

April 16, 2025

The School Board of Ashby District 261 met in regular session on April 16, 2025 in the Media Center. Chair B. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: Anderson, Hovland, B. Johnson, Olson, Rylander, Stevens, and Wing. Absent: none. Also present were Superintendent/Principal Jonathan Moore, MS/HS Principal Eric Schoenbauer, Business Manager Renee Melby, Tom Gronwold, Hayley Stevens, Jessica Schlundt, and Sienna Williams.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the agenda. (Wing/Stevens MCU)

Recognition of Visitors.

Motion to approve the following consent agenda (Rylander/Wing MCU):

- Approval of March 19, 2025 minutes
- Financial Reports for March 2025
- Approval of bills: March Handpayables: \$16,715.39, March Wire Payments: \$163,115.00, and April bills: \$84,575.75
- Approve the hiring of Morgan Schmitz as 1st grade elementary teacher
- Approve the hiring of Taylor Hansen as an MS English Teacher
- Approve the resignation of Eric Schoenbauer as Secondary School Principal/AD
- Approve the retirement of Denise Hansen as a paraprofessional
- Approve donations:
 - Donations to Supermileage - Excel Plastics \$150, Cullens \$50, Farmers State Bank \$100, Aagard \$250, Johnson Nelson Masonry \$100
 - Donation to Baseball Club - Anonymous \$25
 - Donation to Letterwinners - Viking Coca-Cola \$442.51
 - Donation for Library Books - Anonymous \$50
 - Ashby Legacy Fund \$12,633.96 for Winter 2025 Grants
 - Donations to Robotics - Viking Bank \$50

Communications/Delegations

Class of 2025 Senior Class Trip to Duluth information was presented by Jessica Schlundt and Sienna Williams. Motion to approve (Anderson/Olson MCU).

Board Reports

Anderson reported on Region 1.

MS/HS Principal's Report

Mr. Schoenbauer reported on the following:

- Polar Plunge with Brandon-Evansville for Special Olympics
- Firearm Safety Course
- Robotics
- Knowledge Bowl
- E Learning Days
- Snow Week Dance
- Teacher Observations
- Athletic Events
- ACT Test
- MCA Testing
- Baseball/Softball Field Fencing Project

- Music Solo and Ensemble Contest
- Potential Cell Phone Policy Change

Elementary Principal/Superintendent Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- Fergus Falls Area Special Ed Coop
- Cooperative Counselor Funds
- Retaining/Attracting Highly Qualified Teachers
- READ Act Training
- Curriculum and Assessments
- Differentiation
- MSBA Seminar for Student School Board Reps
- Spark27 assistance with communications
- Thrive instead of Survive
- Buildings and Operations
- Fueling Station
- Ball Field Fencing
- Flooring upgrade this summer
- Meeting with Brandon-Evansville Activities Committee postponed

Tom Gronwold reported on Knowledge Bowl finishing 11th in State Competition.

Hayley Stevens reported on Summer Rec and Arrow Adventures.

Motion to adjourn. (Stevens/Rylander MCU). Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Leslie Anderson, Clerk