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

Board President Jeff Stern called the regular board meeting to order at 5:36 pm. Members present: Jeff Stern, Candace Reid, Nancy Janowski, and Bryon Holcomb. Members absent: Jennifer Zgonina, Terry Schettler and Jason Wisniewski.

Board member Terry Schettler arrived at 5:38 pm.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Candace Reid to approve consent agenda.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Public Recognition: Angela Smith, Jami Rollie and Bo Thomas (Glass & Shuffett, Ltd.) were present.

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Candace Reid to approve the second reading and adoption of IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures 2:70, 2:70-E, 6:70, 6:70-AP, 6:80, 6:120-AP4, 7:130 and 8:10.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Bryon Holcomb to approve the school district audit report for the fiscal year ending 2026 as presented by Bo Thomas of Glass & Shuffett, Ltd.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary/Benefits Report and to post on the District's website.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Terry Schettler and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve the Teacher and Professional Educator Licensed Employee Evaluation Plan as presented.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to authorize Superintendent Brian Hodge to apply for the FY2027 School Maintenance Project Grant.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Bryon Holcomb to approve the Cardinal Calendar fundraiser. Proceeds will be deposited into the teachers' fund for student activities, field trips, etc.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve board members to the following committees: Advisory/Title I - Nancy Janowski; Negotiating - Terry Schettler and Jeff Stern; Parent/Student Handbook – Candace Reid and Jennifer Zgonina; Crisis Management Plan - Jason Wisniewski; PERA – Jennifer Zgonina and Candace Reid; Remote Learning/e-Learning Plan – Jason Wisniewski and Bryon Holcomb; Wellness - Candace Reid; Concussion Oversight - Terry Schettler; Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Program Task Force and Review Team – Bryon Holcomb; Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response and Management – Bryon Holcomb; Sex Equity – Nancy Janowski; Educational Technology – Nancy Janowski; Employee Substance Abuse Program - Terry Schettler and Jason Wisniewski; Pandemic Planning Team – Jeff Stern and Terry Schettler; School Violence Prevention – Jason Wisniewski and Children's Advocacy Center Communication – all Board of Education members.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Nancy Janowski to approve the first reading of IASB Press Policies, Exhibits, and Procedures 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:190-E2, 7:260, and 7:285-AP.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Candace Reid to enter into closed session at 6:07 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).

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Candace Reid to return to public session at 6:14 pm.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Bryon Holcomb to approve the closed session minutes dated September 28, 2026 as read in closed session.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Motion made by Jeff Stern and seconded by Terry Schettler to approve Riley Madrey as the volunteer Pee Wee basketball coach and director for the 2026-2027 school year pending a successful criminal background check.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

Superintendent Report: Student enrollment – K-8 106, PreK 17, and Off Campus 7, for a total of 130 (down 1 from the August report). Our mandated active shooter drill was conducted on September 18. Everyone did a great job. Deputy Bielong facilitated the drill. Mr. Hodge discussed with the board our district's LEA IDEA determination. Our district has been determined as Meets Requirements. A fire drill was conducted on September 25. Ashley volunteer firemen Blaine Barker and Peyton McConnell were on

hand to help facilitate the drill. The new stage mats are installed. The board determined they wish to keep the old wall/stage mats. The City of Ashley recently removed the old backstop located at the southwest corner of the north lot. Mr. Hodge reminded the board that he will be in Springfield this Wednesday through Friday in order to attend the IASA Conference. We have received the second distribution of the Washington County property tax. This total is $661,598.81. The first distribution was $30,540.72. We received $2,684.00 from the Regional Office of Education's annual PreK housing payment. The baseball season has concluded. We have cross country meets tomorrow at Kaskaskia College, Thursday at Pine Lakes Golf Course (Energy, IL), and October 3 at DuQuoin Fairgrounds. The girls' basketball co-op "dissolution" was discussed. Due to this action, any girls wishing to play basketball will participate on the boys' team. The ROE #13 Health/Life Safety visit will be at 9:00 am on October 9. Board paid flu shots (administered by Washington County Health Department) will be given to participating staff members on October 9 at approximately 10:30 am.

Motion made by Bryon Holcomb and seconded by Jeff Stern to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeff Stern			Jennifer Zgonina
Candace Reid			Jason Wisniewski
Terry Schettler			
Nancy Janowski			
Bryon Holcomb			Motion carried: 5-0

_____ Board President

_____ Board Secretary