

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781  
November 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 President Dennis Stanton at 7:04 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

2. Approval of Agenda.

0361415 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

3. Public Comments. NONE.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

Mr. Franklin shared some info that we received from the Public Health Department. He also shared a graph that showed what would happen if a child reads 20 minutes per night.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0371415 Mr. Fairchild moved approval of the minutes of the October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0381415 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending October 31, 2014.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Congratulations to the candidates and the bond passage. Thank you Athens Area Schools voters.

B. Policy Committee. NONE.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Policy committee will need to meet before the next meeting.
- Nominees for the CASBMA citizen and professional awards for the December meeting.
- 100% participation in parent/teacher conferences for most classes.
- Awards ceremony is scheduled on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. with upper grades at 10:00 a.m.

D. High School Principal.

- Conferences at the high school had a participation rate of 48% in grades 9-12 and 43% in grades 6-8.
- December 11 is the band concert.
- December 11 is the Red Cross blood drive.
- Awards ceremony for grades 6-8 was November 13.
- The JV Quiz Bowl team took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in this year's competition.

E. Athletic Director. NONE.

F. Curriculum Director.

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade maturation movie shown on Friday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade presentation on HIV and communicable diseases.
- We are ordering some materials for ELA; they are aligned with the Michigan benchmarks.\
- We have been granted approval for a paper test this coming spring.

## 7. Old and New Business.

## A. Spring Coaches.

0391415 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education confirm the following Varsity head coaches for Spring 2015:

Melissa Hamilton	Girls' Varsity Track Coach
Justin Dennett	Boys' Varsity Track Coach

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

## B. Food Service Staff.

0401415 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education confirm the hiring of Kristen Hall and Vicky Roberts to the cafeteria staff:

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

## 8. Public Comments. NONE.

## 9. Closed Session – Contract Negotiations.

## A. Closed Session.

0401415 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

Second: Mr. McClure.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 7:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kacie Brunner-Absent; Joel Chapman-Yes; Craig Fairchild-Yes;  
John Knowles-Yes; Dan Loew-Yes; Eric McClure-Yes; Dennis Stanton-Yes.

## B. Return to Open Session.

0411415 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:07 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

0421415 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.

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