

AJCHS #81

March 21, 2016

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on March 21, 2016. Upon roll call at 7:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mr. Housman, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Boget. Mr. Edwards was absent. Also present was Superintendent Wright and Brett Detering.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Housman to approve the Agenda as written. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 2/8/16; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports and renewal of membership to the IHSA. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Michael Baysinger, District Architect, was present to discuss 10 Year Health, Life, Safety Survey and Summer Projects.

Kyle Kueker represented the teachers. The items of interest presented were as follows:

Members of the Math Team competed at the ICTM Regional Math Contest on February 27th. The Geometry Team, Freshmen-Sophomore 8 person team, the Junior-Senior 2 person team, and the Oral team all received 2nd place. Hunter Miller placed 2nd in the individual Geometry competition. His second place finish qualifies him for the State ICTM Competition at UIUC on May 7. The Math Team will next compete at the SEMO Math Field Day on April 14th.

Ms. Bottje organized a Secret student appreciation week last week. FCCLA and Beta club seniors gave anonymous gifts to the faculty members each day of the week. The week ended with a pancake breakfast in Mr. Emmons shop where the faculty members got to meet their secret student and give them a gift as well.

Shawn Bauer from A-J National Bank came in and talked to Ms. Bottje's resource classes about banking and loans.

FBLA is taking 14 Students to Business Competition at Shawnee College March 17th for the day. We will also be attending FBLA State Competition April 1 and 2.

Web Masters have set up web pages for each teacher. To reach Teacher Pages go to the Staff Page and Click on Teachers name. We will fill in class information once it is available.

Students from Miss Konecek's P.E. class, Mrs. Neitzer's Ecology class, and Mrs. Vancil's Art Club have done lots of work cleaning up our campus in preparation for the musical. In addition Mrs. Chamness will be designing a landscape plan using flowers that are being donated to make our school look nicer.

Ms Garner and Mrs. Moser attended the Illinois State Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math conference at Illinois State University on March 5th.

The National Honor Society held their Spring Fling dance on March 12th. Part of the proceeds from the dance will be used to make Easter baskets for the children at Bethany Village. At freshmen fair the NHS provided tours for the incoming students and their families. The NHS students were also the ushers for each night of the musical.

On March 14th and 15th, 20 Beta Club members along with Mrs. Penninger and Mrs. Bame attended the annual convention in Springfield. The convention had a large turnout as it was attended by over 700 students. The top A-J finishers are as follows:

Colton Goins- 2nd in spelling

Olivia Hess- 3rd in digital art, 3rd in accounting

Jamie Hammond- 2nd in drawing

Madison Jacobs- 3rd in fiber arts

Logan Mattingly- 3rd in agriculture

Trenton Newberry- 1st in social studies

Sam Williams- 1st in math

Reagan Morrison, Taylor Ridenhour, Sam Williams, and Allison Hartsock made a banner which received 3rd place.

The math department attended the 31st Annual Conference on Teaching Mathematics on Thursday, February 18th. This conference was held at John A Logan College. They attended the following sessions: "A look into integrated math 1", "A look into integrated math 2", "Unraveling the mystery of the Common Core Standards in mathematics:", "The importance of challenging our brightest students", and "Using technology to help with differentiated instruction." The information obtained from these sessions were shared among all members of the math department. Many items will be useful as they continue to implement the common core state math standards and begin to look at ways to use technology into the classroom.

The AJCHS Business and Computer Science department took 12 students to Shawnee College to compete in Accounting, Computer Concepts, Electronic Presentations, General Business, Job Interview, Public Speaking, Technical English, Word Process, Web Design, Business Professional, Computer Processing, Desktop Publishing, Entrepreneurship, Job Interview, Networking, Basic Computer Security, Public Speaking, Technical Math, Word Processing II.

The Following students placed:

Freddy Morse - 1st Place Web Design

Paul Hileman - 3rd Place Networking Concepts

5 Students also receive door prizes for attending the event.

The Culinary Arts classes have been busy catering. We catered the volleyball banquet, boys basketball banquet, and catering the wrestling banquet next week. We fed the cast, crew, and pit band for the musical last week. We made 800 cookies for the Freshman Fair. The tshirt press and vinyl cutter have been getting a workout. We made the shirts for the musical. The baseball boosters reached out to Mrs. Cleghorn for some decals for their new helmets, car decals, and flags. Two new banners are being made for the state records for the track team.

Safe Celebration is coming together. The seniors are very excited about having it at the high school this year. Our theme is Casino, "Place Your Bets on the Class of 16". We have a comedian hypnotist booked along with many other activities. It will be a fun night for all! More details to come next month

The Class of 2020 attended Freshmen Fair in the lower gym on March 17. Eighty-Nine of the 108 students expected to attend A-J as freshmen next year attended. Teachers met with students and families, a raffle was held, refreshments were served, and students took guided tours of the building.

Mrs. Bame has met with all current students via English classes to make course requests. Copies of those requests were sent home for parents to view. Students also had an option to enter their own course requests via Teacherease during a two week period in March.

Mrs. Bame visited the 8th grade classes to discuss and select electives in early March. Copies of student course selections were sent home with students for parent approval. Placement testing is scheduled after spring break. Test scores, along with 8th grade teacher recommendations are used for placement in English, math, science, and Spanish.

Twelve potential students previewed programs offered at Tamms on March 17. Tamms offers Auto Technology I & II, Auto Body I & II, Culinary Arts II, and CNA programs to juniors and seniors. Mrs. Bame and Mrs. Miller (our new school counselor) transported students and attended the preview.

Seniors with an interest in Shawnee College certificate or associate degree career or technology programs spent the day learning about those programs in hands-on workshops at the first ever CTE Day. Student chose four workshops from Agriculture, Cosmetology, Massage Therapy, Electricity, Surgical Tech, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Welding, HVAC, Computer Technology, and Auto Mechanics. The day was well organized and students came away with a much better understanding of the programs.

Julie Lewis's English class ended a writing unit writing how to essays. They had to give a speech in front of the class and then they demonstrated how to do something. They all chose how to make something so we enjoyed homemade salsa, cinnamon roll waffles, as well as some grilled sandwiches. The students thought this was the most fun they'd had with a writing project.

Congratulations to members of the AJCHS band, on an outstanding performance March 9th at the River to River All-Conference Band held at Carterville High School. The specially selected nine students who attended the conference performed a free public concert with fellow members of the conference. Thank you for your hard work and for representing the AJ Music department so well.

29 Music students attended the IHSA Solo and Ensemble contest on March 5th. Of the 18 entries competing 17 received a 1st place rating, and one received a second place.

The AJ band and concert choir will both compete on April 15th at the IHSA Organizational contest.

Shawnee College help its annual High School Awards Ceremony on March 12th at 7pm. High schools from the southern counties are invited to enter up to 20 works of art from each school. The AJCHS award winners are:

Drawing: 1st place and honorable mention--Sophie Shaffar  
Painting: 3rd place Carmen Olandez  
Ceramics: 1st --Ethan Howerton and 3rd Destiney Hale  
Photography: 1st Ashton Curtis and honorable mention Meagan Salmon

The results are in for the 2016 Scholastic National Awards. AJ had 10 Gold Key winners at the local level that competed in the national event. Sophie Shaffar won a Silver and Jordan Lence won a Gold Key. Jordan has been asked to send in her scratchboard for display at Carnegie Hall and has been invited to attend the National Ceremony in June.

Aliah Delgado represented the Student Council. The items of interest presented were as follows:

We will be having our election for officers coming up in April.

We have also starting discussing themes for homecoming for next school year.

We collected 64 units of blood which was 4 units short of our goal. We used the rapid pass system for the first time as a test for the Red Cross. They said it was one of the smoothest blood drives they have been a part of and encouraged us to use the system in the future. Rapid pass sped up the process by eliminating a wait time of up to 15 minutes. Our last blood drive of the year is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-3.

Athletic director, Rick Livesay, presented information pertaining to scoreboards and baseball field improvements. He also acknowledged volleyball Coach Amy Fitzgerald - Wilson for being SICA Coach of the Year. In addition, this year's volleyball team was awarded the IHSA All-Academic Team Award. The volleyball team had an overall g.p.a. of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale. He also noted our wrestling team was conference champs.

Principal Detering presented information on graduation, the cafeteria, enrollment, PARCC testing , the school photographer, Sports-ology and our new teachers .

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Master's Choice, recommended looking into completing a coop agreement for soccer, mentioned the possibility of implementing the County Sales Facility Tax, proposed moving forward with a two year agreement with Sports-ology and informed the Board that Rural Health will not be continuing the School Health Center after this school year concludes. Mr. Wright also gave his annual presentation regarding financial projections.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Dr. Blakely for the Board to enter into closed session at 9:01 p.m. for the following reasons (1) the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (2) Collective Bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Roll Call Vote:

On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mrs. Boget to return to regular session at 10:56 p.m. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve the 10 Year Health, Life, Safety Survey as presented by district architect, Michael Baysinger. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the 1st Reading of the Board Policy Updates. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mr. Housman to approve Statement of Completions of prior HLS Amendments. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve Order calling a Public hearing on April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. concerning the intent to sell School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve renewal of administrative contract for Principal Brett Detering as presented. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve renewal of administrative contract for Athletic Director Rick Livesay as presented. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Housman to approve renewal of administrative contract for Superintendent Rob Wright with changes made to contract as presented. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve FBLA overnight trip to Springfield. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mr. Housman to approve Resolution 16-03-21A authorizing Dismissal of the following full-time educational support personnel: Brenda Bartruff and Amber Detering. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Dr. Reach to approve Resolution 16-03-21B to Honorably Dismiss the following certified teachers from their full-time employment at the end of 2015-2016 school year and re-employ the teachers as part-time teachers for the 2016-2017 school year as set forth in said resolution: Renee McLain, Erin Tuminaro and Matthew Lewis. On roll call, motion passed. Dissenting: Boget

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve Resolution 16-03-21C authorizing non-reemployment of the following full-time non-tenured teacher: Jon Sanders. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve Joel Dallas, Brandon Craig, Greg Harris and Matthew Lewis as volunteer assistant baseball coaches pending background checks if needed. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve Scott Abernathy as volunteer assistant softball coach pending background checks if needed. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve Robbie Ralls as volunteer assistant girls' basketball coach pending background checks if needed. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning past budget cuts including assistant coaches.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. Hughey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:10 p.m. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is the Public Hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00p.m. in Superintendent's Office.

Next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Superintendent's Office.

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President

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Secretary