

## AJCHS #81

January 8, 2018

### MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on January 8, 2018. Upon roll call at 7:03 p.m. the following members were present: Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Superintendent Wright, Scott Finders, and Brett Detering.

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

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 12/18/2017; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports and approval of destruction of closed session tapes more than 18 months old. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Payton Alsip presented the Student Council Items of Interest. We are working on our project Be Amazing. Students have taken pictures over break and this will hopefully be up at the beginning of next week. These are to be bringing positive messages to AJCHS, and motivation in student lives throughout the school.

Thomas Corbit and Kyle Kueker represented the teachers. The items of interest presented were as follows: Students will begin selecting courses for next year the week of Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Miller will also begin meeting with incoming freshman the first week in Feb. Students in Art and Photography classes this year did well in the Scholastic Art and Writing contest. Fifteen individual works from AJ students were admitted into this competition. Only 6 portfolios (8 works in each) from all of southern Illinois were accepted for this show. 3 out of those 6 are our student's. Maddie Thompson, Emily Awbrey, and Cymberly Salazar all had photography portfolios accepted. Artwork from students will be on display at Cedarhurst museum in Mt. Vernon Illinois beginning Jan 13<sup>th</sup> through the closing ceremony on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. The Little Egypt Arts Association competition is also on display on the square in Marion. AJ has submitted 10 student art and photo works. The closing ceremony takes place on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at which time students will be awarded their prizes. Ms. Maze has begun planning for Safe Celebration. It will be at the SEMO Rec Center on May 19-20. She has already mailed out letters to the community asking for donations in Dec, and will have the first parent meeting at the beginning of Feb. AJCHS has been named a National Beta School of Distinction for the 2017-2018 school year due to the increase in membership. The AJ chapter now has over 70 members. Beta Club is planning their Trivia Night fundraiser on Friday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the game begins at 6:00. Mrs. Penninger has a student teacher this semester from SIU, Kaitlin Borrman, who was her observer last semester. Ms. Garner and Ms. Neitzer picked up their numerous supplies including the new augmented reality sandbox from the Fall Educational Summit at SIUC. The science department looks forward to implementing the plethora of resources.

Mr. Finders gave a Summary of 2017-18 PSAT 8/9 Results; Overall, only 22 of the 117 freshmen who took the PSAT 8/9 in October met both the Math and Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) benchmarks established by the College Board, a total of 19%, down from the 35% in last year's freshmen class. The average in Illinois fell as well, but only by 4%, not as significant as the 16% drop at A-J. The girls still significantly outperformed the boys in EBRW (62-42), but these results revealed a drop off of 22 percentage points in the overall category for females, with only 9 of the 52 meeting in both categories. 13 of the 65 boys met in both categories. The only trend that appears to be emerging is that the girls have a stronger showing in EBRW both years. Of the feeder districts, Lick Creek saw an increase in all categories. Anna and Jonesboro both saw their numbers decrease this year. There are no real discernible trends revealing themselves at this point regarding the feeder districts. Our Free/Reduced Lunch percentage went down this year, from 49% of last year class to 34% of this year's (40 of the 117 students). However, as with all other demographics, the results for Free/Reduced Lunch students declined as well, with only 20% meeting in both categories, compared to 27% last year. Perhaps the most significant increase was in the percentage of students with an IEP, where we went from 11% last year (11 of 101 students) to 24% this year (28 of 117 students). Only one of the 28 students with an IEP met both categories, while 25 of the 28 met neither.

Principal Detering gave reports on the 5 Essentials Survey, senior homeroom Incentives, valedictorian enrollment, discipline, and the cafeteria.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report. All of the floors in the newly renovated restrooms have been refinished, making them easier to clean and maintain. The new light poles have finally been installed outside, essentially finishing the project started last summer. Possible projects were discussed on what to do this coming summer.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Edwards for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:40 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) (2) Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2(c) (9) (3) Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open meetings Act, whether for the purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5ILCS 120/2(c) (14). On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Mr. Edwards to return to regular session at 8:30 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Hughey to approve keeping all closed session minutes closed. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve board member expense reimbursement form. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading/final approval of Board Policy Updates. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Hughey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:35 p.m.  
All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Superintendent's Office.

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President

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Secretary