

AJCHS #81

January 20, 2026

MINUTES

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School held its regular meeting on January 20, 2026. Upon roll call at 6:01 p.m. the following members were present: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Plott, Mr. Mix, Mr. Houseman, Mr. Massey, Mr. Leek, and Mr. Johnson.

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

On motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Houseman to approve the Consent Agenda which contained the following items: approval of board minutes on 12/15/2025; approval of closed session minutes; approval of payment for bills, acceptance of financial reports, approve destruction of Closed Session Tapes at Least 18 months old, and accept resignations. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Recognition of visitors and correspondence, Public Comments: None

Items from Teachers: Mary K Harris, owner of H and R Block, came and spoke to Mrs. Hase's Co-op class on how to file their taxes and basic tax information. All of these students have jobs so this information was very helpful. Ms. Thomas' title English 1 class is in the process of starting their independent book projects. This project is designed to give students the opportunity and time to read a book of their choice to strengthen their reading skills and stamina, and hopefully find a book that they genuinely enjoy reading. Students have engaged in a several-day "book tasting" activity, which has included teacher read-alouds and time to peruse books in the classroom library. Students are sharing books with each other and competing for the books they want to read. One student reported that he was about to "crash out" since he found three books he really wants to read but has to choose one for the project. Another student who described herself as "not a reader" was enthralled by the first chapter of a book she picked up and was excited to check it out and take it home with her. A certain other student who struggles to stay engaged with class was interested in one of the read-aloud books. He read to page 60 of this poetry-novel by the end of a class period, and said that the poetry novel is now his favorite book genre. The Culinary Occupations classes are in the planning process for the meal that will be prepared for our Teacher In-Service Day on February 13th, where we will be hosting an articulation meeting with our feeder school teachers. Mrs. Massey's students are very excited about showcasing their Culinary Skills to some of their former and current teachers.

Mr. Finders report was on the Saluki Start Program.

Ms. Stevens reported on Professional Developing/Networking, AI Policy Development, and Peer Mentorship Program Research.

Principal Rice spoke about Upcoming Dates, Attendance, Leadership Team Meeting, ACT Planning, PERA Committee, Illinois Youth Survey & 5 Essential Survey, Handbook Changes, Graduation Rate, and Discipline Data.

Superintendent Detering reported on the new Mid Bus, Solar Agreement, SRO Update, Trademark/Service Mark Application, Financial Decisions, and the Superintendent Evaluation.

On motion by Mr. Leek and seconded by Mr. Johnson for the Board to enter into closed session at 6:27 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) Student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mix to return to regular session at 6:58 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the Board of Education has conducted its semi-annual review of closed session meeting minutes and determined that the need for confidentiality still exists. On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Johnson to keep the reviewed minutes closed. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to reject Abatement Base Bid A for the Corridor Renovation Project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Mix to reject Abatement Base Bid B for the Corridor Renovation Project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the low bid for Abatement Base Bid C of \$73,239 from Owens Abatement for Corridor Renovation Project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the low bid for the General Contract of \$1,012,000 from Fager-McGee Commercial Construction for Corridor Renovation Project. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Mix to approve the Discipline Improvement Plan. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Mix and seconded by Mr. Houseman to approve Proposed Special Education Classroom. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Massey to approve Evan Hughey as Set Constructor for the Musical. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Leek and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve Michael Eudy and Amy Fitzgerald-Wilson as Assistant Track Coaches. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Andrew Boyce as Volunteer Assistant Track Coach pending background check. All members present voting yes. Motion carried.

On motion by Mr. Houseman and seconded by Mr. Mix to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:31 p.m. On roll call, all members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Next regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Angela Johnson, President _____

Michael Houseman, VP _____

Stacey Plott, Secretary _____