

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
April 18, 2011

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center
300 E. Holcomb Street
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: Joel Chapman, John Knowles, Daniel Loew, Sr., Rebecca Parks, Tomissa Smittendorf and Dennis Stanton.

Absent: Kendra Falk

Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

1071011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

3. Public Comments. NONE.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Bond Work Update.

John (Frederick Construction):

- Reviews progress
- Waiting for approval of plans from the State
- Ready to start work
- Contracts all drafted
- Submittals are in and long lead time items are returned for ordering
- Concern about start work in boiler room while school is in session
- Discussion on when we will look at the purchase of the buses with the bond money; look at what comes off lease after school is out.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

1081011 Mrs. Smittendorf moved approval of the minutes of the March 22, 2011 Regular Meeting and Closed Session as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

1091011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending March 31, 2011.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President. NONE.

B. Bond Committee. NONE.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Mr. Franklin:

- Main Item: First draft of preliminary budget for 2011-2012
 - Revenues – General Fund Operating 5,266,005
 - Expenditures – General Fund Operating 6,070,477
- (\$804,472)
- May 2, 6:00 p.m. – Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

D. High School Principal.

Mr. Huepenbecker:

- Youth in Government delegation once again did an outstanding job. Contratulations to the students.
- Addendum: MDE Conference on school improvement to accept and award for Athens High School. Selected as a Distinguished School for Exceptional Student Performance.

E. Athletic Director.

Mr. Hobbs:

- Continue to have discussions with Climax-Scotts about co-op sports program.
- Finalized opening football dates with Battle Creek St. Phil
- Next AD meeting is May 2

F. Technology Director.

Mr. Shackelford:

- Pickup up computers at Huntsville, AL at this time
- Working on replacing old with flat screen monitors
- Continued work on the radio bridge to finalize the installation on the water tower.

G. Curriculum Director.

Mr. Dubbeld:

- Developing a district curriculum plan that is linked with technology.
- Presented the new MEAP data that has now been released.
- Developed a revised Student Intervention Data Review (SIDR) that is tailored for Athens and the needs of our District.
- Developed a curriculum website for Athens Area Schools; MEAP results are posted there in color
- Sex Education Advisory Board met last Tuesday to review the curriculum. They will hold two public hearings.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Resolution: Calhoun ISD Budget.

1101011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution of the Calhoun Intermediate School District budget.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

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8. Disciplinary Hearings.

A. Closed Session (Tyler Kissinger – Possession/Selling).

1111011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of a student disciplinary hearing.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 8:52 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Chapman-Yes; Knowles-Yes; Loew-Yes; Parks-Yes; Smittendorf-Yes; Stanton-Yes

B. Return to Open Session.

1121011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:54 p.m.

C. Action.

1131011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education **expel Tyler Kissinger for 180 days unless** he demonstrates effort and achievement in home based studies or alternative education as directed by the principal by the end of the school year. If he shows effort and achievement, he may ask for reinstatement at the August 2011 board meeting.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

D. Closed Session (Jacob Roth – Knife).

1141011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of a student disciplinary hearing.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Chapman-Yes; Knowles-Yes; Loew-Yes; Parks-Yes; Smittendorf-Yes; Stanton-Yes

E. Return to Open Session.

1151011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:42 p.m.

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F. Action.

1161011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education allow **Jacob Roth to return to school at the end of his 10-day suspension and that he do community service** as directed by the principal.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Board Comments: Concord athletic questions.
Mr. Stanton spoke about a farewell dinner for Amy Weeks, Tomissa Smittendorf and Rebecca Parks.

8. Adjournment.

1171011 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

Time of Adjournment: 10:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Loew, Sr., Secretary, Board of Education