

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
August 20, 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 7:02 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

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

Absent: Kendra Falk.

Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0301213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

3. Public Comments. NONE.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

Shannon Fuller: Three teachers agree that since the young 5's are going away next year, we would like to start the model this year and get a head start.

Christina Shilling: We would split DK kids this year between the two classes. Connie Hamlin is also part of this group.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0311213 Mr. Loew moved approval of the minutes of the July 16, 2012 Special Meeting, the July 16, 2012 Regular Meeting and Closed Session as amended:

Motion #0241213 should be failed, yes-1 nays-5

Motion #0271213 Loew not at vote

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President. NONE.

B. Bond Committee. Wish List Committee.

\$101,000 plus left. The committee has met three times and will meet one more time next week. They are looking to wrap up some little projects. Also looking at the possibly purchasing another used bus. A list is being drafted.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Signed an agreement with PESG for New Staff EZ program.

On the recommendation of the staff, blended the students who had been tagged for young 5's into two sections of kindergarten.

Announced that we will keep the middle school gym open this year. All games will be at the high school.

Submitted our revised 2013-2014 DEP two weeks ago.

Willis and Jurasek performed our on-site financial audit August 2 & 3. Hopefully they will be able to present our report at the September 17 meeting.

Pleased to announce that we have offered and have a verbal acceptance for a secondary science teacher.

Also working on the secondary physical education position.

Welcome back breakfast this year will be hosted by Wakeshma Community Church.

Thanks to Jason Vincent and his helpers for the work to save the middle school gym.

Non-homestead operating 18 mills passed. Thank you to all voters.

D. High School Principal.

New bus radios installed.

Open house at the jr./sr. high school will be August 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Open house at the elementary school will be August 28, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

E. Athletic Director.

The cross country team ran at Colon and everybody received a medal.

August 21, the cross country team will run at Three Rivers

Football this Friday at Climax-Scotts

Next week, the football games will be played on Thursday

F. Curriculum Director.

Textbooks have been ordered and we are implementing the common core curriculum.

MME – all areas increased except writing.

Shared reports that are available on the school's website

Our special education discipline rates were higher than allowed by the State. They may come down and our procedures will be monitored.

Working with Colleen Swank on the Title budget and requirements.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Revised Contract: Food Service/Executive Assistant.

0321213 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the revised contracts for Food Service Director Pat Donato and Executive Assistant Diana Casselman.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

B. Information Technology Services Agreement

0331213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the service contract for Information Technology Services with Calhoun Department of Technology (CDOT) as presented.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Five. Nays: One (Stanton). Motion: Passed.

8. Public Comments.

Randy Fuller: Fine to have games at the high school, but are we going to continue to care for the floor and are by the gym?

Fred Dietz: What have we spent on computers?

Bryant Kinney: Domestic water is going to need to be looked at in the high school building.

Jason Vincent: Looking to who is going to be replacing filters on the air handler equipment.

9. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining.

A. Closed Session.

0341213 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 8:50 p.m.

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

B. Return to Open Session.

0351213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:19 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

0361213 Mrs. Brunner moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time of Adjournment: 10:26 p.m.