**Ashland Board of Education**

February 20, 2024 5:00 PM

**Special Meeting**

1820 Hickman Street

Ashland, KY 41101

The Ashland Board of Education met in regular session on February 20, 2024, at the Special Meeting

1820 Hickman Street, Ashland, KY 41101. Chairperson David Latherow called the meeting to order.

**Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mr. Don Ashby

Ms. Ashley Layman

Mr. David Latherow

Dr. Blake Gillum

Dr. Matthew Lewis

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Discussion and possible approval of the Contract between Ashland Independent Schools and WANRack for district fiber, including one-time construction costs and monthly fees for fiber service to each facility**

**Order #2221 - Motion Passed:**  Approval of the Contract between Ashland Independent Schools and WANRack for district fiber, including one-time construction costs and monthly fees for fiber service to each facility passed with a motion by Ms. Ashley Layman and a second by Mr. Don Ashby.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

**3. Discussion and possible approval of the District Network and Wireless Upgrade bid from Converge One for Extreme Networking equipment in the amount of $530,419.72, less 85% discount for total cost of $76,855.97**

**Order #2222 - Motion Passed:**  Approval of the District Network and Wireless Upgrade bid from Converge One for Extreme Networking equipment in the amount of $530,419.72, less 85% discount for total cost of $76,855.97 passed with a motion by Dr. Matthew Lewis and a second by Mr. Don Ashby.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

**4. Discussion and possible approval of the creation of an additional custodial position at AMS**

**Order #2223 - Motion Passed:**  Approval of the creation of an additional custodial position at AMS passed with a motion by Dr. Blake Gillum and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

**5. Motion and approval of moving into Closed/Executive Session for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b)**

**Order #2224 - Motion Passed:**  Approval of moving into Closed/Executive Session for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, but only when publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency, pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (b) and per KRS 61.801(1)(f) to discuss Superintendent Evaluation passed with a motion by Dr. Matthew Lewis and a second by Ms. Ashley Layman.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

**6. Motion to exit Closed/Executive Session**

**Order #2225 - Motion Passed:**  Motion to Exit Closed/Executive Session passed with a motion by Dr. Matthew Lewis and a second by Dr. Blake Gillum.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

**7. Adjourn**

**Order #2226 - Motion Passed:**  Motion to Exit Closed/Executive Session passed with a motion by Dr. Matthew Lewis and a second by Dr. Blake Gillum.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

**Order #2227 - Motion Passed:**  Adjournment passed with a motion by Dr. Blake Gillum and a second by Dr. Matthew Lewis.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mr. Don Ashby  | Yes  |
| Ms. Ashley Layman  | Yes  |
| Mr. David Latherow  | Yes  |
| Dr. Blake Gillum  | Yes  |
| Dr. Matthew Lewis  | Yes  |

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David Latherow Chairperson

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D. Sean Howard Superintendent