

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781  
May 17, 2010

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 Present Dennis Stanton at 7:06 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Joel Chapman, Kendra Falk, John Knowles, Tomissa Smittendorf, Dennis Stanton and Amy Weeks.

Absent: Dan Loew.

Quorum: Present.

Tomissa Smittendorf was appointed as secretary for this meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda.

1110910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended, adding a public comments to 5.E.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

3. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

1120910 Mr. Knowles moved approval of the minutes of the April 19, 2010 Regular Meeting and the April 29, 2010 Special Meeting as presented.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

1130910 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending April 30, 2010.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

4. Presentations.

A. CONA.

Lindsey Baker and Mrs. Mack presented on CONA (Conference on National Affairs). Only twenty-five students from Michigan are selected to go, with four of those from Athens. They are looking for \$1,100 more in donations. You must be in Youth in Government and the stand-outs are selected for CONA.

B. TPTA Recommendation.

TPTA representatives Shawn, Brent and Steve presented. Shown was a K-5 and 6-12 split. Athens Middle School to become a community center. Athens High School: See presentation. (Estimated numbers shown)

May 25 – Ballot Language due to County Clerk

May 25<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Inform campaign

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Vote

5. Reports.

A. Superintendent's report.

1. Race to the Top – Thurn Law Firm has reservations about signing. In order to get the money we would need to sign. This will be the last round for stimulus money.
2. Dennis Stanton and Amy Weeks were re-elected to the Board of Education for 4 year terms.
3. Legislative Update – Retirement legislation has been passed.
4. MHSAA Resolution – Need to vote on annual membership.
5. Food Service Bids – We will not be privatizing this service at this time.
6. Other Non-Instructional Services – Close to sending out the RFP's on custodial and transportation services.
7. Transition Planning – More details to work out, the team will need to work together. Need to finish the plan June 11<sup>th</sup>.

B. President's report.

Tomissa Smittendorf is in charge of “District Steering Committee” with Dennis Stanton and Dan Loew (for strategic planning).

C. Principals.

1. Elementary

- Awards assembly at 9:00 a.m. on June 10.
- 2009-2010 MEAP data – See presentation from Walter.
- Kindergarten Round-up occurred May 4, 5 & 6.
- Lucy Lamson can get the MEAP info to the realtors.
- Mr. Franklin will post MEAP results online at Athens.

2. Middle (with Superintendent's Report)
3. High
  - May 25<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Night – 7:30 p.m.
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Graduation – 7:30 p.m. (Board – 6:30 p.m.)

D. Board Committee.

Bond Committee: Dan Loew, Dennis Stanton, John Knowles, Rich Franklin and TPTA to review numbers. They fully endorse Option 1B as presented tonight. Mr. Knowles stated that it was a hard decision, fun process to go through everything and time to make a decision. He thanked TPTA for going above and beyond.

E. Public Comments:

Tony McMaster: What changed from Option 1A to 1B? What needs to be up to code?

John Knowles: Changed because of projections. Mechanical and electrical need to be brought up to code.

6. Old and New Business.

A. Call for Special Meeting.

1140910 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education call for a special meeting to be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school media center for the purpose of approving ballot language for the bond.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

B. Select Bond Option/Building Closure.

1150910 Mr. Falk moved that the Board of Education approve

Option 1B: East Leroy - Same K-5 configurations as Option 1A.  
 Middle School - Becomes community center configuration  
 High School – 6-12 configuration; 6-8 addition of academic wing plus upgrades to building

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Four. Nays: Two. Motion: Passed.

Dan Loew wanted it noted that he is in favor of Option 1B.

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

C. MHSAA Resolution.

1160910 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution for MHSAA 2010-2011 athletic participation.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

D. Race to the Top.

1170910 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution for the Race to the Top.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

7. Public Comments.

A. Public.

Greg Moore: Thanked Dawn Mack for the work she has done with Youth in Government. It has been outstanding work with the program.

B. Board.

Mr. Knowles: Great results at all three schools. Thanks to everyone.

8. Adjournment.

1180910 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tomissa Smittendorf, Acting Secretary, Board of Education