

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

**APRIL 27, 2015**

Board President Jeff Stern called the regular board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Jeff Stern, Terry Schettler, Andy Rynski, Ross Schultze, Jeff Pelka, Tammy Ebert and Donna Hicks.

Motion made by Andy Rynski and seconded by Jeff Pelka to approve consent agenda.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to adjourn the meeting (sine die) and reorganize the Board of Education at 5:32 p.m.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

***Reorganization of the Board of Education:***

Certified Election Results were distributed and discussed.

Due to the fact that there were no new board members, the Oath of Office was not required to be administered.

Nomination of Jeff Stern as President Pro-Tempore made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Jeff Pelka.

| <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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Jeff Stern  
Terry Schettler  
Andy Rynski  
Donna Hicks  
Ross Schultze  
Jeff Pelka  
Tammy Ebert

Motion carried: 7-0.

Roll call was taken at 5:35 p.m. and members present were Jeff Stern, Terry Schettler, Donna Hicks, Jeff Pelka, Ross Schultze, Andy Rynski and Tammy Ebert.

For the office of board president, the only nomination made was for Jeff Stern. Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Jeff Pelka to nominate Jeff Stern as board president for a 2-year term.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

For the office of board vicepresident, the only nomination made was for Terry Schettler. Motion made by Ross Schultze and seconded by Andy Rynski to nominate Terry Schettler as vicepresident for a 2-year term.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

For the office of board secretary, the only nomination made was for Tammy Ebert. Motion made by Ross Schultze and seconded by Donna Hicks to nominate Tammy Ebert as secretary for a 2-year term.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |

Andy Rynski  
Donna Hicks  
Ross Schultze  
Jeff Pelka  
Tammy Ebert

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Donna Hicks and seconded by Jeff Stern to appoint Angela Smith as the secretary/district treasurer.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to set the regular board meeting dates and time to the fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Andy Rynski and seconded by Ross Schultze to designate Farmers and Merchants National Bank as district depository.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Public Recognition: Joe Lukasik was present for the meeting.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to approve the second reading of the following IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures: 4:70, 4:70AP, 4:90, 4:110AP1, 4:110AP3 and 4:110E Exhibit.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Donna Hicks and seconded by Jeff Pelka to install 3M safety and security film on the cafeteria doors and tinted film on the cafeteria windows. This work is part of a school maintenance grant.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discussion was held regarding the trophy case. This agenda item was tabled indefinitely.

Sealed mowing bids were opened in public session and a motion was made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to accept the mowing bid from MJ Mowing at a cost of \$90 per mowing.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Tammy Ebert to enter closed session 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).

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Ross Schultze to return to public session at 7:05 p.m.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Donna Hicks to approve the closed session minutes dated April 27, 2015 as read in closed session.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Discussion was held regarding the continued employment of certified staff for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to respectfully deny Roxanna Crain's request to transfer to the Jr. High for reasons discussed within closed session.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to approve the continued employment of noncertified staff.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka authorizing letter to 201415 volunteer extracurricular coaches thanking them for their services, requesting the return of district property, and informing them coaching assignments for next year will be determined at a later date.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to combine the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms for the 2015-16 school year.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |

Ross Schultze  
Jeff Pelka  
Tammy Ebert

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Pelka and seconded by Andy Rynski to approve the 2014-15 final school district calendar. The last day of school will be May 29, 2015.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to approve student registration day for July 30, 2015 for the 20152016 school year. Student registration will be held from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Andy Rynski to approve the 20152016 school district calendar. Teachers' Institute will be August 14, 2015 and the first full student attendance day will be August 17, 2015.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Ross Schultze and seconded by Jeff Stern to approve the 201516 Open House date for August 14, 2015 from 6-7 p.m.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Jeff Pelka to keep the 201516 student fees the same as 20142015. Due to our district's participation in the Community Eligibility Provision, all student breakfasts and lunches will be free. There will still be a fee for extra milk/milk break and adult breakfasts/lunches. In addition, a fee will still be charged for lunch seconds (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades).

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to allow the University of Illinois Extension Office to utilize the Ashley Grade School for the youth cooking school. Cooking school will be held June 15-18, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to appoint Donna Hicks to the Kaskaskia Special Education District #801 Governing Board.



| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Ross Schultze to approve the purchase of an HP 24Port Gigabit Switch from QNS in the amount of \$303.15.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Ross Schultze to approve Superintendent Brian Hodge's attendance at the IASB Joint Annual Conference in Chicago on November 2022, 2015.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Andy Rynski to replace a security camera. The current camera has gone bad. I received a quote from Sean Dees for \$325 (color camera and installation). This will be paid from REAP funds.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |

Donna Hicks  
Ross Schultze  
Jeff Pelka  
Tammy Ebert

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Ross Schultze and seconded by Terry Schettler to purchase a RICOH MPC3055PF color copier/scanner/fax machine for the office from GFI at a cost of \$1,990. This will be paid from REAP funds.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Andy Rynski to continue utilizing Prairie Farms for dairy products for the 20152016 school year.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to approve the first reading of the following IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures: 5:60, 5:60AP, 5:60E, 5:70 and 5:80.

| <u>Aye</u>      | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstain</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|-----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jeff Stern      |            |                |               |
| Terry Schettler |            |                |               |
| Andy Rynski     |            |                |               |
| Donna Hicks     |            |                |               |
| Ross Schultze   |            |                |               |
| Jeff Pelka      |            |                |               |
| Tammy Ebert     |            |                |               |

Motion carried: 7-0.

Superintendent's Report: Enrollment K-8 131, 2 off campus, 20 in PreK. This is a total of 153, and is 5 less than what was reported in March. The

second round of PARCC testing has begun. Due to the fact that John Sanders, from Sanders and Sanders Law Firm, has been appointed to the Illinois State Board of Education he no longer can represent our school district. Lee Ellen Starkweather, an attorney with Sanders and Sanders and representative of our school district for many years has opened her own law firm. Business will remain as usual. Trivia Night is May 1. Various field trips have been scheduled throughout the month of May. Graduation will be held May 20 at 7 p.m. May 28 is a teacher workshop with no student attendance and May 29 will be Field Day/Report cards with a 2:15 p.m. dismissal. This will be the last student attendance day. Food sanitation report-we received a score of 100 on our latest food sanitation report (4/9/15). Congratulations to Stacie and Karen for their work and commitment. We have been given the following quotes for a hot water heater: J&R, 80 gallon commercial, \$3,138 installed or a 75 gallon residential for \$1,731 installed; Miller Plumbing quoted a 75 gallon water heater for \$1,335 installed. We received our final 20132014 real estate tax distribution. This was for \$47,245.55. We received \$574.19 for the 2014 mobile home tax distribution and \$65.30 from the back tax fund. Due to state cuts in funding, Ashley Grade School will lose \$12,203 for FY15. On the other hand, as part of the Hold Harmless Allocation, we will receive \$8,987. This results in a \$3,217 loss for our district. These cuts were made for General State Aid, Special Ed Services and Transportation.

The track regional will be held this Wednesday at Mt. Vernon High School. The state track meet will be held May 9 at Herrin.

Motion made by Ross Schultze and seconded by Jeff Stern to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

Jeff Stern  
Terry Schettler  
Andy Rynski  
Donna Hicks  
Ross Schultze  
Jeff Pelka  
Tammy Ebert

Motion carried: 7-0.

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Board President

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Board Secretary