

ASHTON FRANKLIN CENTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #275

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 18, 2025

- I. The AFC Board of Education met in regular session on August 18, 2025. The meeting was brought to order by President, Cullen Searing at 7:00pm in the JH/HS Library.
- II. Members present were: Mark Delhotal, Jackie Fransen, Lea Henert, Tim Henert, Kyle McClanahan, Cullen Searing and Tiffany Willstead. Administrators present were: Mr. Lindy, Mrs. Hurt, Ms. Burkitt, and Mr. McKay.
- III. Motion was made by Mark, seconded by Tim to accept Consent Agenda items A-G as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.
- IV. Liaison Reports
 - A. Ogle County Ed Co-op: Meeting on 8/20.
 - B. AFC Ed Foundation: Nothing to report.
 - C. IASB: Super Saturday for new members is coming up.
 - D. Technology: Nothing to report.
 - E. AFC FFA Alumni: FFA back to school night cook-out, Share the Night at Culver's on 9/2 from 5-8pm.
 - F. FFA Report: Mrs. McMillan presented a review of past and upcoming activities and contests.
 - G. Insurance: Nothing to report.
 - H. PTC: Gave Kinders gift book, Teachers given \$50 checks, K & 12th grade ice cream social on 8/21, will do snow cones & boosted teas at JHHS, participating in Homecoming parade.
 - I. HS Student Council: Working on Homecoming preparations, will have dress-up days, community parade & bonfire on 9/10.
 - J. Athletic Boosters: Raffle ticket fundraiser underway with drawing to be held on 10/26, working on senior banners & Fall sports guide, applying for 501c3 status, will be participating in homecoming activities & handing out prizes for best floats, approved a request form that coaches will need to use to ask for assistance.
 - K. Acknowledgements: Rochelle Community Hospital donated \$105 to the District.
- V. Recognition of Registered Visitors: None.
- VI. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Lindy reviewed the report as submitted.
- VII. Principals' Reports
 - A. JH/HS: Reviewed the report as submitted.
 - B. ES: Reviewed the report as submitted.

- A. Athletic Director's Report: Mr. McKay introduced himself to Board and is busy learning the new job.
- VIII. Discussion Items
- A. Preliminary FY 2026 Budget Preview: The budget will be a deficit budget due to facility updates. There will be a slight deficit in the Transportation and IMRF funds. We may end up with a small surplus in the Ed and O&M funds.
 - B. Community Outreach Team: The team is made up admin, teachers, and community members with the goal to improve the District's relationship with the community and spark school spirit. They wish to intentionally tell our story through a video of staff and student led stories.
 - C. IASB Conference: Cullen will represent the Board at the Delegate Assembly.
- IX. Executive Session: None.
- X. Action Items
- A. Motion made by Tim, seconded by Mark to Approve the Consideration of Employment Issues as follows:
 - 1. Christopher Goodson- New Hire as HS Math Long-Term Substitute Teacher
 - 2. Kellie Erickson- New Hire as HS Paraprofessional
 - 3. Ryan Garcia- New Hire as ES 2nd Shift Custodian
 - 4. Jacob Shafer- New Position as HS Assistant Football Coach
 - 5. Heather Winterland- New Position as Junior Class Advisor
 - 6. Carley Ackland- New Position as National Honor Society Advisor
 - 7. Vanessa Borja- Resignation as HS Math Teacher
 - 8. Ryan Engelbarts- Resignation as HS Assistant Football and Baseball Coach
 - 9. Mike Olson- Resignation as HS Special Education Teacher
- XI. Adjourn – Motion made by Mark, seconded by Tiffany to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cullen Searing, Board President

Tiffany Willstead, Board Secretary

