

AJCHS #81

September 21, 2015

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its Budget Meeting on September 21, 2015. Upon roll call at 6:45 p.m. the following members were present: Mr. Housman, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Superintendent Wright and Brett Detering.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Housman to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 7:00 p.m. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on September 21, 2015. Upon roll call at 7:01 p.m. the following members were present: Mr. Housman, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McGrath and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Superintendent Wright and Brett Detering.

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

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 7/20/15 and 8/10/15; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports and Application for Recognition of Schools. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Gary Stark, representing the soccer boosters, was present for the meeting. The relationship with Cobden was discussed. The Goal Club is in favor of calling the team A-J - Cobden.

Reagan Morrison represented the Student Council:

Student Council has been very busy planning Homecoming this year. This year's theme is "Under the Big Top."

Dress up days are: Pajama-Day, Circus Day, Stars and Stripes Day, Class Color Day and Blue and White Day.

The parade kicks off at 1:00 p.m. at Rusty's Home Center on Friday.

The gym will be decorated and Derek Massey will be the DJ. As of 9/21/2015 we have sold 218 tickets for the dance which is 40 more tickets than last year. We could use some help with chaperones. Dance begins at 7 p.m. Coronation is at 8 p.m.

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

Ms. Stute's English 4 class has just finished their Introduction to Academic Writing Unit. The student's took a number of Career Interest, Learning Style, and Ability tests in order to determine their best matched career. The senior class then wrote an Academic essay and resume that each student will be able to use on scholarship essays, college applications, or any form for admissions to a post secondary program. Many student's of Ms. Stute's class also completed and submitted an application to the college of their choice as part of the Introduction to Academic Writing unit.

Terry Bartruff, the Union County clerk, came and spoke to Julie Lewis' senior government class on Sept. 17th. He went over the history of voting rights and then had sample ballots so the students could vote. Terry also brought the voting machine and went over how this worked. The students then ran their ballots through the machine. Two students registered to vote while Terry was here. Terry said that he would be willing to come in next year and do a mock presidential election. Julie will talk to Hannah Maze about doing this with the government classes.

Julie also received a \$100 donation to pay for the students' meals when they go to Springfield in November. Ms. Bottje is having members of the community come in to do mock interviews with her seniors this week. She is also planning a powder-puff football game in October. We have around 45 members in FBLA this year. We are currently working on Harlem Wizards event Octobers 20th 2015. Tickets on sale now. See School Web Site for details.

Web Masters are working on a new web page for the White Out Game.

The Association would like to extend an invitation to Board members to come out and see the float building in progress. As everyone knows, this is the first year in several years that we have built floats. Float building ended because of a lack of participation from our students and perhaps the tradition can be renewed with support from all sides. So please come out, introduce yourself to our students, stay awhile and help us put together some memorable floats for our Homecoming parade!

Schedule changes in the guidance office were at a record low this year. Only 150 changes!

Mrs. Bame followed up with the 32 new students during the 2nd week of school about transition to A-J.

Mrs. Bame attended the Illinois State Universities articulation meeting on September 17. She will share the information with all students in senior English classes.

Thirty-two students took the national ACT at A-J on Saturday, September 12. Mrs. Bame and Mrs. Garner were the test administrators. The test will be given again in October, December, February, and April at A-J. Students eligible for free or reduced lunch can take the ACT free of charge with a fee waiver form. No word yet on funding for a state college placement test in the spring.

Mrs. Bame met with all juniors and seniors to share information about the ACT, ACT prep, SPIN Night, and Shawnee College visits in recent weeks.

Dr. Morgan Moser's project on Donors Choose was recently fully funded. She will be receiving a Microsoft Surface tablet. This tablet will help aid her to assess students in real time and make data driven curriculum decisions to improve her teaching and the learning of her students.

Principal Detering reported on the new teacher evaluation instrument, Homecoming and the cafeteria.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report. It included information on the civics course requirement, amendments to student discipline policy, the new gym floor covering, eliminating phone lines, Safe Celebration possibly being held at A-J, school improvement and recent news from the Anna Bowling Alley. Mr. Wright also informed the Board Brooke Miller, the Health Center PA-C, has taken a position at SIU.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:30 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) 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 9:06 p.m. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Housman to Adopt of FY 2015-16 School District Budget. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wright presented the Administrator and Teacher Salary Benefits Report.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve Resolution 15-09-21A To Grant Abatement of Property Tax on Certain Commercial Property. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements with Cobden regarding boys and girls soccer teams for the 2015-2016 school year. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey to hire Carl Moore as a Special needs van driver pending certification and background checks. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Dr. Reach to hire Wally McIntyre as a temporary part-time custodian on an as needed basis. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mrs. Boget to hire Heath Dawley as Scholar Bowl coach. On roll call all members voting yes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed lighting outside of the school.

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Mr. Hughey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:51 p.m. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office

President

Secretary