

ASHTON FRANKLIN CENTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #275

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

February 23rd, 2026

- I. The AFC Board of Education met in regular session on February 23rd, 2026. The meeting was brought to order by President, Cullen Searing at 7:00pm in the JH/HS Library.
- II. Members present were: Jackie Fransen, Lea Henert, Kyle McClanahan, Cullen Searing, Tim Henert and Mark Delhotal. Members absent were: Tiffany Willstead
Administrators present were: Mr. Lindy, Mr. McKay, and Ms. Burkitt.
- III. Motion was made by Mark, seconded by Lea to accept Consent Agenda items A-I 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: Meeting Feb 5th
 - C. IASB: Nothing to report.
 - D. Technology: Strict restriction on color copying due to price increase. Elementary School phones updated. Crisis Go and Zero Eyes.
 - E. AFC FFA Alumni: Quartermania was a huge success with over \$21,000 raised. With \$600 to students directly. Students in need scholarship for \$1000 is out and open.
 - F. FFA Report: Quartemania success, Proficiency awards this month. FFA Banquet March 11th.
 - G. Insurance: Nothing to report.
 - H. PTC: 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Gamew Night planned. Looking into Badminton at the Highschool if there is interest.
 - I. HS Student Council: Crush can fundraiser raised \$225. Hosting MORP dance, Western Themed, free to attend.
 - J. Athletic Boosters: Nothing to report.
 - K. Acknowledgements: Non noted.
- 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: Reviewed report as submitted by Mr. McKay.

- IX. Discussion Items
- A. Tech Office AC replacement Proposal: System is over a decade old, proposals submitted from Helm and Most. Helm was 50% cheaper. Recommended to accept proposal.
 - B. 2026-2027 School Calendar: Draft # 1, At a Glance included in board file. This recommendation uses dates that correspond to this year's calendar and was the preference of the association based on their feedback.
 - C. Replacement Chairlift Bus: Lease to own agreement from Central States for a 34-passenger chair-lift bus with AC. 2021 Bluebird excellent condition will be owned by the district at the end of 5 equal payments of \$19,003. 1st year no interest. Recommend for lease to own option is that we put fewer miles on this type of bus than our others. should provide significant savings. Can be paid off earlier if we choose.
- X. Executive Session: Minutes attached, 7:21 pm to 7:34pm
- XI. Action Items
- A. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Jackie to Approve Proposal for Tech office AC replacement. Motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.
 - B. Board President Cullen Searing asked for a Voice vote to accept the 1st draft of the 2026-2027 Calendar, Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.
 - C. Motion made by Mark and seconded by Tim for request to purchase new chair-lift bus. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.
 - D. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Lea to Approve the Consideration of Employment Issues as follows:
 - 1. Erica Holloway- Resignation HS Cheerleading Sponsor
 - 2. Maternity Leave request Amanda Chapman, ES Social Worker
 - 3. New Position- Olivia Garcia, Asst. Softball
 - 4. Volunteer -Jordan Harris, HS Baseball
- Motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.
- XII. Adjourn – Motion made by Mark, seconded by Lea to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Cullen Searing, Board President

Tiffany Willstead, Board Secretary