

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
February 15, 2010

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,
Dennis Stanton and Amy Weeks.

Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0860910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended, changing the order of the agenda moving Public Comments before Old and New Business.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

3. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0870910 Mr. Knowles moved approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2010 Regular Meeting and the February 6, 2010 Special Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0880910 Mrs. Smittendorf 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, 2010.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

4. Presentations.

A. Budget Revisions

First revised budget; also 25 less student count; reduction in \$165.00 Foundation Allowance; Comments by Susan Zeeb from the CISD;

Revenue	5,876,664
Expenditures	<u>6,124,969</u>
Sub-Total	(248,306)
Beginning Equity	<u>276,839</u>
Ending Fund Equity	28,534

B. Revised Recommendation from Superintendent

Still recommending K-6 and 7-12; 5-6 grades will continue with current schedule and curriculum; 7-8 grades will remain on 6-hour schedule plus homeroom; high school will remain on 4-block; recommendation at this time that the board would pass a resolution this evening endorsing the concept of closing one building (to be determined); see working recommendation for Board of Education discussion and Strategic Planning dated 2/15/2010.

C. Proposals for Pre-Bond Services

(OHM) Orchard, Hillz and McCliment: Rom Calvaloro spoke. They only serve governmental agencies. Wade Hoppy is willing to travel to rural district election. If bond is unsuccessful, there is no charge. If it is successful and the district chooses not to use OHM, then there is a fee. An August election is very tight.

Kingscott: David Martin and Scott Mogenstern spoke. Based out of Kalamazoo. 98% of their work is K-12. They have 80 plus years serving K-12 clients. Timeline: Mid-March for final decision for August election; Mid-June for final decision for November election. No fee if bond does not pass.

(TPTA) Tower Pinkster Titus Associates: Steve Hoekzema, Brent McClure and Shawn Parshall spoke. Specialists in K-12 design. 86% passed bond since 2001.

5. Reports.

A. Superintendent's report.

Superintendent's evaluation due March 15. Due to Dennis Stanton one week prior to the board meeting. Published new administrative guideline for toilet training.

May 4th election: On February 89, legal counsel informed the district that we did not meet the new consolidated election law for odd-year election so we need to have an election this may.

Powerpoint presented.

- B. President's report. NONE.
- C. Principals.
1. Elementary: McEducator night is Tuesday, February 23 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Beckley Road. March 11 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. is kindergarten pre-registration.
 2. Middle (with Superintendent's Report): See last middle school newsletter.
 3. High: None.
- D. Athletic Director.
1. Coaching Recommendations
 - a. Varsity Football Brandon Wadley
 - b. Varsity Baseball Merl (Lucky) Smith
 - c. Varsity Softball Kathleen Parlin

6. Public Comments.

Roberta Wathen: Concerns on privatization of support services.
 Tara Wilbur: MEA Uni-serv Director – concerns with privatization
 Pam Waldron: Para-pro from East Leroy Elementary School.
 Sue Harvey: Secretary at East Leroy Elementary School – Concerns on privatization
 Caleb Britten: Be open minded when we make our decisions.

7. Old and New Business.

- A. Budget Revision Approval - 1st Revision: 2009/2010 School Budget.

0890910 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the 2009/2010 general fund budget.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Coaching Recommendations.

0900910 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the following coaches for the 2009/2010 school year:

Varsity Football	Brandon Wadley
Varsity Baseball	Merl (Lucky) Smith
Varsity Softball	Kathleen Parlin

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

C. Non-Instructional Services.

0910910 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to issue requests for proposals (RFPs) on all non-instructional services.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

Ayes: Six. Nays: One (Chapman). Motion: Passed.

D. Resolution on Strategic Planning.

0920910 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the following resolution on strategic planning:

The Athens Area School is resolved to pursue a strategic plan that reconfigures grades into a Pre K through 6 elementary school and a 7-12 middle/high school, effective with the 2010-11 school year.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

E. Selection of Architecture & Engineering Firm.

0930910 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education accept the proposal as presented as modified and engage the firm of **Tower Pinkster Titus Associates** for facilities analysis and pre-bond planning, in furtherance of the Board's strategic plan for the District.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

Ayes: Five. Nays: Two (Chapman, Knowles). Motion: Passed.

8. Adjournment.

0940910 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

Time of Adjournment: 10:24 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Dan Loew, Secretary, Board of Education