

**ASHTON FRANKLIN CENTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #275**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 18, 2025**

- I. The AFC Board of Education met in regular session on November 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, Lea Henert, Tim Henert, Kyle McClanahan, Cullen Searing and Tiffany Willstead. Members absent were: Jackie Fransen. 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-H as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.
- IV. Liaison Reports
  - A. Ogle County Ed Co-op: Nothing to report.
  - B. AFC Ed Foundation: Nothing to report.
  - C. IASB: Conference begins on 11/20.
  - D. Technology: Nothing to report.
  - E. AFC FFA Alumni: Planning Quartermania, Doing leadership training with FFA students.
  - F. FFA Report: Samantha James presented a review of past and upcoming activities and contests. They will be doing the bell ringing for Salvation Army on 12/14.
  - G. Insurance: Nothing to report.
  - H. PTC: Breakfast with a Buddy will be on 11/21, Plans underway for Bitty Basketball.
  - I. HS Student Council: Will be hosting a food drive, Hidden Turkey contest, and Slice of Thanks pie bar for the JH/HS, and they made the Veteran's Day recap video for the District's Facebook page.
  - J. Athletic Boosters: Approved bylaws, approved purchase of a tear away run through for HS sports.
  - K. Acknowledgements: Nothing to report.
- V. Recognition of Registered Visitors: None.
- VI. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Lindy reviewed his report as submitted.
- VII. Principals' Reports
  - A. JH/HS: Mrs. Hurt reviewed her report as submitted.
  - B. ES: Ms. Burkitt reviewed her report as submitted.
- VIII. Athletic Director's Report: Mr. McKay reviewed his report as submitted.

IX. Discussion Items

- A. Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal: The renewal cost came in at 3.9% less than last year at an amount of \$22,087. We've had very few worker comp claims which has improved our premium cost.
- B. 2025 District Levy Preview: Lee County has still not determined their EAV increase. The estimate calls for a 3% increase. Last year we ended up with almost a 10% increase. Mr. Lindy estimated that the final levy increase will be somewhere between 5% and 7% and is recommending requesting a 10% increase. A board member questioned whether we should request a higher percentage as to not leave anything on the table. Mr. Lindy is confident that the 10% request will catch all of the final levy increase. Ogle County's estimate was very accurate last year and Mr. Lindy believes they'll be very close to they're estimated increase of 5% for this year.
- C. Board Policy Updates 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Mr. Lindy reviewed the policies updates that are more substantial. There are 17 updates and 1 new policy up for approval at the December meeting.

X. Executive Session: None.

XI. Action Items

- A. Motion made by Lea, seconded by Tiffany to Approve the Workers Compensation Insurance Renewal as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.
- B. Motion made by Tiffany, seconded by Kyle to Approve the Consideration of Employment Issues as follows:
  - 1. Jaimee Hinrichs- New Hire as Elementary School Paraprofessional
  - 2. Ryan Dawson- New Position as Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach
  - 3. Jordan Harris- Volunteer as Assistant 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach
  - 4. Jaime Cooper- Volunteer as Assistant High School Girls Basketball CoachMotion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.

XII. Adjourn – Motion made by Mark, seconded by Lea to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cullen Searing, Board President

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Tiffany Willstead, Board Secretary