

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781  
October 20, 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 7:00 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

2. Approval of Agenda.

0311415 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. NONE.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Audit Report.

Dave Benson, Lead auditor from Willis & Jurasek was in attendance to present the audit outcomes.

- Ending fund balance for 2013/2014 was \$178,113.00
- Long term Debt will conclude in 2016
- Next year will be start showing our portion of the unfunded pension plan
- Ending fund balance was \$297,468.00

## 5. Routine Matters.

## A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0321415 Mr. Chapman moved approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

## B. Presentation of financial statements.

0331415 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending September 30, 2014.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

## 6. Reports.

A. Board President. NONE.

B. Facilities Planning Committee. NONE.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- There are a number of child study team meetings that were conducted last week.
- Students at East Leroy continue to enjoy the playground improvements made by Mr. Schalau with help from Mr. Knowles, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Leson. This project was funded from money from the Enbridge Pipeline construction.
- Tonight we received our financial audit report.
- Annual Safe School Committee meeting was last Wednesday.
- Staff have recently been able to experiment with our new Chromebook computers on our wireless network. Sixty (60) Chromebooks were purchased.
- Reminder to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>. There are four board seats plus a bus bond proposal.

D. High School Principal.

- Eighth grade camp experiences seems to have been a success. Thank you to Mr. Draheim, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Obey and Mr. Truex.
- Homecoming seemed to be a success.
- JV football is Wednesday at East Jackson. Varsity football will be Thursday at home vs Napoleon.
- Twenty-One (21) students went to the Youth in Government fall conference in Lansing on Saturday.
- Blood Drive – October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Marking Period ends October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 11<sup>th</sup>

E. Athletic Director. NONE.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Fourth grade maturation movie will be shown on Friday, November 7, 2:00 p.m. Opt out letters were sent home last Friday.
- We will be taking the State Assessment online this year in the Spring.
- Athens' Child Find CAP from the December 15, 2013 CIMS workbook has been submitted to MDE for closeout.
- The Title I and Title II applications were approved the State last week.

7. Old and New Business.

A. New Hires.

1. Paraprofessionals.

0341415 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mrs. Jill Case and Mrs. Wendy Converse as paraprofessionals in accordance with contractual timelines for posting effective Friday, October 24, 2014.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

8. Public Comments.

Nicole Jones: Are there grants out there to get individual IT computers or Chromebooks for all students?

Lisa Brauer: Are there issues going on with coaches and are we looking and checking into it?

Rich Schroeder: What is the number we need to be concerned with? Shared that it is the fund balance total.

9. Adjournment.

0351415 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Time of Adjournment: 8:51 p.m.