9.0 Action Items

None.

10.0 Audience Participation

None

11.0 New Business

- **Board Policy Development** – Discussed NEOLA. The cost to update all our policies with administrative guidelines will be \$6,400 annually with the website for 7 years. then the cost is approximately \$3,100 per year. This would be a very time intensive process for the board-we will discuss it at the next meeting.
- **Ashley 2020**
 - Finance Committee – set date
 - Enrollment Committee – set date
 - Mr. Rohrer will send out possible meeting dates to get these committees started. He is looking for at least 1 board volunteer for each meeting
- **Football Committee**
 - **A committee to bring a recommendation to the October board meeting to have the 2018 football team become 8 man or stay 11 man.**
 - Members of the committee will be Cindy Wilson, Steve Hardman, Jim Fabus (not confirmed), Jeff Rohrer, Joe Shaw, Kevin Saylor. Jeff will ask Kevin anyone else he wants included, including members of the football staff. Jeff will ask Bruce Anderson.

12.0 Board Comments

13.0 Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 2 hr. delay – Teacher PD
- Sunday, September 24, 2017 – Lion’s Club Chicken BBQ - 12:00-2:00 pm (Cafeteria)
- Monday, October 02, 2017 – NHS Induction @ 6:00 pm (Media Center)
- Thursday, October 05, 2017 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Friday, October 13, 2017 – Homecoming
 - Parade at 2:00 pm
 - Football game vs. Montabella – 7:00 p.m.

14.0 Adjournment

The Board of Education Regular meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.