

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
July 16, 2012

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School
300 E. Holcomb Street, Athens
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Stanton at 7:00 p.m.
 - a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Kacie Brunner, Joel Chapman, Kendra Falk, Craig Fairchild, John Knowles and Dennis Stanton.
Absent: Daniel Loew, Sr.
Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0091213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Chapman.
Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

3. Public Comments.

Diana Casselman: Apologized for misstatement at a last month's meeting with regard to Hillsdale teachers taking a 10% pay cut.

Randy Fuller: Does not want to see the middle school gym closed.

Walt Schalaus: Gives his 3-minute speaking time to Craig Draheim.

Craig Draheim: The district overspent by \$500,000 in 2009. The teachers took a pay cut, leaving the district with a \$295,000 surplus. The school squandered it. Teachers took an increase in insurance premium in January of this year. Teachers want what's best for students, but teachers feel that they didn't cause this mess and can't sacrifice again to bad management of money.

Fred Dietz: Wants to know what we've spend on computers over the last eight years and want to keep the current IT Director.

Jon Beal: Brought three daughters from Jonesville to Athens because of quality teachers, high MEAP scores and small school environment. He runs the basketball skills camp and does not want the middle school gym closed.

Julie Beal: Gives support to keep the middle school gym open. She is the para-pro that is being laid off.

Allysha Beal: Wants the middle school gym to stay open.

Brian Butler: Wants the middle school gym to stay open. Closing it would be devastating to younger and older kids. He also has three kids in the district. Wants to know if heart in the middle school gym is fixed yet. He volunteered to take a look at it.

Lucy Lamson: She supports the teachers and wants to keep the middle school gym open. Loved how

sports (girls basketball in particular) brings the community together. She is mad that the middle school gym heater is still broken. She wants to see the Consumers Energy bills from the last few years.

Calvin Quist: He wants to know why and where our money has gone over the years. He's worried about large class sizes. He wants to keep the middle school gym open. He stated that he will not coach if the middle school gym is closed because he feels that he can't run a quality program.

Mercedes Banks: She wants to keep the middle school gym open. Sports are a big motivator for her.

Jerek Jones: He wants education as a priority before the gym. He said that the middle school gym is chaotic and want to keep it open. However, education is first, sports are second.

4. Presentations/Discussions. Presentation will be given later under reports.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0101213 Mr. Chapman moved approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2012 Special Meeting, the June 18, 2012 Regular Meeting and (2) Closed Sessions as presented/amended.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0111213 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending June 30, 2012.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Kendra Falk is working with someone on fixing the middle school gym problem. She will be meeting with that person this week to see about separating water/heat from the rest of the building.

B. Bond Committee.

John Knowles reported that the sewage system is complete and approved by the county health department. He thanked everyone who volunteered their help.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Read Superintendent's report. Connie Klein retired and Darlene Smith resigned. Kelly Hulce and Lucy Roach were called back. Mr. Franklin took some time to explain how the elementary split grades are going to work.

D. High School Principal.

The gym floor is done. Thanks to Chuck Hobbs for all his legwork.

E. Athletic Director.

Thanked the coaches. He wants the middle school gym to stay open. He says that we get a lot of compliments on the middle school gym. He is really proud of the new floor in the high school gym. Wrestling program is going well with Climax-Scotts.

F. Curriculum Director.

MME results surpass State results in all but one category. We are very pleased with the results.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Policy.

0121213 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the enclosed resolution regarding the post-issuance tax compliance policy.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Approve Deficit Elimination Plan

0131213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the attached Deficit Elimination Plan (DEP).

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

Mr. Franklin presented the board and public with the DEP presentation.

C. Resolution to Lay Off a Para-Professional for 2012-2013 School Year

0141213 Mr. Fairchild moved that the Board of Education approve the layoff of **Julie Beal** due to special education staffing per the Calhoun Intermediate School District.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

D. Recall of Teachers.

0151213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the recall of the following teachers for the 2012-2013 school year:

1. Kelly Hulce (Full time teacher)
2. Lucy Roach (Full time special education teacher)

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

E. Superintendent's Contract.

0161213 Mr. Fairchild moved that the Board of Education approve the administrative contract between the Athens Area Schools Board of Education and Superintendent Mr. Richard P. Franklin. (Received 10% cut)

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

F. Administrative Team Contracts.

1. Diana Casselman

0171213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 contract for Diana Casselman as the Administrative Assistant. (Received 10% cut)

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

2. Shirley Dowd

0181213 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 contract for Shirley Dowd as the Executive Assistant of Finance. (Received 10% cut)

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Six. Nay: None. Motion: Passed.

3. Joe Huepenbecker.

0191213 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 contract for Joe Huepenbecker as the High School Principal/Transportation Supervisor. (Did NOT receive cut)

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

4. Pat Donato.

0201213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 contract for Pat Donato as the Food Service Director. (Received 10% cut)

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

5. Colleen Swank.

0211213 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 contract for Colleen Swank as the Title I Teacher/Director. (Received 10% cut)

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

6. GMS Service Agreement.

0221213 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 Good Marks Service Agreement for Walter Dubbeld and Judy Knowles. (Received 10% cut)

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

G. Information Technology Services Agreement

0231213 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education approve the service contract for Information Technology Services with Barry Shackelford as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Two (Falk, Stanton) Nays: Four. Motion: Defeated.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Brunner – No; Fairchild – No; Chapman – No; Falk – Yes; Stanton – Yes; Knowles – No

0241213 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the service contract for Information Technology Services with Calhoun Department of Technology (CDOT) as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: One. Nays: Five. Motion: Passed.

0251213 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to draft and issue an RFP for Information Technology Services.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

H. Coaching Recommendations

0261213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the following coaching assignments for the 2012-2013 school year.

Staff:

Cross Country	Melissa Hamilton
Varsity Girls Basketball	Calvin Quist
Varsity Boys Track	Walt Schalau

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

8. Public Comments.

Brandon Henson: Would like to know if the district would sell the middle school building.

Cristy Voss: Is weighing options as to whether to pull her daughter out of Athens Schools or not. Concerned about losing Julie Beal. Wants to know how to dual enroll her daughter at KCC. She believes we are going to lose more kids than we are projecting. She believes there is a bullying problem at Athens.

Jon Beal: Stated that Athens is a helluva school. Outstanding MEAP scores and great teachers. He said the grass is not greener on the other side of the fence. He has been trained and would volunteer to help with the bullying problem.

Joy Foster: She and her husband are very happy with Athens and wants everybody to come together.

Chuck Hobbs: Fall sports calendars are available.

9. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining.

A. Closed Session.

0271213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Second: Mr. Fairchild

Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. (Mr. Chapman left the meeting) Time: 10:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Brunner–Yes; Falk–Yes; Fairchild–Yes; Knowles–Yes; Loew–Yes; Stanton–Yes

B. Return to Open Session.

0281213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:44 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

0291213 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Five. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

Time of Adjournment: 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kacie Brunner, Acting Secretary, Board of Education