

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
August 17, 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 7:00 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.

0260910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

3. Public Comments.

Mike Smitley: Talked with the Varsity Football Coach as he told the Board he would do and the coach was very appreciative.

4. Discussion.

A. Position Elimination: Noon Supervisors

There are two noon supervisors at East Leroy. Principal Dubbeld has a plan to cover this time. Eliminating the two two-hour positions will create a savings of \$6,729.00.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0270910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2009 Special Meeting, July 7, 2009 Organizational Meeting and the July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Superintendent's report.

CIPA Hearing: Internet Safety Policy, run very tight filtering, policies in place, user agreements, same for staff.

Competitive Cheer: Approval for the 2009-2010 season only at this time, stipulating no use of general or athletic fund monies in support of this sport.

Development of Administrative Guidelines: Superintendent will continue to review and recommend changes when necessary. Administrative Guideline 6510: Issuance of Payroll – Direct Deposit. Training for staff from ISD on September 1st.

Michigan Municipal Bond Proposal: \$1.75 million

B. President's report.

Saturday board meeting with training by Education Associates was very informative for board members, especially the new members.

C. Principals.

Mr. Dubbeld: August 25: Book Jamboree, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

September 1: Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.

MME: Gave brief report highlights

D. Athletic Director.

Mr. Chambers recommended ticket prices changes: 09/10 Family Pass \$125.00 (2 heads of household and all K-12 school-age children within the household), Adult Pass \$65.00, Student Pass \$30.00, \$3.00 student admission with school ID.

E. Committee Reports.

John Knowles, Committee Chair: 20-25 people turned out; came up with some better ideas; working on better school spirit; contact real estate agencies with flyers/videos; bleacher safety repair: main grandstand cables in, floor board in, working on closing them in. Next meeting: August 24, 6:00 p.m.

F. IT Director.

Break in at the Middle School between Friday and Monday AM. Sixteen flat screen monitors and one TV stolen. RMTC: Picked up monitors and some computers for parts.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Recall: Library Para-Pros.

0280910 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the recall of the following library para-pros for the 2009/2010 school year:

1. Charles Hobbs – High School/Middle School
2. Mary Morgan – Elementary School

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

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

- B. Elimination of Noon Supervisors.

0290910 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the elimination of the noon supervisor positions at East Leroy Elementary School due to district budget reductions.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf

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

- C. Move to Amend Agenda:

0300910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved to agenda the agenda, adding D. Athletic Ticket Price Increase.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

- D. Athletic Ticket Price Increase.

0310910 Mr. Stanton moved that the Board of Education approve the increase in ticket prices as presented by Mr. Chambers, Athletic Director.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

- 7-1. Board Comments.

Mr. Stanton to respond more to pupil input to see if we should do this. Possible start at 6:45 p.m.

8. Closed Session – Contract Negotiations.

- A. Closed Session.

0320910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 8:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Joel Chapman-Yes; Kendra Falk-Yes; John Knowles-Yes; Dan Loew-Yes; Tomissa Smittendorf-Yes; Dennis Stanton-Yes; Amy Weeks-Yes.

B. Return to Open Session.

0330910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:40 p.m.

C. Ratification of Contract.

0340910 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the tentative amendments as presented by Athens Education Association.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

9. Adjournment.

0350910 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

Time of adjournment: 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Loew, Secretary, Board of Education