

AJCHS #81

April 19, 2021

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on April 19, 2021. Upon roll call at 6:03 p.m. the following members were present: Dr. Teske, Mr. Hughey (by phone), Mr. Osman, Dr. Blakely, Mr. Partridge, Mrs. Ashby, and Mr. McGrath (by phone). Also present was Superintendent Wright, Brett Detering, and Scott Finders.

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

Recognition of retiring board members John Hughey and April Teske.

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 3/15/21; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports, Resignation of Matt Hammer as Assistant Technology Coordinator and Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson as Head Volleyball Coach, and renewal of IHSA Membership. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Kara James and Courtney Misener represented the teachers: The ACES team competed in the state competition on April 5th. This competition was held virtually. This was the second year in a row for the ACES team to qualify as a team to compete at the state level. Evan Keller placed third in the state for biology. Congratulations to the following Beta Club members for their top finishes in the Illinois Virtual Convention: Olivia Bowen 1st in Recyclable Art, Julia Hall 3rd in Performing Arts, Evan Keller 1st in Social Studies, Alex Little 3rd in Creative Writing, and the Marketing & Communications group consisting of Olivia Bowen, Olivia Capel, Julia Hall, Evan Keller, and Lexie Lingle received 3rd place. All of these students qualified to compete at the National Convention in Orlando this summer. Amy Penninger has started an online archive to preserve A-JCHS historical documents in a format for all to access and appreciate. The Google Site contains links to old yearbooks, historical documents and photos. It has consisted of former and current student aides scanning materials and has been several years in the making; Brad Stamp is assisting with the project as well. The site may be accessed from the school webpage, under the About tab, by clicking on "History of AJ". Please visit the site for more information and it will be updated as more materials are scanned. Mrs. Penninger has also created a Google Site for the Social Studies department which is accessible from the AJ website as well. The Math Team competed in the ICTM Regional Math Team Contest on March 16th and 17th. The Algebra 1 Team and Geometry Team both received 2nd place. Eric Chen and Samuel Allen both placed 3rd in the Algebra 1 individual competition. The Math Team placed 3rd overall in the contest. Due to COVID restrictions, the ICTM Regional Math Team Contest was the only competition for the Math Team this year. Students in Mrs. Treece's classes competed against each other to see which class could raise the most funds for Whiting out Mr. Detering's hair for fellow classmate Tabi Smith. Sixth Hour won with \$334 and will receive a pizza party Friday April 23rd provided by Mrs. Treece. All other classes will receive treats. The grand total of all classes combined was \$796.05 all going to Tabi Smith. Fourteen seniors and juniors participated in the optional STAMP test on March 16th to assess their proficiency in Spanish. All students scored extremely high on this test. (Their composite scores ranged from 3.25-7.5 on a scale of 1-9. Anything with a 4 and above is considered above average for students who have completed 4 years of high school Spanish.) Kimberly Williams and Connor Hallam earned the highest composite scores and will receive a \$250 scholarship from the Spanish Club funds.

Mr. Finders presented information about Wildcat Academy Credit Recovery Program, Summer Credit Recovery, State Testing, Grants, and Technology.

Principal Detering presented information on Failing Grade Reports, Discipline, Biology Position, Spanish Position, and Illinois State Scholars.

Superintendent Wright presented his administrative report; he reported on the District Vision Team Meeting, Graduation, ESSER II grant, and the possibility of helping Jonesboro Grade School financially with outside restrooms by the ball fields.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mr. Osman for the Board to enter into closed session at 6:51 p.m. for the following reasons (1) The 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 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. Partridge and seconded by Mr. Osman to return to regular session at 7:22 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Teske and seconded by Mr. Osman to approve the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Ashby to renew the girls soccer and golf coop agreement with Cobden for the 2021-2022 school years. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Teske and seconded by Mr. Partridge to approve and accept the bid of Kehrer Brothers West Roofing for the "Union Hall Gym Roof Replacement – Roof Area H" project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Ashby and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve hiring Emily Richbourg as the Biology Teacher. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Osman and seconded by Mr. McGrath to approve hiring Jake Parr as assistant coach and Ben Godinez as volunteer coach for girls soccer. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

President Teske called for a Special Meeting to be held on 4/29/21 at 6:00 p.m. in order to seat new board members and elect board officers.

On motion by Mr. Partridge and seconded by Mr. Osman to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:52pm. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled Meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

President

Secretary

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April 29th, 2021

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held a Special Meeting on April 29, 2021. Upon roll call at 6:05 p.m. the following members were present: Mr. Hughey, Mr. Osman, Dr. Blakely, Mrs. Ashby, Mr. McGrath, and Mr. Partridge. Also present was Superintendent Wright.

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

Mr. Wright presented the Official Canvass of the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election and recognized newly elected Board members.

Mr. Hughey administered the Oath of Office to new members: Tim McGrath, Kyle Vosburgh, Darren Bailey, and Lenore Ashby.

The Board agreed to appoint Rob Wright as President *pro tem* and Dee Blakely as Secretary *pro tem*.

On motion by Mrs. Ashby and seconded by Mr. McGrath to adjourn *sine die* at 6:11. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The Commencement of the newly elected Board of Education. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mr. McGrath, Dr. Blakely, Mrs. Ashby, Mr. Osman, Mr. Partridge, Mr. Vosburgh, and Mr. Bailey (by phone).

Mr. McGrath nominated Dr. Blakely for office of President. On roll call, 2 yeas (Blakely, McGrath) 5 Nays (Vosburgh, Osman, Bailey, Partridge, Ashby). Motion denied.

Mr. Partridge nominated Mr. Osman for office of President. On roll call, 5 yeas (Vosburgh, Osman, Bailey, Partridge, Ashby) 2 Nays (Blakely, McGrath). Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Partridge and seconded by Mrs. Ashby to nominate and elect Dr. Blakely as Vice-President of the Board of Education. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Ashby and seconded by Mr. McGrath to nominate and elect Mr. Partridge as Secretary of the Board of Education. On roll call, all members voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Blakely and seconded by Mr. Partridge to approve Board meeting Times, Dates, and Place of Meetings as presented. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

President Osman called for a Special Meeting on May 6, 2021 at 6:00 in the District Office to approve bids on summer projects.

On motion by Mr. Partridge seconded by Mrs. Ashby to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:32 p.m. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.