

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
February 28, 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 7:03 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Joel Chapman, Kendra Falk, John Knowles, Dan Loew, Tomissa Smittendorf and Dennis Stanton.

Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0731011 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.

Friday, February 25, 2011 bids were due by 4:00 p.m. Frederick Construction, TPTA, John Knowles, Dan Loew and Richard Franklin were present for the bid opening. Post bid addendum: Re-bid mechanical, general trades, masonry, and slight change to controls.

March 4: TPTA to complete post bid addendum

March 7: Frederick to issue post-bid addendum

March 14: Pricing due back from bidders

March 16: Post bid interviews for 4.2, 6.1, 22.2, 26.1

March 21: Presentation of contract award recommendations to Athens Board of Education

B. Superintendent's Evaluation Form.

If you have it finished, please turn it in. If not, please finish.

C. Interview Candidates for Temporary Board Vacancy.

Craig Fairchild: Goal to make our school district better. Both children will be going through high school while on the board. Not pet peeves with the board, appears to be going in the right direction. He has lived in the area his whole life, graduating from Colon. Lived in the Athens District for 18 years. Level headed; not afraid to make decisions; first term. What's good for the District is good for his kids.

Kaci Brunner: Harper Creek graduate; has a student at East Leroy; works for public works in Battle Creek (water department). She believes in the school district; thinks outside the box; level thinker; wants to pay back; believe board is doing a good job; likes that we still have a school district; likes the thought of having an impact; would like to think she could make decisions for the best of the district even if it's not popular; has some related board experience and work with the public with her work.

Rebecca Parks: Teacher in Bronson; Masters degree in learning disabilities; student in 7th grade within the District; very much enjoyed her prior time on the board; not planning on running in May but is looking to the future to run again; likes to see a nice mix of talent on the board; no problems with what the board is doing right now; always room for improvement; great to be part of a working force and working with people; knowledge of education; good listener; takes it serious.

D. High School Schedule.

Decision on block or 6-hour day in Administration is withdrawing recommendation to move off of block.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0741011 Mr. Loew moved approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2011 Regular Meeting and the January 31, 2011 Special Meeting as presented.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0751011 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending January 31, 2011.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Mr. Stanton asked Joe Huepenbecker if we teach a ACT prep course. He had an article from the newspaper regarding this.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

We still have 2.06 day left to the good before we have to make up days.

March is Reading Month. Any board member or public is invited to read to the students.

Thursday is our kindergarten pre-registration.

East Leroy McEducator Night is Tuesday, March 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Concern over Governor Snyder's proposed budget.

Principal's Week was February 14-18.

Disappointed with the four-year graduation rate reported out of CEPI last Saturday. Data reported correctly by the newspaper and the State. Do not believe that what the high school reported to CEPI from last year can be correct.

LRSB will soon be distributing casino profit sharing. Board has directed Mr. Franklin to have a more active presence with this group.

C. High School Principal.

Conferences were held February 24 for the high school.

Junior class will be taking the MME Tuesday thought Thursday of the week.

High school administration and staff request the board vote to adjust the graduation requirements as follows:

Class of 2011 – 27 credits

Class of 2012 – 29 credits

YIG Kids to conference March 30 – April 2, 2011

D. Athletic Director.

Hosted MS wrestling tournament, Big 8 wrestling conference tournament, Regional Team wrestling tournament and Big 8 middle school girls' basketball tournament.

Girls Varsity Basketball team is co-champions with Concord.

Track coach recommendation is Erin Schnoebelen and assistant coach Sean Foulkes.

E. Technology Director.

Call from ANG Base in Battle Creek for computer pickup.

Discussion with Village President on relay for point to point to East Leroy is till being worked on.

Fiber has been moved from front of the building.

F. Curriculum Director.

Working with both staff on school improvement plans.

MEAP scores have been released but are under public embargo.

In March he will be asking the board to form a sex education committee.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Board Appointment.

0761011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education appoint Rebecca Parks to the Board of Education to replace Amy Weeks, who resigned, until the May election and new members take office July 1, 2011.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

B. Selection of Auditor.

0771011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education select Willis & Jurasek, P.C. as the auditor for Athens Area Schools and authorize the Superintendent to enter into an contractual agreement with them for three (3) years.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

C. Coaching Recommendation.

0781011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve Erin Schnoebelen as the Girls Varsity Track Coach for the 2011 season.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

Board Comment: Mr. Knowles thanks the school for allowing it to be used for the Renaissance.

8. Adjournment.

0791011 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Loew, Secretary, Board of Education