

January 22, 2025

The School Board of Ashby District 261 met in regular session on January 22, 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, Principal Eric Schoenbauer, Renee Melby, Brooke Smith, Heather Dewey, Kari Kreft, Lydia Nash, Faith Hokanson, MaKena Hokanson, Beckett Smith, and Tiffany Hokanson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Recognition of visitors. Kari Kreft, Lydia Nash, Faith Hokanson, MaKena Hokanson, and Beckett Smith gave a presentation about Horizon Public Health Community Mapping.

Board Reorganization: Anderson nominated B. Johnson for Chairperson. Nominations were closed and B. Johnson was declared elected by acclamation. Rylander nominated Wing for Vice Chairperson. Nominations were closed and Wing was declared elected by acclamation. Wing nominated Anderson for Clerk. Nominations were closed and Anderson was declared elected by acclamation. Stevens nominated Rylander for Treasurer. Nominations were closed and Rylander was declared elected by acclamation.

Committees were assignments as follows:

- Special Ed Coop Board: Wing
- MSHSL Rep: Olson
- Legislative Liaison: Hovland
- Negotiations: Wing, Anderson, B. Johnson
- Finance and Disbursement Review: Rylander, Anderson, Wing
- Activities Committee: Olson, Wing, Rylander
- Building & Grounds Committee: Stevens, B. Johnson, Hovland
- Planning Committee: Rylander, Stevens, Wing
- Policy Committee: B. Johnson, Hovland, Rylander
- Wellness: Anderson

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

- Approval of December 18, 2024 minutes
- Financial Reports for December 2024
- Approval of bills: December Handpayables: \$9,351.05, December Wire Payments: \$164,725.63, and January bills: \$91,605.05
- Approve donations:
 - Donations to Robotics: Johnson Nelson Masonry \$50, Rylander Insurance \$100, Scott's Septic \$500, Widseth Smith Nolting \$500, Peterson Tripp Post No 357 \$3,000
 - Donation to Supermileage: Midwest Machinery \$250
 - Donation from K6 Arrows for Boys Basketball Club \$500, Girls Basketball Club \$500, Volleyball Club \$300
 - Donation from Ashby Legacy Fund (from various contributors) for Fundraiser for Principal's Fund \$4,175
 - Donation from Viking Bank - (Year 3 of 3) Scoreboard \$4,592

Board Reports

Olson reported on MSBA Conference sessions.

Wing reported on FF Area Special Ed Coop, Lakes Country Service Coop, MN Service Coop, and MSBA Conference sessions.

Stevens reported on MSBA Conference sessions.

Anderson reported on Region 1.

Rylander reported on MSBA Conference sessions.

Johnson reported on MSBA Conference sessions.

MS/HS Principal's Report

Mr. Schoenbauer reported on the following:

- Student Experiences-sports practices, Knowledge Bowl
- End of Semester
- Target Center experience
- Registration adjustments for Semester 2
- Snow Week planning
- Staff Day on January 20th
- Holding High Expectations
- Robotics Competition February 15th in Ashby
- DAC MCA Training for support staff
- Winter Sports
- Fencing for Baseball Field

Elementary Principal/Superintendent Report

Mr. Moore reported on the following:

- Cooperative dollars for Social Worker/Counselors
- SABERS - tracking student behavior
- Climate and culture to attract and retain staff
- Holiday Fun
- Appreciation Calendar
- READ Act and CORE Training
- Article to Local Newspapers
- Roles and responsibilities of the Cabinet Team
- Website
- Community Outreach
- Legislative Update
- Boiler update
- Custodian position still open
- Maintenance on tractor
- Food Service new menu items
- Transportation
- Calendar changes coming for hosting solo and ensemble contests April 2, 2025

Brooke Smith reported on High School Science.

Heather Dewey reported on assessments and data analysis.

Action Items

Wing introduced Resolution No. 25.02 Directing Administration to Recommend Program/Personnel Adjustments Due to Declining Enrollment and Diminishing Revenue. Rylander seconded. Roll call vote: Olson-yes, Hovland-yes, Wing-yes, Stevens-yes, Anderson-yes, Rylander-yes, B Johnson-yes MCU.

Motion to name Official Depository as Viking Bank of Ashby. (Anderson/Hovland. B. Johnson abstained from voting. Motion carried)

Motion (Rylander/Stevens MCU):

- to name Battle Lake Review/Ashby Dalton Post as the Official Newspaper
- to set the following Board Compensation: \$50/regular or special meeting, Chairperson stipend: \$25/month
- Motion to set the Board Meetings as follows: Day–3rd Wednesday each month, Time–6:00 pm, Place–Ashby Public School Media Center

Motion to approval the School District Policy for the Electronic Transfer of Funds authorizing Renee Melby and Jon Moore to electronically transfer funds as allowed by MS471.38. (Wing/Stevens seconded MCU)

Motion approving the Fergus Falls Area Special Education Cooperative Joint Powers Agreement. (Rylander/Stevens MCU)

Consider approving the 2025-2026 School Calendar. (Anderson/Wing MCU)

Motion to adjourn. (Stevens/Rylander MCU). Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Leslie Anderson, Clerk