

AJCHS #81

August 17, 2020

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on August 17, 2020. Upon roll call at 6:00 p.m. the following members were present: Dr. Teske, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Osman, and Mrs. Ashby. Also present was Superintendent Wright, Brett Detering, and Scott Finders. Mr. McGrath arrived at 6:05.

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

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 7/20/20; 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

Dave Sullivan and Dana Frownfelter represented the teachers;

Mr. H. Dawley completed a graduate level Intro to Astronomy course at Greenville University that focused on both content and teaching techniques. Several teachers have created classroom webpages. You can find them by going to the faculty pages on the school website and scrolling through the links posted below their email addresses. Mrs. Stevens completed two graduate level courses in Curriculum Design through McKendree University. Both courses focused on school improvement, return to learn protocol, and remote learning. Several teachers have taken Google training courses and become Google Certified Educators over the summer. This certification will be valid for 3 years. Student Services: SPINight - The counselors are working closely with Stephanie Cox of AJ National Bank to convert SPINight into a virtual event that would be accessible on-demand across a variety of platforms. School Day SAT - A-J is currently planning to give the School Day SAT (mandated by ISBE) on Wed, 9/23 to all seniors. Grades 9-11 will be full remote that day, and seniors will test in rooms of 9 or fewer to allow testing to hopefully continue should the state go back to phase 3. Katie Barkley will be working closely with the Special Education department to service students with social/emotional needs, as well as taking over social work duties from the counselors (homeless, foster, work permits, helping students & families access resources, etc.). Her duties will continue to evolve. Walls and Miller are working diligently to ensure that students receive all of our normal services virtually this year. Both will be posting regularly to Google Classroom (each grade has their own), communicating with students and families via email and Remind, and creating virtual meetings with students as needed.

Curriculum Director Finders reported on Remote Learning Technology and Software Applications, Standardized Testing Update, and Curriculum Modifications.

Principal Detering reported on Incomplete Grade Reports, Registration, Teacher Institutes, and the 1st day of school.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report, he updated the board on summer projects and their completion, that he completed and submitted the new Digital Equity Grant, and spoke how excited he is that after 5 months we will have students return, while also praising staff for all the time and effort they have put in to get us here.

On motion by Mrs. Ashby and seconded by Dr. Blakely for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:10 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. Hughey and seconded by Mr. Partridge to return to regular session at 8:03 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Dr. Teske to approve the tentative FY 2020-21 Budget. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Dr. Teske to set a date of 9/21/20 at 5:45 p.m. for the public hearing for adoption of FY 2020-21 Budget. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Teske and seconded by Dr. Blakely to approve the Memorandum of Agreement in Regards to Teacher Evaluations. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Ashby to approve the Memorandum of Understandings in regards to Personnel. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

First Reading of Board Policy updates

On motion by Mr. Partridge and seconded by Mr. McGrath to hire Christine Ozment as In-School Suspension Supervisor. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On Motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Dr. Teske to approve Candace Denny as volunteer Cross Country coach pending background check and completion of required coaching certificates. All members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mr. Hughey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. The budget hearing will begin at 5:45 p.m.

President

Secretary