

MINUTES

The Anna Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on February 21, 2023, it was called to order by President Dr. Blakely. Upon roll call at 6:00 p.m. the following members were present: Dr. Blakely, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Vosburgh, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Hughey, Dr. Reach and Mrs. Thompson.

On motion by Mr. McGrath and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the Agenda. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Vosburgh to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 1/17/23 and 1/24/23; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, and acceptance of financial reports. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors and correspondence: Deborah Shelton Yates – SCC, Tina Vancil – Art Club, Kent Hollmann – Dodd Architects

Student Council: Good evening AJ board members, administration, and guests. My name is Alexandria Keller and I am the junior class representative for the student council, here at AJ. Tomorrow there will be a blood drive here at AJ in the lower gym from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Multiple members of our student council have brought in donuts, pastries, and multiple items to make a charcuterie board. In addition to this, we have delivered baked goods to the City of Anna and the City of Jonesboro. Thank you for your time.

Teachers Notes: Ms. Cleghorn and Mrs. Hase are finishing the final details for the AJ Faculty and Staff Appreciation week coming up the week of February 27-March 4. There will be dress up days, Secret Student/Teacher gift exchange, Breakfast Friday morning, and to end the week we will have our Wild West Faculty and Staff Appreciation party at Kiki's Coffeehouse on Saturday night. 81 have RSVP'd that they will be attending that night. Ms. Cleghorn's classes will be preparing food for the evening and Steve and Eric Dueling Pianos will be providing the entertainment. It will be a singing good time! Congratulations to the AJ ACES team for placing 3rd at regional competition. Individual medalists were Jolie Barger -1st in math, Jessie Sartin - 2nd in math, Jake Merriman - 2nd in biology, Will Keller - 3rd in English, Eric Chen -3rd in chemistry, and Victoria Perez -3rd in physics. Jolie, Jessie, and Jake will advance to sectional competitions at SIU in March. AJ took two teams to the ROE Brain Games Competition. Those teams consisted of Jessie Sartin, Jasmine Buck, Brooklynn Eastman, and Jaylen Althoff for team one and Avery Osman, Katie Sullivan, Chesnee Marks, and Zoe Chen for team two. One of the teams placed high enough to advance to the next round of competition in April. The students had a great time at this event. They took part in many challenges that included literature, engineering, trivia, and art. They would also like to thank everyone for allowing them to attend, and they hope to attend in years to come. I would like to thank the staff and board members for the angel after my Grandma passed. I appreciate all of you. Another round of students will be CPR certified this month from my senior class thanks to Brooke. We would like to thank her for being such a great team member on this journey to adult life. Mrs. Vancil and art students attended the 49th annual Scholastic Art Awards on February 12th in Mt. Vernon. Students were called up to the stage to receive their Gold and Silver Keys and Certificates of Achievement. Gold Key winning works go on to compete nationally in NYC. Mrs. Vancil won the \$150 voucher from Blick art supply. See program for details of AJ winning artists. Mr. Horn and Mrs. Vancil attended the Little Egypt High School Art show closing reception on February 18th in Marion. Each teacher can only submit 5 works. Many of our students won cash awards. See program. The math department attended the annual Illinois Council of Teacher of Mathematics conference that was held Thursday, February 16th at John A Logan College. While there they attended conferences on "The status quo in high school mathematics is unacceptable", "making statistics accessible to all", "reinventing the graphing calculator", "representing equations and calculations algebraically and geometrically", and "skills based teaching". At their next department meeting each member will share what they learned from the specific sessions they attended and will decide if they will implement these concepts in the coming school year. The department would like to thank the school board and administration for allowing all five of them to attend the conference this year. Ms. Maze's civics classes are learning about the importance of community service. They are going to begin brainstorming ways that they can assist our comfort closet by getting more community involvement. They will be encouraged to create radio snippets, posters, and newspaper ads to inform the community about the Comfort Closet while also trying to encourage more involvement within our school and local communities.

Curriculum Director Finders spoke about Student Performance and Academic Improvement.

Principal Detering spoke about failure reports, upcoming events, and discipline.

Superintendent Wright reported on options to continue to have a School Resource Officer next school year and IASB events.

Public Comments: None

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mrs. Thompson for the Board to enter into closed session at 7:03 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. Reach and seconded by Mr. McGrath to return to regular session at 8:00. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Economic Interest Statements were provided to all board members to fill out.

On motion by Dr. Reach and Mrs. Thompson to approve the overnight stay for the Beta Club State Convention in Springfield. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and Mrs. Thompson to approve the overnight stay for the Art Club Trip to Chicago. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the bid from Mike Keller for the mowing of the soccer complex. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Dr. Reach and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to approve the base bid from Midwest Service group for abatement work related to the interior renovation project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Dr. Reach to approve the base bid and alternative bids #1, #4, #5 from Evrard Company for the interior renovation project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Bailey to renew the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Cobden for school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 in boys soccer. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Vosburgh to renew the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Cobden for school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 in girls soccer. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Hughey and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with Dongola for school years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 in Football. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Wright reminded the board members of their responsibility as Mandated Reporters.

Mr. Wright discussed with the board a request from Jonesboro Elementary School to assist in helping financially with the improvement of the baseball and softball fields.

On motion by Mr. Vosburgh and seconded by Mr. Hughey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

President

Secretary