

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
July 20, 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 7:05 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 secretary for this meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0180910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended, deleting #5.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

3. Public Comments. NONE.

4. Presentations.

Mr. Franklin's notes attached.

A. Bleachers

Mr. Franklin talked about the bleacher. It was agreed that a volunteer group would be put together. Mr. Franklin will assign a task force.

Chris Hurst: Suggested that the Battle Creek Blaze help volunteer. Mr. Franklin will communicate with Mr. Hurst on a date.

B. School Report Card

Mr. Franklin reviews the grades for each school – achievement status, achievement change, indicators of school performance & Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

C. Stimulus Update

Athens was awarded \$264,862.00, which was deducted from the State aide payment.

D. Technology Consortium

Mr. Franklin explained the concept of the technology consortium with interest within the county. We may investigate a contract, leverage our IT staff, a pooling of human and computer technology.

E. Cheerleading

Robin Waterstradt and Beth Burgett would like to volunteer again to coach competitive cheer one more year as they have seniors interested. This is on hold until the teacher’s union responds as to whether or not they are going to give their approval.

F. District Newsletter

Mr. Franklin would like feedback on the newsletter and ideas on how to reach the community.

5. Routine Matters.

- A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings. DELETED

6. Communications.

- A. Strategic Planning Committee.

The first meeting has been set for August 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Athens High School library. Facilitators will be John Knowles, Amy Weeks, and Joel Chapman. Plans are to make a strategic plan for the district. People are urged to attend with ideas.

7. Old and New Business.

- A. Fall Coaching Staff.

0190910 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the following people and positions for the 2009-10 school year:

Varsity Football	Dave Corradini (approved with the stipulation that concerns be addressed. He could be let go at any time if not satisfied.)
Cross Country	Melissa Hamilton

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Discussion: Issues with Coach Dave Corradini; lack of leadership skills; parents have complained. D. Eutsey (rocket football coach) also commented that he felt the same and had witnessed it. Mike Smitley asked if

there was an evaluation at the end of the season. Sara Stanton stated that we need to follow through as he should have received an evaluation.

Ayes: Five. Nays: One (Falk). Motion: Passed.

B. Administrative Team Contracts.

1. Diana Casselman

0200910 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 contract for Diana Casselman as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

2. Shirley Dowd

0210910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 contract for Shirley Dowd as the Executive Assistant of Finance.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

3. Barry Shackelford.

0220910 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 contract for Barry Shackelford as the IT Director.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

8. Adjournment.

0230910 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

Time of adjournment: 8:44 p.m.

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