

AJCHS #81

November 17, 2025

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The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on November 17, 2025. Upon roll call at 6:00 p.m. the following members were present: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mix, Mr. Houseman, Mr. Massey, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Leek.

On motion by Mr. Mix and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the Agenda as presented. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Leek to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 10/20/2025; 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 and correspondence, Public Comments: Sherriff Wilkins and Chief Deputy Pena.

Items from Student Council: Student Council has been busy since September! With the help of several staff members and parents, student council completed the Cats in Candyland dance sweetly and with success. The weather was beautiful and there were over 300 students in attendance with at least 50 outside guests. With Ms. Meisner leading, Student Council coordinated a Blood Drive on October 28. It was a successful day, 84 units of blood were collected (saving 252 lives)!! On October 30, the Student Council took 28 members to the annual LEDSC Fall Workshop. This year's workshop was held at Camp Ondessonk. Students took part in roasting S'mores, competing in Tug-of-War, and doing a Marathon race with members of other schools. Ms. Cham and Ms. Fitz were super proud, as AJ walked away the champions of the Tug-of-War, winning the LEDSC fall workshop competitions for the 3rd time! Student Council is participating in a fundraiser through an online company, [raise-365.com](https://raise-365.com). The collection time closes on Tuesday evening. The council has raised several thousand dollars; however, we will not find out our total until later in the week. These funds will be used to give back to the students, school, and community. On Veteran's Day, Student Council delivered Little Debbie snacks and cards to the VFW home in Anna, in support of our veterans. For American Education Week Student Council will bring in Sweet Desserts for our faculty and staff, in appreciation for all they do! Planning for December: Twelve Days of Christmas - Student Council will collect food and personal hygiene items to make boxes to give out during the holidays to students in need. When students bring in an item their name will go into a raffle for a prize. Students will have dress-up days during the 12 days of Christmas as well! Shopping for the Angel Tree- Student Council will shop and wrap presents for two to three local students.

Items from Teachers: The National Honor Society hosted a successful Trick or Treat event, welcoming many children and families who enjoyed the treats, games, and prizes provided by our members. After the event, NHS had an abundance of leftover candy, which inspired members to sell BOO-Grams during the week leading up to Halloween. Students, teachers, and parents participated by sending BOO-Grams to share the Halloween spirit. The week concluded with a \$1 costume day, where students donated to wear their Halloween costumes. In total, NHS raised \$640 to contribute to the WIBH New Coat, New

Hope campaign, helping purchase 32 new coats for children in need this winter. On Halloween, National Honor Society members completed an Acts of Kindness day to spread positivity at school and in the community. At the school members wrote thank-you cards, shared encouraging notes, cleaned and organized spaces, and created positive message boards. In the community, they picked up litter, delivered treats and thank-you notes, and completed "pay it forward" acts. Through these efforts, members demonstrated leadership, gratitude, and service to others. During the first week of November, the National Honor Society organized a food drive to collect nonperishable food and hygiene products for the AJCHS Comfort Closet. Donations were gathered through 3rd-period classes, and the class with the most contributions earned a donut party. Thanks to the generosity of our students and staff, we collected nearly 400 items to directly support students in need within our school community. Spanish I and III welcomed Mrs. Dawna Miller on Monday, November 3, as a guest speaker. Mrs. Miller, a retired AJ teacher, shared her experiences from her recent perspectives, practices, and products, as these align with ACTFL cultural standards. She shared some artifacts (authentic souvenirs), stories about unique food, accounts of lifestyles on man-made islands on Lake Titicaca, and effective ways to combat altitude sickness. She encouraged students to continue to pursue mastering a second language because that skill can open opportunities for communication and travel. Mrs. Treece is back rolling in style thanks to Mr. Browning's Crew! Mrs. Treece would like to acknowledge the hard work and send a big Wildcat thank you to Mr. Browning's classes for coming to the rescue when the wheels on my portable desk broke. They replaced them with smooth non-marking wheels that glide perfectly across the gym floor. Their skill, teamwork, and pride in their work are what make AJCHS Wildcats truly stand out. AJCHS Student Council blood drive crew and Mrs. Misener demonstrated outstanding attention to detail and teamwork during the recent Blood Drive. Their careful planning and efficiency in placing, removing, and neatly storing the blue tarp floor coverings ensured that no instructional time outside of the event day was lost. The collaboration was seamless, positive, and demonstrated a strong sense of school pride and responsibility. Their commitment to hosting a successful event while maintaining the integrity of the learning environment exemplifies the best of our Wildcat community. AJCHS Student Council Blood Drive Team hosted their first drive of the year on October 28th. They had 104 appointments signed up to donate, and were able to help collect 84 units. Thank you for your support of this event. They helped to save 252 lives and earn scholarships for our students. Cast auditions for the spring musical "Seussical" were held November 10 and 12. We were happy to have 22 students audition, with a handful of new students joining us. Stage Crew began working last week as well and we have a great number of students for the first few meetings. Mrs. Burkhardt, Mrs. Followell and Mr. Stamp are looking forward to working with our talented students on this project! On October 22, AJ FCA leaders joined other leaders from our area at an FCA Leaders Summit at Rend Lake College. It was a great day to hear from other student leaders and adult sponsors about their FCA Huddles at their schools. It was a great day!

Mr. Finders spoke about Summative Designation and School Report Card Data.

Ms. Stevens had a report about Staff Incentives and Treat Program.

Principal Rice spoke about Upcoming Dates, Attendance, AI, Leadership Team Meeting, PERA Committee, Discipline Data, and Winter Sports Schedules.

Superintendent Detering reported on AFR, Tax Levy, Kitchen Refrigeration/Freezer Project Update, Hallway Renovation Project, School Maintenance Grant, SRO Update, Soccer Field Update, and Rebranding.

On motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Massey for the Board to enter into closed session at 8:20 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 and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Mix and seconded by Mr. Johnson to return to regular session at 10:06 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve estimated tax levy resolution. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Annual Statement of Affairs.

Operating Funds Report.

Illinois School Report Card.

Annual Summative Designation.

Annual Report on the Annual Review of the Emergency Operations Plan.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – School Board Policy Update – Issue 120.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Leek to approve Tom Watson as part – time custodian. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Mix and seconded by Mr. Massey to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:28 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting and Truth in Taxation Hearing is Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Angela Johnson, President \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Houseman, VP \_\_\_\_\_

Stacey Plott, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_