

AJCHS #81

MINUTES

December 17, 2018

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on December 17, 2018. Upon roll call at 6:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mrs. Teske, Mr. Hughey, Mrs. Blakely, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McGrath, and Mrs. Boget. Also present was Mr. Finders, Mr. Detering, and Superintendent Wright.

On motion by Dr. Teske and seconded by Mr. McGrath to appoint Dr. Blakely as secretary pro tempore for the duration of this meeting. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McGrath 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 Mr. Hughey to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 11/19/2018; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Jenna Watkins and Ana Markovic represented student council. Student Council has 'adopted' 15 children through the "Pay it Forward" Program. Students went shopping and wrapped gifts for each child. Following the holiday break, Student Council will begin planning for the implementation of the Dude. Be Nice. Campaign to encourage everyone to consider their actions and the effects they can have on others. This campaign is designed to promote and support a positive school culture. Students will form committees to help plan and implement school wide activities. Students also signed up to make Valentine's for local seniors in nursing homes. Students will make and deliver the cards on or around Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Thomas represented the teachers: The Culinary Arts classes baked cookies and donated them to Hadley's Haven Christmas Home Tour. They also made fudge for all of the faculty and staff. Julie Lewis took 10 of her seniors to Springfield to tour the Lincoln Museum and Lincoln's Tomb. The kids really enjoyed the trip. P.A.S.T. donate \$100 to pay for the fuel and AJ National Bank paid for the kids' dinner. Thank you to the school for allowing us to take a mid-bus for this trip. FBLA students are competing in objective events on Wednesday for Southern Area Conference. Students have been studying for their events since October. We will be attending the Conference at the beginning of January. Students who place will advance to State in Springfield at the beginning of April. Students in Mrs. Stevens' Business & Technology class have been working at creating their own businesses. Students have been applying what they have learned in the entrepreneur unit to create their own business "Shark Tank" style. Students will be asked several questions about their business plan and how they expect their business to succeed. Students in Mr. Lewis' Media Literacy classes were recently visited by guest speakers Molly Parker, investigative journalist at *The Southern Illinoisan*, and Charles Ornstein, Pulitzer Prize recipient and editor at *ProPublica*. They spoke about the journalistic process, importance of freedom of the press, fake news, and muckraking. Mrs. Darmour-Paul will receive a \$500 grant from Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in January to make her classroom a deskless classroom. Students will have chairs without desks and flexible seating options and her Spanish classes will take on a focus of speaking, listening, and creating the Spanish language. Susan Odum and Nancy Lambert spoke to Mrs. Hase's Seniors Resource Management classes on the importance of spending money local and the positive effect it has on the local community. Students did an activity in which they pretended to be a local business and were able to see how the money spent locally re-circulated in the community compared to spending money out of town of on the Internet.

Mr. Finders reported on items as Curriculum Director; we will be offering two developmental English courses through the Dual Credit program at Shawnee Community College, Grace Darmour-Paul has been awarded a \$500.00 Classroom Empowerment Grant from SIEC. He also went over some correspondence with Macomb High School Principal about demographics from both schools appear to be similar.

Principal Detering reported on the enrollment, discipline, our 11 Illinois State Scholars; Emily Casper, Mallory Cochran, Zachary Clutts, Ashley Detering, Aiden Jacobs, Madison Johnston, Wyatt Jones, Catherin Mays, Bryce Massey, Megan Tehandon, Olivia Wilkins. He also reported on the Journey 12 and the cafeteria.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report. The Shawnee Division Governing Meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2019 at Bennie's Italian Foods in Marion IL. Mr. Wright updated board members about the Vision Team meeting that took place last Friday. He also let everyone know today was the last day to file for election to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mrs. Boget for the Board to enter into closed session at 6:50 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 Dr. Teske seconded by Mrs. Boget to return to regular session at 7:05 p.m. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wright presented and distributed Superintendent Evaluation materials.

On motion by Mr. McGrath seconded by Dr. Teske to approve the Certificate of Tax Levy. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mrs. Boget to approve Resolution requesting the County Board of The County of Union, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve the ROE Short Term Sub Agreement. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Board Policy Updates.

On motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Teske to approve the AJ Concert Choir Trip to New York City. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve Trish Burkhardt-Cripps for the Head Girls Soccer Coach in 2019. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the purchase of a new financial management system from Specialized Data Systems. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Teske to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:43 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00pm in the Superintendent's Office.

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President

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Secretary