

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASHLEY COMMUNITY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #15 BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2026**

Board President Jeff Stern called the regular board meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Members present: Jeff Stern, Terry Schettler, Candace Reid, Nancy Janowski, Jason Wisniewski and Bryon Holcomb. Member absent: Jennifer Zgonina.

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Jeff Stern to approve consent agenda.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Public Recognition: Ross Schultze and Angela Smith were present.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to enter into closed session at 5:44 pm for the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel of the public body, or to hear testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel to determine its validity; student disciplinary cases; the placement of individual student(s) in special education program(s) and other matters relating to individual student(s) and including the interviewing of applicants for an open district paraprofessional and Special Education Resource (K-4) positions.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Candace Reid to return to public session at 6:19 pm.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to approve the closed session minutes dated December 15, 2025 as read in closed session.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

There was no action taken regarding the possible employment of a district paraprofessional candidate.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jason Wisniewski to approve Shawna Pabst as Special Education Resource (K-4) teacher beginning the 2026-2027 school year, contingent upon her enrollment in and successful progression and completion of the TeachReady Program pursuant to requirements set by administration by a date no later than December 30, 2026.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Bryon Holcomb to approve the second reading of IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures 5:185, 5:220, 5:220-AP, 5:220-E, 6:140, 6:145, 6:240, 7:70, 7:150, 7:150-AP and 7:150-AP, E.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina

Candace Reid
Terry Schettler
Jason Wisniewski
Nancy Janowski
Bryon Holcomb

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jason Wisniewski to approve the 2025-2026 district seniority list for certified staff as presented.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Jeff Stern to approve the 2025-2026 district seniority list for non-certified (support) staff as presented.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve Lawnscape as the district's 2026 mowing service. Cost will be \$225 per mowing.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			
Terry Schettler			
Jason Wisniewski			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Bryon Holcomb to approve the 6th-8th grade Show Me Dough fundraiser.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern Candace Reid Terry Schettler Jason Wisniewski Nancy Janowski Bryon Holcomb			Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Bryon Holcomb and seconded by Jason Wisniewski to approve the 6th-8th grades end-of-year field trip to the Edge in Belleville on May 15, 2026.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern Candace Reid Terry Schettler Jason Wisniewski Nancy Janowski Bryon Holcomb			Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-1

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve the first reading of IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures 4:80, 4:80-AP3, 4:110, 4:110-AP1, 4:110-AP3, 4:110-E, 4:140 and 4:140-AP.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jeff Stern Candace Reid Terry Schettler Jason Wisniewski Nancy Janowski Bryon Holcomb			Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-1

Superintendent Report: Student enrollment – K-8 97, PreK 17, and Off Campus 9, for a total of 123 (this is up one from the December report). The vestibule flooring has been repaired. The buildings/rooms have been kept “warm” during these cold snaps. There have been no issues with the heating. The FY26 School Maintenance Project grant was officially approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. This is a \$100,000 grant (50/50 matching). Work items include enclosing the fifth grade/speech classrooms and HVAC work. The basketball regional begins tomorrow night at Summersville. Our 8th grade night was cancelled due to inclement weather. Volleyball practices have begun. We play February 6th and 7th in the Sandoval tournament. Washington County Sheriff Ross Schultze was in attendance to further discuss the possible utilization of a school resource officer.

Motion made by Bryon Holcomb and seconded by Jeff Stern to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Aye

Jeff Stern
Candace Reid
Terry Schettler
Jason Wisniewski
Nancy Janowski
Bryon Holcomb

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-1

Board President

Board Secretary