

**ASHLAND SCHOOL BOARD  
BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016, 6:00PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER  
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
III. RECORD ROLL**

Members Present: Dr. Davis, Ms. Liebert, Mr. Lyford, Mr. Dion, Ms. Coleman arrived at 7:00

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mrs. Moriarty, Ms. Temperino, Mr. DiCecca, Ms. Bartlett

**IV. BUDGET WORK SESSION**

The Board expressed a desire to see the budget in a format that would allow them to see prior years expended plus detail. Mrs. Moriarty said that they would bring a model to the next meeting.

The Ashland School Board and Administrators went through line items of the 2017-2018 proposed budget with the following actions to be taken:

A. Technology:

Mr. Lyford motioned, Mr. Dion seconded to reduce \$1,200 out of the budget for the projector. The vote was unanimously in favor. The Board will make a motion at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting to reallocate general fund money encumbered at year end 2016-2017.

B. Curriculum and Development:

Ms. Temperino will provide additional information regarding \$1,400 spent in paraprofessional salaries under Curriculum and Development in 2015-2016 and explain why there is a zero budget for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

C. Library and Media Services:

Mr. Lyford motioned, Ms. Coleman seconded to remove \$250 from the replacement equipment line under Library and Media Services.

Library and Media Services: Cont'd

Discussion ensued. The motion failed by a vote of 3-2 with Dr. Davis, Ms. Liebert and Mr. Dion opposing.

D. School Board Services:

Ms. Liebert asked if the School Board stipends could be paid out as contracted services rather than through payroll. Ms. Temperino said she would check with the auditors to see if this could be done.

E. Office of the Principal:

Mr. Lyford asked if the line item, other professional services which reflects the postage machine lease, is always the same amount. Some discussion ensued as to whether the postage machine was new. Mr. Dion asked Ms. Temperino to please find out if it was new.

Ms. Temperino will also look into cost of telephone lines and whether these costs include the cost of the lease.

Mr. Dion expressed that he would suggest the postage line be decreased from \$3,500 to \$2,500.

Mrs. Moriarty spoke regarding the tradition of purchasing t-shirts for the staff for the beginning of the year Teacher workshop days. The Board agreed to continue with this tradition.

F. Operation of the Plant:

Mr. Lyford asked to see non-bargaining staff increases using dollar amounts in addition to percentages. The Board would like to see what increases of \$ .50, \$.75, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.75 will look like.

G. Care of Grounds:

Mrs. Moriarty will take a look at additional increases and report back to the Board. Mr. Dion suggested the \$1,500 budgeted in machinery maintenance be decreased to \$1,000 and the \$3,500 budgeted in lawn care be decreased to \$2,500.

The next meeting will be, Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00pm