

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASHLEY COMMUNITY
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #15 BOARD MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

Board President Jeff Stern called the Tax Levy Hearing to order at 5:25 pm. Members present: Jeff Stern, Candace Reid, Terry Schettler, Nancy Janowski, Kathleen Janvier and Jason Wisniewski. Member absent: Jennifer Zgonina.

Discussion was held among the superintendent and board members. There were no public comments received by the board during the tax levy hearing.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to adjourn the Tax Levy Hearing at 5:30 pm.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

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

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Kathleen Janvier to approve consent agenda.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Public Recognition: The board heard comments from Erin Steward. Angela Smith was also present.

Motion made by Jason Wisniewski and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve the second reading of IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures 3:50; 4:80AP2; 4:160; 4:160-AP; 5:210; 5:330; 7:345 and 7:345-AP.

Aye

Jeff Stern
Candace Reid
Terry Schettler
Nancy Janowski
Jason Wisniewski
Kathleen Janvier

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve the 2023 tax levy (payable in 2024) as discussed. The total tax levy is in the amount of \$1,092,920. This represents a 6.50 percent increase over the previous year.

Aye

Jeff Stern
Candace Reid
Terry Schettler
Nancy Janowski
Jason Wisniewski
Kathleen Janvier

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Kathleen Janvier and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve Quality Network Solutions' technology upgrade proposal. Funding options will be made at a later date.

Aye

Jeff Stern
Candace Reid
Terry Schettler
Nancy Janowski
Jason Wisniewski
Kathleen Janvier

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Jennifer Zgonina

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to approve the junior high (grades 6-8)'s Popeck Pizza fundraiser. Fundraiser will begin on February 4 and end on February 11, 2024. Funds will go toward the end-of-the-year field trip.

Aye

Jeff Stern

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Jennifer Zgonina

Candace Reid
Terry Schettler
Nancy Janowski
Jason Wisniewski
Kathleen Janvier

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Jason Wisniewski to approve the renewal for GoGuardian, a student monitoring software system. Cost is \$3,586.08 and will be paid through REAP.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to purchase a freezer for the kitchen. The freezer will be purchased from J&R Appliances at a cost of \$799.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Candace Reid to approve the second reading of IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures 5:90-AP1; 5:190; 5:200; 5:220-AP; 7:60; 7:60-AP1; 7:60-AP2; 7:60-AP2, E1; 7:60-AP2, E2; 7:60-AP2, E3 and 7:70.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to enter into closed session at 6:09 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), the purchase or lease of particular real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative, or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees..

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to return to open session at 6:45 pm.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jason Wisniewski to approve the closed session minutes dated November 20, 2023 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			
Nancy Janowski			
Jason Wisniewski			
Kathleen Janvier			

Motion carried: 6-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Candace Reid to table any action regarding the purchase of real estate until the contract has been completed.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Superintendent Report: Student enrollment – K-8 120, PreK 18 and 4 off campus for a total of 142. This is an increase of one from the November report. During Christmas break, Tom and Chase will be doing their normal cleaning duties. It was mentioned that the bookcase by Mrs. Copus' classroom needed to be stabilized and issues with the girls' restroom sink. It was mentioned that December 25 and January 1 will be non-working days for the custodial staff. The PreK window is scheduled to be repaired December 22. The replacement will be "wrapped" in stainless or a colored aluminum. Cody Smith with Unlimited Tradesmen, Inc. (Mt. Vernon) was recommended to perform the work. Once we receive an invoice, this will be forwarded to the parent(s) of the student who vandalized the PreK building. The AGS PTO graciously donated \$2,000. This donation is earmarked for the outdoor basketball court. We also received a \$300 donation from SI Services (Harold Kemmerling) to be utilized to benefit all of our students. It was decided that donation would be used during the PTO sponsored movie. The following is a list of upcoming basketball games: January 6 at St. Rose Shootout, January 9-12 at Irvington tournament, January 16 at home versus New Horizon, January 18 at Oakdale/St. Ann (Oakdale), and January 22 at home versus Spring Garden (8th Grade Night). The regional window is January 22-30.

Motion made by Jason Wisniewski and seconded by Jeff Stern to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.

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

Motion carried: 6-0.

Board President

Board Secretary