

AJCHS #81

August 19, 2019

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on August 19, 2019. Upon roll call at 6:00 p.m. the following members were present: Dr. Teske, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Osman, Mrs. Ashby, and Mr. McGrath. Also present was Superintendent Wright, Brett Detering, and Scott Finders.

On motion by Mr. Partridge and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the Agenda as written. All members present voting yes.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Ashby to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 7/15/19; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors: None

**Items from Student Council;** Lily Yana and Emma Tweedy presented to the board about homecoming. They plan on doing class signs instead of floats. They also explained that everyone was interviewed for officer positions, to make sure everyone was committed and willing to put in the work that comes with the position.

**Items of interest from the teachers;**

Mrs. Stevens will begin teaching the new Project Lead the Way Computer Programming course this semester. There are several hands-on activities planned for the school year! The T-Shirt business continues to grow. Jennifer just received an order for NIOC Georgia Command shirts from the US Navy. It is 100 shirts to start with. Kristin Chamness and Jennifer spent several days making the cheer camp outfits which turned out amazing! Now Jennifer is gearing up for Soccer and Football season. Mrs. Houseman has completed her training and is now a Google Level 1 Certified Educator. Julie Lewis helped organize the Southern Illinois Reading Council's mini conference in Carbondale on August 1st. She also co-presented a session about IEA professional development offerings for teachers. The Counseling Department organized an activity during Thursday's teacher institute in which teachers identified students in the building with whom they felt they had meaningful relationships. The department then used this information to identify students who did not have meaningful relationships with adults in the building and will be targeting these students for services, including potentially matching these students with adult mentors. A partner activity, in which students identify adults in the building with whom they feel they have a trusting relationship, will be conducted sometime towards the end of first quarter.

The A-JCHS Faculty would like to propose that we move toward decorating wooden signs that would be retained and repainted each year for Homecoming rather than floats. As the Board may be aware, it has become increasingly difficult to interest students in decorating floats; often, as few as two or three students are building the floats. Several schools, including DuQuoin, currently have the tradition of painting signs. Each class would have a sign of approximately 3'x5' that could ride on a trailer in the parade with representatives from the class if desired and then would be displayed on the perimeter of the football field during the game. This plan has several positives, including:

- The signs take much less physical space, and Mr. Emmons would not have to give up his entire shop. Mr. Emmons has also volunteered to have his shop kids build the signs for us.
- The signs would be cost effective, requiring only money for new paint each year.
- The signs would also be displayed at the football game, giving them two uses each year.

Curriculum Director Finders reported on Wildcat FANS Night, Professional Development for Staff, and Southern Illinois Network for Future Teachers Grant.

Principal Detering reported on Teacher's Institute Day and the first two days of school.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report, he updated the board on summer projects and their completion. New health insurance rates were also discussed. The house next door was reported on, quotes on the roof were discussed as well as possible items ie; tree removal and wiring.

On motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Dr. Teske for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:01 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. Blakely and seconded by Mr. Partridge to return to regular session at 7:12 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the tentative FY 2019-20 Budget. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Dr. Teske to set a date of 9/16/19 at 5:45 p.m. for the public hearing for adoption of FY 2019-20 Budget. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Partridge and seconded by Mrs. Ashby to put a limit of \$100.00 per student for Athletic Fees and to eliminate fees altogether for students on free and reduced meals. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. McGrath to authorize superintendent to accept bids up to \$15000.00 for roof replacement on the house next door. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

First Reading of Board Policy updates

On motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. Hughey to hire Kristen Chamness as Competitive Cheer Coach. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On Motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve James Edwards as volunteer football coach pending background check and completion of required coaching certificates. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Dr. Teske to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:49 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. The budget hearing will begin at 5:45 p.m.

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President

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Secretary