

AJCHS #81

November 20, 2017

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on November 20, 2017. Upon roll call at 7:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mrs. Teske, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McGrath, and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Superintendent Wright, Mr. Finders, and Brett Detering.

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

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the Consent Agenda that includes approval of board meetings on 10/16/2017, approval of closed session minutes, approval of payment of bills, acceptance of financial reports. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Heidi Mitchell and Bryce Massey represented Student Council:

We held our first Blood Drive of the year on November 1. We exceeded the Red Crosses goal of 54 with 57 units received. We had over 80 people scheduled, but the Red Cross was only able to see 68 appointments. Ashley Detering and Ms. Maze sat down with the new Blood Drive Coordinator to discuss new strategies and areas in which the Red Cross could improve to meet our goal. We discussed that we needed more workers on the Red Cross side, and have even discussed starting the blood drive at 8:30 instead of 9. The Coordinator said he would put in a request for more people, but he couldn't promise anything. We will be adopting 15 kids through the Pay it Forward campaign. We will be purchasing Christmas presents for those kids after Thanksgiving break.

Hannah Maze represented the teachers. The items of interest presented were as follows:

Mr. Horn, Mrs. Haze, Mrs. Miller took the senior class to Shawnee College for SCC day on October 10th. After that they went and toured the Masters Choice processing plant in Ullin. Josh Joiner from Southern Bank came and talked to Mrs. Hase's Resource Management classes about credit, basic banking, and how to protect yourself from fraud and identity theft. Kelli Wood also came into Mrs. Hase's Resource classes and talked about budgeting and investments. FCCLA members wrote letters titled "Why I am proud to be an American". They will be reading these letters at the Veterans home around the holidays. The first art show/competition will be on display at the Anna Arts Center November 19th--25th.

The following students won awards:

**Ceramics:**-Honorable mention-Taylor Hoekstra, 2nd place-Madi Johnston, 1st place-Ben Coleson

**Linoleum Block Printmaking:** 3rd-Molly Houseright, 1st-Kalyssa Spurlock

**Drawing:** *Pen and Ink*--3rd- Hannah Loveless, Honorable mention-Jordan Lence

*Graphite*--Honorable mention-Breanna Jones, 2nd-Kimberly Handcock,

1st Chloe Gamber

*Scratchboard*--Chloe Gamber 2nd place

Stop in and get a look at our awesome AJ art students' work during the annual Christmas expo on November 25th.

Mrs. Miller is finishing up freshmen four year plan meetings, and has been working with Mrs. Stevens to update the guidance portion of the school website with more information for students and parents. The school's website has been improved and many sections are new this year. It is still a work-in-progress, but students are working diligently to make improvements in Mrs. Stevens' Web Master Class. Students in Mrs. Stevens' Business & Technology class are working through free online curriculum covering personal finance. When students finish this with 70% or higher accuracy, they will get a certificate of completion to use on resumes and college applications. Mrs. Stevens' Computer Programming class has been creating games and videos in Scratch and will soon be creating apps that they can use on their phones. Beta Club welcomed 35 new members at the induction ceremony held on November 7th, bringing the total membership to nearly 80 students. Also Beta club officers are reading the school announcements on Wednesdays and sharing facts about school history to commemorate the centennial this year. Mrs. Penninger's regular U.S. History classes are beginning their local history projects and some students are researching the school and former Union Academy as well as other local places, events, and people.

Mrs. Darmour-Paul's Spanish 4 classes celebrated Día de los Muertos - Day of the Dead - on November 1st and 2nd. Students decorated altars in class, brought traditional Mexican food and drink to share, watched short videos, and listened to stories and music relating to Day of the Dead. The National Honor Society collected over \$120 for the New Coats, New Hope campaign during their Halloween activities. On Halloween evening many children came to trick or treat with the Wildcats. The students received feedback from many community members on how thankful they were for this event. Ms. Maze arranged for Senator Fowler to come talk to students on October 31. Senator Fowler talked to students about how he got into Politics, what inspired him to get into leadership, what he did as Mayor of Harrisburg, and what his plans were for Southern Illinois. He answered questions from the student body. Some of the questions that were addressed were, "Do you feel like Southern Illinois is equally represented in the passing of legislation?", "Why did you decide to become a Senator?", "How can students stay informed?", and "How can we get more involved in our government?" Ms. Maze took 3 seniors to Harrisburg on November 15 to meet with Senator Fowler and the rest of the Youth Advisory Council. Anna Jonesboro was one of 20 schools in attendance, with a total of 60 students. Connor Hadley, Trenton Newberry, and Jasmin Foster were one of ten different groups that each created different pieces of legislation. The students then had to present their legislation to the rest of the council and vote on which legislation they would like to debate in the spring. Students addressed topics such as legalization of marijuana, Drug Testing individuals who receive governmental aid, and Concealed Carry in ALL public areas.

Mr. Finders reported on our facebook page that was published on November 16, it is titled "The AJ Wildcats". Only the PR committee and administration will be able to post to it and every precaution has been taken to make sure the content is of a positive nature. The October teacher of the month is Renee McLain. We received over 1000 books for our book drive that benefits our library. Results from the PSAT 8/9 and PSAT/NMSQT should be available in early December. All juniors are now aware of the SAT Prep incentives. Mrs. Neitzer and I wrote a grant proposal for the Touchstone Energy Classroom Empowerment Grant from SIEC, I also submitted a proposal to the Coca-Cola Keep America Beautiful Campaign. Documents were handed out to discuss data from our School Report Card.

Principal Detering reported on the enrollment, discipline, cell phone policy, and the cafeteria.

Superintendent Wright presented on tax rate comparisons of regional school districts, District Vision Team meeting, getting insurance bids for next year from Prairie State Insurance Corporation. We are currently waiting on the delivery of light poles for that project to be completed. Plaques and pictures are currently in the process of being replaced from previous construction projects.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Mr. Edwards for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:48 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 present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Dr. Blakely to return to regular session at 8:00 p.m. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve Resolution 17-11-20A Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2018. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Information was presented on the Illinois school report card.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve Aaron Roberts as head boys baseball coach. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Teske and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve Thomas Corbit as assistant baseball coach. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mrs. Teske to approve Joel Dallas, Nathan Guined, Randy Frank, and Brandon Craig as volunteer baseball coaches pending certification and background checks. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Rodney Seip as head softball coach. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve Jason Sadler as assistant softball coach. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Teske to approve Eric Osman as volunteer softball coach pending certification and background checks. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

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

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Kyle Kueker and Mike Chamness as assistant track coaches. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Teske and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve Amy Fitz-Wilson and Matt Denny as volunteer track coaches. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Sarah Konecek as head coach for Girls Soccer. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Teske and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Morgan Musiou as assistant girls soccer coach. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve Aiden Frick as volunteer wrestling coach pending background check and certification. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve Sara Verble as Board Treasurer. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

In other school business, Supt. Wright notified the Board of a Health, Life, Safety amendment applied for in order to use HLS funds to pay for new pump on sewer system.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Amy Fitz-Wilson and Sarah Konecek as volunteer cheer coaches. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Reach gave positive feedback for Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Neitzer, Mr. Corbit, and Mr. Dawley for helping Hannah Reach with College Organic Chemistry.

Mr. McGrath asked for an update on the soccer fields and Mr. Livesay reported on the progress.

Dr. Blakely spoke about Rotary Exchange Students and advised families will be needed.

Mr. Edwards congratulated the football team on an outstanding season. A “kudos” to Brad Stamp, Jennifer Cleghorn, Shane Osman, and David Eaves on the work on and off the field.

Mrs. Teske gave “kudos” to the fan bus/community support.

Mrs. Boget spoke about a grant available for STEM Projects.

Mr. Hughey gave highlights of Triple I Conference.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Boget to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, December 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office

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President

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Secretary