

AJCHS #81

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on November 16, 2015. Upon roll call at 7:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mr. Housman, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Mrs. Blakely, Mr. Edwards and Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Superintendent Wright and Brett Detering.

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

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mrs. Blakely to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 10/19/15; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Hannah Reach represented the Student Council:

Student Council is gearing up for our annual Christmas shopping trip. We have adopted ten kids again this year. We always look forward to every year.

We had 95 attempt and we received 75 units of blood for the blood drive which was over our goal.

Mrs. Penninger represented the teachers. The items of interest presented were as follows:

On November 5th, Julie Lewis took 4 of her seniors to Springfield, IL. They toured the Lincoln museum and Lincoln's tomb. She received a \$100 grant from the PAST organization which paid for the fuel, a \$100 private donation which paid for the students' meals, and the museum paid for their tickets. None of the students had ever been to Springfield before and they all really enjoyed the trip. Ms. Lewis would like to say thank you for being allowed to take students - it is something the students look forward to every year.

Ms. Bottje had Mr. Dodd from Taylor Dodd and Wood Insurance come in to talk to her Resource class on Insurance.

Ms Maze and the freshman class made cards for the Fabec family. They also donated 100.00 towards the Fabec scholarship program.

The sophomore classes have just finished writing their research papers that analyzed the causes and effects of various disaster topics. Many classes utilized Google Drive in writing their papers. This allowed the students to share their essays with the teachers early in their writing. The teachers were then able to read and comment on the students' papers during the writing process; because of this the students were able to make corrections to their errors and mistakes before submitting the final papers for grading.

Mr. Corbit had 15 parents come for parent/teacher conferences. That is an increase of 11 compared to his 4 last fall.

Ms Stute's English 4 class invited three guest speaker's to the classroom over the past couple of months. The guest speakers were from Shawnee Community College, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, and The National Guard. The guest speakers spoke to the class about post- secondary education opportunities in college but also in the workforce. The English 4 class plans to continue inviting guest speakers throughout the remainder of the year.

The Marching Wildcats finished the season with a third place win at the Ste. Genevieve Marching Contest on October 24th. The band has also participated in the local Anna Veteran's parade, and will be participating in the Lights Fantastic parade in Carbondale this next month. The music department would also like to remind folks that the Winter concert will be held on December 8th at 7pm in the auditorium. As always, this is a free concert and open to the public.

The Culinary Arts and Foods I classes prepared the football banquet dinner which consisted of Italian beef, baked potatoes, mac and cheese, and vegetables. They also prepared mostaccioli, salad and parmesan bread knots for the Beta Club Initiation Dinner. The Culinary Arts classes are working on gingerbread houses and some of the houses will be entered into the contest downtown. Foods I will start their gingerbread houses after Thanksgiving. We are finalizing everything to prepare the food for the Union County Women in Business Christmas party that will be on December 4th.

The Fellowship House donated a new apron for each person in my classes with an inspirational quote and their logo.

Mrs. Vancil's Portfolio class competed in the Chalk Art Contest in Harrisburg on October 23rd. Although this year's seniors did not place this year they enjoyed the day and were very gracious in their defeat. Pictures of the art will be posted on our web page.

Mrs. Bame and Mrs. Vancil took two students to National Portfolio Day at Washington University in St. Louis on October 25th. Sophie Shaffar was able to show her art portfolio to representatives from several colleges. Many professors reacted favorably to the drawings and paintings that were shown and commented on the rigor of our curriculum. Sophie got some great feedback and learned about the universities she is interested in attending. We gained invaluable information about the process of Portfolio Days for future use.

The Anna Arts Center will display our first Art show of the year beginning November 16th and running through November 30th. The AAC will be giving ribbons for first, second, and third places in a variety of categories. A reception will be held Sunday, November 22. On November 28th the AAC will hold several events including a Reindeer Run (5k) and the annual Holiday Bazaar. Please stop by, do some Christmas shopping at the booths of local artists and see the art on display.

Auditions for this year's high school musical will be held tonight (Nov. 16) and tomorrow (Nov. 17th). The directors have chosen "Seussical the Musical" for our performance. The stage crew will begin working this week on the sets.

Beta Club welcomed 35 new members at an induction dinner held Tuesday, November 10th at the school. The club is sponsoring a school-wide food drive this week for Bethany Village.

For American Education Week FFA provided doughnuts, Mu Alpha Theta and FCCLA provided treats, NHS provided tacos for lunch, Art Club provided breakfast and Student Council provided a cake for the teachers.

The National Honor Society held its random acts of kindness day. They completed services acts at the school and in the community.

Jake Stark was selected as the Rotary Club student of the quarter.

Principal Detering reported on PARCC testing and recognized Brad Stamp for chaperoning the fan bus to the state soccer tournament.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report. It included information about Direct Energy as a possible provider of our electric service.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:58 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) and Student Disciplinary cases 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) 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 8:41 p.m. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve Resolution 15-11-16A Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary To Be Levied For The Year 2016. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mrs. Blakely to approve the First Reading of Board Policy Updates. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

The Illinois Schools Report card has been released and can be found at [www.Illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.Illinoisreportcard.com) .

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mrs. Blakely to hire Aaron Roberts as head baseball coach pending background checks. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Boget to hire Thomas Corbit as assistant baseball coach. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. McGrath to hire Pat Pitts as head softball coach. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Dr. Reach to hire Mahala Montfort as assistant softball coach. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. McGrath to hire Michael Eudy as head track coach. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Boget to hire Kyle Kueker and Mike Chamness as assistant track coaches. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. McGrath to hire Sarah Konecek as girls soccer coach. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Blakely to hire David Fleming as a bus driver. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. Hughey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

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President

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Secretary