

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
September 16, 2013

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 7:00 p.m.
  - a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. Approval of Agenda.

0181314 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended, adding:  
D. Band Trip – May 2014  
E. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

3. Public Comments. None.
4. Presentations/Discussions.
  - A. Business Manager.

Mr. Franklin introduced Mark Ludlow as our new finance manager from the CISD.

- B. Wrestling Co-Op.

Mr. Huepenbecker went through what has come about in regard to our wrestling coop with Climax-Scotts and what different ground work the Big 8 has lain. The Big 8 would not recognize us for the Big 8 tournament and individual wrestling honors.

5. Routine Matters.

- A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0191314 Mr. Fairchild moved approval of the minutes of the August 19, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. McClure

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0201314 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the periods of July 1 through August 31, 2013.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Mr. Stanton shared information regarding the meeting that he, Mr. Loew and Mr. Knowles attended today.

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

Mr. Chapman shared that the East Leroy secured entry is in with just a few punch list thing to repair. Approximately \$25,000 is left in the bond monies.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- The new entry is working well and proving to be less disruptive to class rooms.
- The audit report should be presented at the October regular meeting.
- There is a para-professional candidate to present tonight.
- We are fortunate to receive a small and rural schools achievement grant.
- Tuesday is picture day for our students and staff.

D. High School Principal.

- Upcoming Dates:
  - September 30 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 p.m.
  - October 2-4 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp
  - October 4 Homecoming
  - October 11 Red Cross Blood Drive
- School year started off very well. Staff showing great professionalism in their attitudes in learning Skyward.
- Eighth grade camp is October 2-4. The cost is \$80.00 per child.
- October is MEAP month for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

E. Athletic Director. NONE.

Thank you to Craig Draheim, Dereck Sly, John Knowles, Angie Harris and Rich Franklin for the help in Mr. Hobbs' absence.

## F. Curriculum Director.

- Shared ACT profile report.
- New law regarding online learning.
- Courses in the catalog of Michigan Virtual University will probably need approved by the board in the future.
- August CIMS2 notebook is out and we have no determinations that need transmittal addendums.
- MEAP begins the 8<sup>th</sup> of October gave us information on the Top to Bottom list and school report cards.

## 7. Old and New Business.

## A. Hiring of Para-Professional.

0211314 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education authorize the superintendent to hire an individual para-professional for a special education student as per the student's IEP.

Second: Mr. Chapman

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

## B. Wrestling Co-Op.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education discontinue the wrestling cooperative agreement with Climax-Scotts.

NOT VOTED ON.

## C. Small and Rural Schools Achievement Grant.

0221314 Mr. McClure moved that that Board of Education authorize the superintendent to expend federal SRSA grant funds in accordance with the direction of the U.S. Department of Education (USED) for the educational needs of students for activities authorized under one or more of the following Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) programs: Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; Title II, Part D; Title III; Title IV, Part A; Title IV, Part B; Title V, Part A. The superintendent is further directed to report back to the board on the approved application of those funds.

Second: Mr. Fairchild

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

## D. Band Trip – May 2014

0231314 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the band trip scheduled May 8-11, 2014.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

8. Public Comments.

Question on when Skyward would be available for parents.

9. Adjournment.

0241314 Mrs. Brunner moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Loew, Sr., Secretary, Board of Education.