

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
February 17, 2014

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 Vice-President John Knowles at 7:05 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 (IN 7:17 pm)

Quorum: Present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. Approval of Agenda.

0711314 Mr. chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

3. Public Comments. None.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Hi-Tec Building Services.

They were unable to attend due to the weather. Mr. Franklin read a letter from them in their absence, looking forward to meeting with the board soon to look at available options. Contract expires June 30, 2014. The Board directed the superintendent to put out an RFP in March for an April bid award.

Mr. Stanton arrived and began leading the meeting.

B. NEOLA.

Mr. Franklin presented updates from NEOLA for tonight's approval.

## 5. Routine Matters.

## A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0721314 Mr. Knowles moved approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2014 Special Meeting, Closed Sessions and Regular Meeting and the January 29, 2014 Special Meeting and Closed Sessions as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

## B. Presentation of financial statements.

0731314 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period through January 31, 2014.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

## 6. Reports.

## A. Board President.

- Met with AEA union last week. We will meet again when we have a better handle on our budget. Will be meeting with them on insurance update soon.

## B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- We have final approval for permanent occupancy.

## C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Audit contract is up. Mr. Franklin would like to schedule a visit from current auditors Willis & Jurasek.
- Snow day count: We have missed 10 days and have had 3 2-hour delays. We have one (1) full day and 2 2-hour delays remaining before we have to add days at the end of the school year.
- Missed opportunity for Board Appreciation in January so we are celebrating this evening.

## D. High School Principal.

- Conferences: February 26 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Junior class will be taking the MME Tuesday, March 4.
- Homecoming is this week.
- State YIG conference is March 19-23.
- Repairs to one of the '00' buses. EGR valve replaced.

E. Athletic Director. None.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Committee has been formed to look at handwriting instruction at the elementary.
- MME begins Tuesday, March 4.
- Signup for Smarter Balance pilot test this spring. We will be testing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades in math and testing 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades in ELA.
- We have completed the 40 school process rubrics for each school and the district.

7. Old and New Business.

A. BCAMSC Field Trips.

0741314 Mr. Fairchild moved that the Board of Education approve the out-of-state student field trips provided by the Battle Creek Area Mathematics and Science Center.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

B. NEOLA – Vol. 28.

0751314 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the new policies and changes as recommended by NEOLA in Volume 28, #8142 and #8321.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

8. Public Comments.

Board: Thank you to Pat Donato for the treats tonight for Board Appreciation.

9. Adjournment.

0761314 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:38 p.m.

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