

Athens Area Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Date: March 16, 2015

Location: Athens Jr./Sr. High School Media Center, 300 E. Holcomb St., Athens, MI 49011

Time: 7:00 pm

1. **Call to order**, Mr. Stanton presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Mrs. Kacie Brunner: x Mr. Craig Fairchild: x 8:56 Mr. Michael Harvey: x

Mr. John Knowles: x Mr. Dan Loew: x Mr. Eric McClure: x 7:05 Mr. Dennis Stanton: x

A quorum x is, is not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. **Approval of Agenda.**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as **presented**.

Motion: Mr. Knowles.

Second: Mr. Loew. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

3. **Public Comment:** "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda. Is there any public comment in accordance with Bylaw 0167.3 at this time? "

None.

4. **Presentations/Discussions.**

a. Chemical Bank Proposal:

Mr. Franklin introduced Renee Underwood and Kate Seaman. They passed out cookies and proposal packets. Proposal archived in Google Drive. Kate explained the history and mission of the bank and reviewed the bank's contact with the school district, going back about a year. After walking through the proposal, the rep's took questions, thanked the board for considering banking with Chemical, and left at 7:25 pm.

5. Routine Matters.

a. Approval of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the February 16, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Brunner.

Second: Mr. McClure. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

b. Presentation of financial statements.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period through Feb. 28, 2015.

Motion: Mr. Loew.

Second: Mr. Knowles. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

6. Reports.

a. Board President.

Received all 7 supt. evaluation packets from other board members. Question from Mr. Knowles about superintendent's evaluation cycle relative to board election. Referred to Policy Committee.

b. Facilities/Planning Committee.

Mr. Knowles reported on meeting with TowerPinkster March 5. One big issue to consider is bonds v. sinking fund. Hiring TP to come up with numbers relative to roof costs and options. Mr. Loew added that many districts in the area have been looking more seriously at sinking funds. Mrs. Brunner mentioned roof also, and domestic water. Mr. Franklin will send bond/sinking fund info to all board members.

c. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Mr. Franklin presented written report, as well as mail call (CASBMA dinner, MVU annual report, MDE Tech Ready pledge). In regard to Tech Ready, finance committee will likely include investment in more devices in next year's prelim. budget.

d. Jr./Sr. High School Principal.

Mr. Huepenbecker presented his written report and took questions. Special emphasis on bus bid process. Will expect to present a bid for approval at April meeting.

e. Athletic Director.

Highlights from winter sports included in principal's report. No hiring approval on Coach EZ, but Jim Oswald will be coaching boys' varsity track this year.

f. Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Compliance.

Mr. Dubbeld presented his written report, as well as additional handouts on participation in state assessment programs, student data privacy, FastBridge Learning (district assessment), and special education audit. All materials archived. Supt. will be recommending inclusion of FastBridge or something like it in the prelim. budget for next year.

District School Improvement Plans with Title I are now complete, and getting more specific in terms of strategies for goal implementation.

(Mr. Fairchild arrived from Big 8 Academic All-Conference Banquet at 8:56 pm.)

g. CASBMA

Mr. Knowles presented summary of declining special education reimbursement, likely from 85% to 55% for next year. Staffing adjustments will have to come first, of course. The board will be asked to approve the CISD general fund budget for 2015-16 next month. Mr. Stanton mentioned that we've been hearing for years that the reimbursement would be reduced.

7. Action Items

a. **Unfinished Business**--none

b. **New Business.**

(1) Bus Driver Compensation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve a stipend equivalent to 1.35% of regular salary for bus drivers for the 2014-15 budget year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion: Mr. Loew

Second: Mr. Knowles. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

(2) Administrator Contract Revisions

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the addenda to administrative contracts for the Superintendent, Junior/Senior High School Principal, and Executive Assistant, Finance as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion: Mr. Knowles.

Second: Mr. Fairchild. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

(3) Banking Changes

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education move the district's accounts from Flagstar Bank to Chemical Bank, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Mr. Fairchild.
Second: Knowles. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
Passed: x . Defeated: .

(4) College Access Network

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education dedicate \$2,500 from the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board (FLRSB) revenue to the district towards support of the Athens/Tekonsha/Union City College Access Network (ATUCCAN) and authorize the Superintendent to present a check for that sum to the ATUCCAN once the FLRSB funds have been received.

Motion: Mrs. Brunner.
Second: Mr. Knowles. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
Passed: x . Defeated: .

(5) Substitute Teacher Pay

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education increase substitute teacher daily pay rate for a full day from \$75 to \$80, leaving half-day pay at \$50, effective immediately, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion: Mr. Harvey.
Second: Mr. McClure. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
Passed: x . Defeated: .

(6) Proposal 1 Resolution

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution in support of Proposal 1 on the May 5, 2015, Michigan ballot.

Motion: Mr. Knowles.
Second: Mr. Loew. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
Passed: x . Defeated: .

8. Public Comment.

None.

9. Closed Session--Student Discipline

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of a student disciplinary hearing.

Motion: Mr. Loew.
Second: Mr. Knowles. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
Passed: x . Defeated: . Time: 9:54 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: _x_ Kacie Brunner _x_ Craig Fairchild x__ Mike Harvey
x John Knowles _x_ Dan Loew _x_ Eric McClure _x_ Dennis Stanton

Return to Open Session.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education return to open session.

Motion: Mr. Knowles.

Second: Mr. Fairchild. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Time: 10:15 pm

9.5 **Action** (if needed). Move that the Board of Education permanently expel Jacob Pearson.

Motion: Mr. Loew.

Second: Mr. Fairchild. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated:

9.75 **Closed Session-Superintendent's Evaluation**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of completing the superintendent's annual evaluation.

Motion: Mr. Knowles.

Second: Mr. Harvey. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: . Time: 10:30 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE: _x_ Kacie Brunner _x_ Craig Fairchild _x_ Mike
Harvey
x John Knowles _x_ Dan Loew _x_ Eric McClure _x_ Dennis Stanton

Return to Open Session

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education return to open session.

Motion: Mr. Harvey.

Second: Mrs. Brunner. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Time: 11:18 pm

Report: The Superintendent is given the rating of **Highly Effective**.

10. **Adjournment.**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. Knowles.

Second: Mr. Fairchild. Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: __x_____. Defeated: _____.
Time: 11:19 pm

Minutes signed by: Daniel R. Loew, Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Richard P. Franklin, Superintendent

Approved for publication by the Board: _____(date)