

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
November 16, 2009

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 7:01 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.

0610910 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

3. Public Comments.

Craig Draheim: Mr. Franklin has been handling the dual responsibility very well. He is also meeting monthly with the union, which is helping. The closing of a building is a concern: Now three administrators in three buildings; closing a building will put two administrators in two buildings. How will the staff be affected, space, bussing. Which building saves the most money? Look at the most savings. Can we still run an ISS person?

Roberta Wathen: Battle Creek Math/Science Center – please consider not cutting the advance classes that they get.

4. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0620910 Mr. Knowles moved approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0630910 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 October 31, 2009.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

5. Reports.

A. Superintendent's report.

1. Battle Creek Area Math & Science Center.

Equals .5 FTE per student we sent to the Center. We have four slots, but we are not always using all of them. It is not a cost savings at this time to stop sending student.

2. Budget Report.

State passed a budget cut of \$165.00 in October and the Governor proposed another \$165.00. Loss in State revenue \$386,934.00. Blended count down to 671 equals a loss of \$165,504.00. Per pupil allowance \$6896.00. From the cut in State revenue for 671 students, the result will be \$221,430 loss in foundation allowance.

B. President's report. NONE.

C. Principals.

Mr. Franklin: H1N1 clinic for flu shots; have had 2 fall conferences

Mr. Dubbeld: Safe Schools meeting on Tuesday, November 17, 4:30-5:30 pm; MEAP testing completed and all testing materials have been submitted on time. Fall parent-teachers conferences – November 17 & 19, 3:30-8:00 p.m.

Mr. Chambers: Mr. Moore spoke on recommendations for next month's meeting on curriculum requirements. Poor attendance at Fall conferences.

D. Athletic Director.

Finished two busy weeks with girls volleyball. Winter sports are getting underway.

E. Committee Reports.

1. Strategic Planning Committee.

Last meeting the came to an agreement to close one of the three buildings. No interest in consolidating with other districts. Mr. Knowles showed a picture of the cancer awareness for football and volleyball games. Thanks to Tim & Vicki Faulk for the picture.

F. IT Director.

28 new workstations installed since August 1. All stolen equipment at Middle School replaced by our in-house stock.

6. Old and New Business.

A. SPC Recommendation.

0640910 Mrs. Falk moved that the board of education pursue a strategic process of closing one school building beginning with the start of the 2010-11 school year. The superintendent is hereby directed to study the issue and make a recommendation to the board in accordance with Board of Education Policy 1100 at the January regular meeting of the board.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

1100 - DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

The Board of Education recognizes that the grouping of grades and services within the facilities of the District can assist the efficient operation of the District and help achieve a more effective instructional program.

The Superintendent shall continually monitor the effectiveness of the District organizational plan and recommend to the Board such modifications in the plan which are in the best interests of the students, make wisest use of District resources, and serve the educational goals of the Board.

Modifications in the organizational plan of the schools may be made by the Board upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

B. Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center.

0650910 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education cease filling slots at the Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center beginning with the Class of 2014.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: None. Nays: Seven. Motion: Defeated.

C. Employee Recall.

0660910 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education recall Network Administrator Matt Garlets beginning December 1, 2009.

Second: Mr. Loew.

Ayes: Two (Smittendorf & Loew). Nays: Five. Motion: Defeated.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Falk-No; Chapman-No; Smittendorf-Yes; Stanton-No; Knowles-No; Weeks-No; Loew-Yes.

D. Coaching Recommendation.

0670910 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve Mike Powell as the Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

Board Comment: Willingness to help Mr. Franklin with this next process.

7. Adjournment.

0680910 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Loew, Secretary, Board of Education