

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
October 21, 2013

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, Craig Fairchild, John Knowles, Daniel Loew, Sr. (IN 7:01 pm)
Eric McClure and Dennis Stanton.
Quorum: Present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Approval of Agenda.

0251314 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

3. Public Comments.

McKenzie Fuller: Asked that the Board of Education reconsider reinstating Competitive Cheer. They have at least six and the possibility of six more. The season begins the first week of November.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Financial Audit presented by Willis & Jurasek, P.C.

Dave Benson of Willis & Jurasek, P.C. presented the financial audit. The general fund ended with a \$119,357.00. Food service ended with a \$61,329.00 fund balance. General fund is 2.3% of budget. Board policy is 15% of budget.

The board president asked the business manager to give a presentation next month reinstating those that took a cut in pay last year. The board wants to know the cost to bring those employees back to whole.

Question from the board about possible increases in the technology budget next year.

Question from the audience about who took pay cuts that the board is looking at to restore.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0261314 Mr. Chapman moved approval of the minutes of the September 16, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. McClure.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0271314 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the periods of July 1 through September 30, 2013.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

Mr. McClure had a question in regards to the building improvement line item. It is above budget already.

6. Reports.

A. Board President. None at this time.

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- The committee has not met since the last board meeting.
- The secure entry at East Leroy is complete.
- The secure entry at the high school is operational.
- There is \$11,000-\$12,000 left in the last bond.
- The tile in East Leroy at the entrance will be replaced as it did not meet our expectations.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- MEAP testing is complete.
- The Elementary is setting up a facility committee to oversee the improvement fund.
- Month school district tickler show what reports are due.
- Presented a power point on enrollment projections.
- Unedited head count is 574.
- We received a small & rural grant for 2013-2014.

D. High School Principal.

- The 8th grade camp experience seems to be a success for students. Thanks to Mr. Draheim, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Obey and Mr. Truex for their hard work for this event.
- October is MEAP month for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Completed last student's test today.
- Homecoming seemed to be a success and the students were well behaved.

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- Blood drive was October 11th and we made the quota set by the Red Cross.
- YIG (Youth in Government) was October 8th. Jennifer Smittendorf was elected Veteran Speaker of the House. Lincoln Jory was elected the next Lt. Governor.
- Athens High School counselor Lloyd Service was honored by Kellogg Community College with the Counselor Appreciation Award. Great job!
- Big 8 Conference passed a motion to allow resident Big 8 school athletes to participate in the All Conference tournament this year.
- Chuck Hobbs has been back to work for a few days over the last week or so.

E. Athletic Director.

Mr. Hobbs is back to work for a few hours at this point, but not full time.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Has been spending most of his time on MEAP. The elementary score sheets were sent off today.
- Shared a report on graduation/dropout rate.
- Chart on last year's seniors.
- Student to teacher aid ration for special education.
- Presented a chart on overdue IEPs and reeds by district.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Policy Revisions.

0281314 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the NEOLA policy revisions; Vol. 26, No. 2 as presented.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

8. Public Comments.

The football coach encouraged the players in attendance to sing the school fight song.

Mr. Knowles share that the cross country team did very well at their recent meet.

9. Adjournment.

0291314 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:03 p.m.

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