

AJCHS #81

MINUTES

December 14, 2020

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on December 14, 2020. Upon roll call at 6:03 p.m. the following members were present: Dr. Teske, Mr. Hughey (phone), Dr. Blakely (phone), Mr. Osman, Mr. Partridge, Mr. McGrath, and Mrs. Ashby. Also present was Mr. Finders, Mr. Detering, and Superintendent Wright.

On motion by Mr. Partridge and seconded by Mrs. Ashby to approve the Agenda as written. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 11/16/2020; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills; accept resignation of Grace Darmour-Paul. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Denny and Mrs. Misener represented the teachers. Thank you for bagels! In the spring, the National Honor Society collected toys during their annual Spring Fling Dance. The toys were to be donated to a local charity for children in need. However, with the onset of the pandemic, the charter was not able to deliver the donation. Since that time, the NHS has been looking for an organization to accept the donation. This week, the NHS donated the toys to Marlee Smith's toy drive for the children at Cardinal Glennon. The NHS hopes to find more service opportunities, like this one, that allows for contactless service to those in need. Ms. Maze's government classes have worked hard the last two weeks dissecting the process a bill takes to become a law. Students created their own school policies, where some died in the committee, then worked hard to put the finishing touches on their bill that was passed by "congress" last Friday. It has been sent on to the "President/Governor" Mr. Detering. They are eager to hear what happens next for their bill. Students from Ms. Thomas' English classes contributed a total of 254 Christmas cards (with personal messages from the students) for the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program of Southern Illinois to be given to veterans and the elderly this season.

Congratulations to the following students who earned awards in the Anna Arts Center Annual Art Show:

3rd Place: Madi Hinkle-colored pencil. Alexis Nekola--painting

2nd Place: Lily Baker--pencil drawing. Katie Jo Kirk--Mixed media and scratchboard. Madi Hinkle-ceramics

1st Place: Lilly Evers-Linoleum Print and Mixed Media. David Swink-pencil drawing. Lughton Mixen-ceramics

Best-of-Show: Alexis Nekola-watercolor

The AJ student-artists are very excited by their awards and are anxiously waiting to hear the results of the Scholastic judging.

Mr. Finders reported on items as Curriculum Director; he spoke about Professional Development, Need/Support Survey, items from IT Dept., and efforts to work with students with failing grades.

Principal Detering reported on the enrollment, discipline, failing grade reports, and SIRR Conference.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report. He updated the board on the progress of the principal's office/entryway project. He also spoke about a recent meeting with the Association in regards to metrics they came up with to determine whether or not in-person learning should continue. Dave's Bagel recently came and set up to provide the staff with free bagels, it was very well received and appreciated by the staff.

On motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mrs. Ashby for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:06 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) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2). On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Partridge seconded by Mr. McGrath to return to regular session at 7:25 p.m. On roll call all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wright presented and distributed Superintendent Evaluation materials.

On motion by Mr. Osman 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. McGrath seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the extension of Memorandum of Understanding in Regards to Personnel. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The First Reading of Board Policy Updates.

On motion by Mrs. Ashby seconded by Dr. Teske to approve hiring the following spring coaches: Boys Soccer – Ben Godinez (Assistant), Jake Parr (Volunteer), Derek Harvell (Volunteer). Volleyball – Trina Mayberry (Volunteer). On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On Motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. Partridge to approve Resolution providing for the issue of \$3,161,800 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2021, of the District, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes and refunding certain outstanding bonds of the district, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Partridge seconded by Mrs. Ashby to approve purchasing gift cards for all faculty and staff. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Osman seconded by Dr. Teske to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00pm in the High School Library.

President

Secretary