

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

REGULAR MEETING  
Media Center  
7:00 P.M.

Happy   
St. Patrick's Day

Athens High School  
300 E. Holcomb Street, Athens  
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Mr. Stanton called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Kacie Brunner (In 7:09 pm), Joel Chapman, Craig Fairchild, John Knowles, Daniel Loew, Sr.,  
Eric McClure (In 7:10 pm) and Dennis Stanton.

Quorum: Present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. Approval of Agenda.

0771314 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

3. Public Comments.

Rich Schroeder: Have we made a decision on a football coach?

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Willis & Jurasek.

Dave Benson (Willis & Jurasek): Ahave a 3-year bid proposal for:

- Year 1 \$7,750
- Year 2 \$8,000
- Year 3 \$8,250
- Also gave a price per hour for research and consultation \$110-\$175 per hour depending on who works.

## 5. Routine Matters.

## A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0781314 Mr. Fairchild moved approval of the minutes of the February 17, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

## B. Presentation of financial statements.

0791314 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 February 28, 2014.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

## 6. Reports.

## A. Board President.

CASBMA meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> is at 6:00 p.m. Dan Loew receives the 10-year award. Superintendent's evaluation is due next month.

## B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

Money is now completely used.

## C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Happy St. Patrick's Day.
- Thank all of my friends who have inquired, prayed for and shared good thoughts.
- Revisions to annual evaluation form.
- Walter Dubbeld will share MEAP results.
- Shirley Dowd & Mark Ludlow attended a pre-renewal conference for MESSA.

## D. High School Principal.

- Dakota Trimm and Steven Waring made it to the State Wrestling Finals.
- Marking period ends :3/21/2014
- Youth in Government trip: 3/19-23/2014
- Science Olympiad: 3/22/2014
- Follies: 3/28-29/2014
- Girls Varsity Basketball made the Final 4 at the Breslin Center.
- Junior Class took the Michigan Merit Exam: 3/4-6/2014
- Boys Varsity Basketball had a 500 season this year.

- Football Coach Interview Committee is recommending that we hire Richard Roth as our Varsity Football Coach.
- Transportation: One of the buses needs a new transmission.

Board member Joel Chapman asked a question in regards concerning the football coach.

E. Athletic Director.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Presentation of MEAP scores
- Two in-services with math recovery
- Smarter Balance test this Spring
- Mr. Franklin and Mr. Dubbeld meet with Jen Feaster to discuss staffing cut in special education

7. Old and New Business.

A. Revisions to Superintendent's Evaluation Form.

0801314 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the evaluation form changes as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Issue RFP for Custodial Services.

0811314 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to issue an RFP for custodial services.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

C. Baseball Trip.

0821314 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Baseball trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina over Spring Break.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

8. Public Comments.

Lucky Smith: Football coach is probably the most important coaching position. Football stands are limited numbers and rocket football stands are full.

Mark Bowersox: Concerns over his son being suspended from school.

Travis Pennock: Wondered why some of the teachers did not get interviews.

Lisa Brauer: How did the committee not know they were recorded?

Joslyn Minier: Talked in regard to football coach and why teachers did not get interviewed.

Travis Pennock: Who was on the committee?

Nathan Kiefer: Has passion for football. Mr. Huepenbecker mentioned that the new coach as a vision.

Different people have different talents for coaching. Doesn't agree with the decision at all.

Rich Schroeder: Director of the Rocket Football program.

Jerek Jones: Draw Down tickets – Has the Board and leaders bought them? Rocket football group has put lots of energy into make the program a success. How is the Big 8 practicing on show days and we don't? We are losing out on that.

Teri Kiefer: Agrees with what people are saying. Would like to have us look at our snow day policies for practicing.

Board Comments.

Dennis Stanton: Shared who was on the committee: Chuck Hobbs, Joe Huepenbecker and Dan Loew.

Practicing in bad weather: In the past we had people in the board meetings complaining that we practiced in bad weather.

Craig Fairchild: There's not a person on the board that doesn't support the kids.

Joel Chapman: His family is 4<sup>th</sup> generation with this school and they are very supportive.

John Knowles: Most board members are very supportive of the sports programs. We went through a DEP and no one showed up. If we hadn't got out of the DEP, we wouldn't be here tonight.

Eric McClure: Thank you for all who came tonight. Usually we have no one.

Kacie Brunner: Thank you to Lisa Brauer for reminding us about the wrestling boys who make the State finals. Spoke to everybody who has support for this family. Thank you to Mr. Huepenbecker for his support for this school year. Seven people on this board but she would never vote to allow practices on snow days.

Joe Huepenbecker: Explained the decision on determining practices in regards to snow days.

9. Adjournment.

0831314 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:54 p.m.

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