

AJCHS #81

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on February 13, 2017. Upon roll call at 7:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mr. Housman, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McGrath, and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Superintendent Wright and Principal Brett Detering.

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

On motion by Mr. Housman and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 1/9/17; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Jennifer Cleghorn was present at the meeting.

Elle Basler and Connor Hadley represented the Student Council:

We had a blood drive on Jan 18; we were unable to meet our goal of 60 donors. The Red Cross showed up an hour late, so we were unable to see all the patients that were scheduled. With the late start we were still able to collect 53 units. We believe that had we started on time, we would have met our goal! We had to cancel approximately 20 appointments, and were still able to see 63 individuals. We had our first ever Soup-er Bowl from Jan 16-Feb 3. We raised over 1000 items to be donated to local food pantries. Mr. Corbit's homeroom won the competition donating over 750 items, and Mr. Emmons came in close second with 650 items. We will be having our elections in April, so we will begin the election process at our next meeting in March. Our next blood drive will be April 19. We will begin taking appointments mid-March.

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

Ms. Maze has started the planning of Safe Celebration. It will be at SIUC Rec Center. Safe Celebration Committee will be hosting a Prom Expo on February 25th. Students are encouraged to come and sell their dresses. Moury Bass will also be available for tuxedo rental. Safe Celebration is also raffling off an acoustic guitar signed by Shenandoah's lead singer Marty Raybon, and Nashville Star Charles Esten. Our next Safe Celebration meeting will be on March 7th in Ms. Maze's classroom.

Mrs. Houseman's advanced English class is currently writing SMART goals. SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound. While not every student is writing a SMART goal that is academically focused, the goal of this process is to help students understand the number of things or the amount of planning it takes in order to create the space to achieve a goal. This type of writing assessment has also been shown to help students achieve consistently (and was covered in an NPR article "The Writing Assessment that Changes Lives").

Mrs. Houseman is currently working with Mr. Horn's Humanities class to develop a writing lab for students. They have yet to determine a schedule of availability but ultimately hope this is a resource that will take off in the way of math lab has.

The PR committee is currently looking at the possibility of starting a FB page to keep the community updated on events beyond things that are sports related.

The WYSE Team participated in Regional competition at Shawnee Community College on Feb 9th. The team placed in every subject. Hunter Miller placed in second in Math and First in Chemistry. Kenzie Boget and Audrey Haar tied for third in math. Elle Basler placed third in biology. Colton Goins placed first in English. And in physics, Trenton Newberry placed second and Clair Boget placed third. Students placing first or second will advance to sectional competition at SIU.

The science teachers attended the Science in the South conference at SIU, presented by the Illinois Science Teachers Association. They attended sessions on the Next Generation Science Standards, using technology in the science classroom, and the upcoming solar eclipse.

In December art students submitted entries to the annual Scholastic Art Competition. Four students work were admitted into this year's show. Chloe Gamber won a Gold Key for her pencil drawing of Marilyn Monroe. Hannah Stark and Hannah Fuller each had two pieces admitted with Hannah Fuller receiving a Silver Key. Kirsten Flick's portfolio of eight works was accepted—two of these being awarded Silver Keys. The closing ceremony was held at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts in the Mitchell Museum on Feb 5th.

The Little Egypt Awards ceremony was held on February 12th in Marion. Mrs. Vancil and Mr. Horn were allowed to enter 5 works each for this competition. Jordan Lence won a 1st place for her ceramic log cabin. Chloe Gamber received a 3rd place for her scratchboard, and Cymberly Salazar won a special award for her fall photograph.

Principal Detering reported on the Cafeteria Report, Enrollment, Discipline, and Professional Development/KHAN Academy/SAT Prep.

Superintendent Wright shared ideas to put together a District Vision Team, shared information about the IASB division meeting in Carterville on March 14, 2017 and discussed about a demonstration of a zSpace 3-D virtual reality computer. Mr. Wright discussed concerns whether or not we should attend school on Eclipse Day in August. In addition he plans to submit an article to the Gazette to keep the community informed of events happening at A-JCHS. This is intended to be a quarterly article. The preliminary Annual Financial Profile was handed out. Mr. Wright also mentioned we still have a few leaks from the roof project; the contractor is working to take care of this before final payment is made. It is time to prepare for summer work that needs to be done; the replacement of our outdated fire alarm system and outside lighting will be our main project this year. The school will also be switching our fire alarm testing and monitoring services to another company that will save us over \$900/year.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mrs. Boget for the Board to enter into closed session at 8:10 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) Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (9) on roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Dr. Blakely to return to regular session at 10:20 p.m. Mr. Housman left at 9:45. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Economic Interest Statements were handed out and completed.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve BETA Club State Convention overnight trip to Springfield. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wright went over results of the Staff Needs Assessment Survey.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Dr. Reach to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:40 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office

President

Secretary