

Ashley Public School Board Minutes

JULY 22, 2026

The Ashley school board held their annual meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 8:00pm in the conference room. Present: Ross Litsey, Jordan Jenner, Lyle Fey, Dillon Spurr, Cody Lippert, Jason Schmidt, Teresa Dockter, Chris Doane, Kristi Bender.

Motion by Jenner to approve the agenda with one addition. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the Oath of Office for Dillon Spurr and Cody Lippert. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to nominate Lyle Fey for president of the board. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve the June 15th meeting minutes as written. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve payment of general fund bills (\$168,393.89) and building fund bill (\$18,923). Second by Spurr, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to designate McIntosh County Bank as the depository for school district funds. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the Pledge of Securities submitted by McIntosh County Bank. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to designate the McIntosh County Star Tribune as the official newspaper for the district. Second by Spurr, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to set the regular meeting date for the second Wednesday of the month, subject to change if a conflict arises. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Reports for the 25/26 school year were

reviewed. Mr. Schmidt mentioned that the highway patrol will no longer perform bus inspections. He is researching options and costs to get the required inspections completed. Motion by Lippert to approve all financial reports as presented. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

The second reading was held for the Library Collection Development policy. Kristi Bender was present to answer questions. Motion by Jenner to approve the policy as written. Second by Spurr, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schmidt reviewed projected revenue for 26/27 and the proposed budget for 26/27. Total budget is \$3,546,975.67 (includes \$100,000 contingency figure). Motion by Jenner to approve the 26/27 budget as proposed. Second by Spurr, motion carried unanimously.

The Certificate of Levy was reviewed. The district's taxable valuation is expected to decrease by \$687,000 which means mills will be worth \$9,192, as compared to last year when they were worth \$9,879. Since there is a significant drop in the taxable valuation, the district is allowed to levy the same amount as last year even though it will be above the 70 mill cap. As directed by board members at the June meeting, the district will utilize the 12 miscellaneous mills this year and will use that money to pay a portion of the bond payments for 26/27. The sinking & interest levy will be decreased by the same amount of money as the requested miscellaneous mills so there should be no difference in the amount of taxpayer dollars levied. Motion by Litsey to approve the Certificate of Levy as presented. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spurr to approve the Certificate of Resolution for the district's Section 125 Cafeteria Premium Only Plan. Second by Jenner, motion carried

unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the 10 cent increase in lunch/breakfast prices as proposed for 26/27. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve the 25/26 district financial report and authorize submission to DPI. Second by Spurr, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV and REAP funds. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to approve Mr. Schmidt as the authorized representative for the following: Title IX, ADA, Section 504, SE High Tech, Great Western Network, CREA, AHERA & DOT Drug & Alcohol Safety. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Litsey to appoint Mr. Schmidt to represent the Ashley School District on the SCPSEU Board of Directors and agree to abide by the terms of the Unit's Comprehensive General Plan. Second by Lippert, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jenner to approve Mrs. Martz as the authorized homeless liaison. Second by Spurr, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lippert to approve Mr. Doane as the authorized foster care liaison. Second by Litsey, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Spurr to approve contracts/hire notice as listed: Colin Goettle--\$4,072 (asst FB), Jeremy St. Aubin--\$5,090 (head boys golf), Margaret Burton--\$21/hr (asst cook), Gerri Kroh--\$22.08 (position change to head cook). Second by Jenner, motion carried unan-

imously.

Mr. Schmidt stated the State Fire & Tor-

nado fund is recommending an increase in property insurance—total increase in cost is \$972. Motion by Spurr to approve the recommended increase in coverage. Second by Jenner, motion carried unanimously.

Public tax hearing will be held on September 9, 2026 at 7pm.

Mr. Schmidt's report: 1) PK enrollment is estimated at 13-14 students; 2) Still looking for a city bus monitor, may have to revise or eliminate route if nobody is found; 3) Gym floor finish is complete; 4) Roof leaks were patched; 5) Pavers have been installed on barrel roof—may need more; 6) G&R Controls is waiting on parts to complete the approved project; 6) Other projects to be completed—elementary cubbies, playground equipment installation, cement at north entrance.

Mr. Doane's report: 1) Infinite Campus will conduct teacher training during in-service. Should have parent portal access ready to go by registration; 2) Arbitrator is the new activity scheduler but still working out the kinks; 3) Open coaching positions—asst boys wrestling & head girls track; 4) Working on fall practice schedules.

Next meeting will be August 12, 2026 at 8:00pm.

Motion to adjourn by Jenner, second by Litsey. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager Lyle Fey, President

ASHLEY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
Ashley School District
07/21/2026 10:06AM
Vendor Name, Description, Amount
Checking 1, Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND
A1 AG REPAIR, BRAKE REPAIRS #2..
..... 3,139.99
ANNE CARLSEN CENTER, TUITION..
..... 7,045.49
ARBITERSPORTS LLC, ACTIVITY
SCHEDULER 395.00
ASHLEY SUPER VALU, ELECTION
SUPPLIES 36.45

BIO CORPORATION, SCIENCE SUPPLIES 86.86
CHS RIVER PLAINS, VEHICLE FUEL/LAWN GAS 373.13
CITY OF ASHLEY, WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE 153.00
COLE PAPERS INC, CUST SUPPLIES 565.19
COMMERCIAL LIGHTING, CUST SUPPLIES 580.49
DEMCO INC, SCIENCE/LIBRARY SUPPLIES 382.01
DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS, SERVER MAINT/PHONES/LAPTOPS 23,180.53
DOANE, CHRISTOPHER, REIMB TIME-FB FIELD 37.44
E&H COMMUNICATIONS LLC, MINUTES 252.92
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC, SCIENCE SUPPLIES 523.05
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC, LIBRARY VISION GRANT BOOKS 370.13
FORMAN BUS SALES, MINIBUS #3 ...
..... 93,500.00
G&R CONTROLS INC, REPAIRS GR 5
..... 729.00

GERRELLS SPORT CENTER INC, GAME BALLS-BB/VB 655.00
KAPLAN EARLY LEARNING COMPANY, KITCHEN UNITS-PK 1,691.59
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS LLC, ELEM SUPPLIES 971.41
LINK'S DO IT BEST, CUST SUPPLIES/PAINT 473.87
MCB INSURANCE AGENCY, ADD BUS #3 INSURANCE 718.00
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES, ELECTRICITY 1,952.71
ND ASSOC SCHOOL BUSINESS MGRS, BUS MGR DUES 50.00
ND COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, SUPT CONF FEE 150.00
ND SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, 26/27 DUES 2,896.44
POPP BINDING & LAMINATING INC, LAM FILM 140.42
RENAISSANCE LEARNING INC, 3 YR SUBSCRIPTION-MATH/LANGUAGE ARTS 7,100.00
SCHMIDT, JASON, REIMB ROOF PAVERS 307.60
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC, CENT/PK/ELEM SUPPLIES/SPED CHAIRS 1,929.76

SOFTWARE UNLIMITED INC, ACCT PROGRAM FEE 6,700.00
STAPLES, CENT SUPPLIES 624.11
SUPREME SCHOOL SUPPLY CO, PLANNERS/TEACHER SUPPLIES 310.75
TRIPLE J AUTO BODY AND REPAIR, LLC, OIL CHANGES 598.17
TYPING AGENT LLC, ELEM COMPUTER SUBSCRIPTION-3 YEARS 1,580.31
TYPING.COM, JH KEYBOARDING LICENSES 249.75
VISA, ELEM/JH/HS/BUS SUPPLIES&EQUIP 6,155.29
WORKFORCE SAFETY INSURANCE, 26/27 PREMIUM 1,169.28
ZANER-BLOSER INC, ELEM/K CURRICULUM 618.75
Fund Total: 168,393.89
Checking Account Total: 168,393.89
Bldg Fund:
MCB Insurance-Property \$18,923.00

GENERAL FUND BILLS PAID
BETWEEN BOARD MEETINGS
JULY 2026
PAID TO, DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT
Madison National Life, Disability 323.51
Demco, Library Supplies 373.60
G&R Controls, Boiler Repair 363.00
Allard Trophy, Duplicate baseball trophies 293.00
Decker Equipment, Hinge adjuster 76.90
Chris Doane, AD meeting meal ... 14.00
Wendy Bichler, MTSS conf meals 38.78
Everspring Inn, Supt conf room. 220.00
Ann Wolf, MTSS conf meals 41.51
Sara Sathre, MTSS conf meals ... 34.85
Breigh Schlepp, MTSS conf meals 35.55
Jason Schmidt, Supt conf meals . 46.25
Jessica Schmidt, MTSS conf meals 33.14
Jeremy St. Aubin, Reimb coach convention registration 125.00
Triple J, Service Bus # 10 100.00
Zeeland School, Drum set/music stand/tables/whiteboard 495.00
Houghton Mifflin, K-3 Saxon Math re-fills/kits 9,408.13
ND Attorney General, Background check 40.00
Ali Harriman, National FBLA meals/Uber 279.75
Mid-American Research Chemical, Wax/custodial supplies 1,400.65
(August 19, 2026)