

AJCHS #81

September 18, 2017

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its Budget Meeting on September 18, 2017. Upon roll call at 6:46 p.m. the following members were present: Mrs. Teske, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Boget and Mr. McGrath. Also present was Superintendent Wright and Brett Detering. Dr. Blakely was not present for the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. McGrath to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 6:49 p.m. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on September 18, 2017. Upon roll call at 7:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mrs. Teske, Dr. Reach, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Boget, and Mr. McGrath. Also present was Superintendent Wright, Principal Brett Detering and Curriculum Director Finders.

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

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 8/14/2017, approval of closed session minutes, approval of payment of bills and acceptance of financial reports. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Student Council:

Members of student Council have been working diligently to get everything ready for homecoming this Friday and Saturday. We will be voting for homecoming king and Queen tomorrow. Our Queen candidates are Payton Alsip, Clair Boget, Jasmin Foster, Audrey Haar, and Lexi Smith. King Candidates are Areih Hart, Sheldon McGrath, Jake Parr, Hunter Ralls and Jaryt Tripp. Our Junior Representatives are Carsten Christy and Takiyah Coleman, Sophomore Representatives are Joshua Oliver and Morgan Keller, and Freshman Representatives are Peyton Otey and Bailey Bible. The parade is scheduled for this Friday at 1:00 pm. We currently have 60 entries for the parade, and people are still calling to enter. It is the same parade route as last year. Stepping off from rusty's, turning onto Main Street, and ending at the library. Coronation is scheduled for 7 pm on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come. Our theme this year is Luau. Doors will open around 530 for pictures; dance will not start until after coronation and will go until 1030. We recently helped with the purchase of boulders in front of the AJ doors, and donated \$500 to the MDA.

The items of interest from the teachers were as follows:

Ms. Maze attended a Civics Workshop on Friday Sept 15 and is excited to bring those new materials into her classroom. Julie Lewis also attended this training. Julie is in the process of creating a yearlong Civics and government class for her students with special needs. From Mrs. Darmour-Paul: Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept 15-Oct 15. As an intro to class, we are listening to a different song a day from a different Spanish speaking country for the entire month. (Thanks to Teachers Pay Teachers!) From Mrs. Miller in the guidance office: I've been meeting with all the seniors in small groups to check in on their post-graduation plans and provide information. I'm also working on recruiting more college reps to come visit (I recently got Mizzou - first time they're coming, at least in recent history - and U of I is returning after a several year hiatus). Finally, I've been visiting freshmen study halls once a week to discuss academic skills (studying, organization, time management, etc) in an effort to ease the transition to high school. It continues to be my goal to meet with each student in the school at least once per year. The Marching Wildcats competed this past Saturday in the Drums at Appletime Competition, and earned 2nd place. The band will continue the competitive marching season with a performance at the Lions Pride Classic in Carterville on October 7th, and the Bi-State Invitational at Potosi on October 14th. Courtney Garner and Leslie Neitzer attended the SIU Fall Education Summit for science. This summit focused on geology and environment education. Through this workshop, AJ will be receiving a virtual topography sandbox and thousands of dollars in environment education supplies for the school. They will be meeting to discuss how this valuable information can be implemented in the science department. Matt Lewis's Media Literacy & 21st Century Citizenship classes will have a guest speaker on October 2nd, Molly Parker of the Southern Illinoisian. She will be discussing news literacy, the journalistic process, and muckraking. Her articles have helped put a national spotlight on the crisis in Cairo, IL. Mrs. Kersten, Mrs. Houseman, Mr. Horn, and Ms. Stute attended the SIATE Fall Conference on September 14th at the Carbondale Civic Center. The theme for this year's conference was Creating a Culture of Engagement. The keynote speaker, Deborah Althoff Will from Zion Benton Township High School, spoke on creating a culture of readers. Her message included incorporating new texts in the classroom, engaging readers in independent reading, and new books that inspire students to want to read. Of the breakout sessions, the teachers attended workshops addressing such topics as fake news, going beyond the book report, thinking critically about sources, writing conferences in the classroom, reading and performing poetry, creative activities in ELA, and incorporating graphic novels. The teachers were able to bring back many new ideas for the department as well as their own classrooms.

Curriculum Director Finders reported on the results of a professional development survey completed by the teachers. He also spoke of new initiatives starting such as promoting positive communication with parents, a teacher of the month promotion and the creation of a school Facebook page. In addition, an update on SAT Prep incentives was given.

Principal Detering reported on the enrollment, discipline, and the cafeteria.

Superintendent Wright presented on the soccer field renovations; Schaefer Excavating completed their portion of the work. Drainage tiles and seeding still need to be completed. The fire alarm project is essentially complete, with just a few punch list items left, the outside light fixtures are still about a week out from being delivered. A summary of the new school funding measures was reviewed and discussed. He also spoke briefly about our TAOEP teacher and the grant funding. Mr. Wright also reminded everyone about the IASB Dinner Meeting on Oct 10, 2017.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Boget for the Board to enter into closed session at 8:17 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 Mr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Blakely to return to regular session at 8:35 p.m. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mrs. Boget to Adopt of FY 2017-18 School District Budget. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

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

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

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve the amendment to SIU School of Medicine Intergovernmental Agreement. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the addendum to Maintenance Director Contract. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Hughey commented about a possible scholarship opportunity from Jack Benner to attend Rankin Technical Institute.

On motion by Mrs. Boget and seconded by Mr. Edwards to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:02 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office

President

Secretary