

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
January 26, 2015

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School
300 E. Holcomb Street, Athens
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Call to order, Mr. Stanton presiding at 7:06 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Mrs. Kacie Brunner: x Mr. Craig Fairchild: Absent; arrived 7:30 pm Mr. Michael Harvey: x
Mr. John Knowles: x Mr. Dan Loew: x Mr. Eric McClure: x Mr. Dennis Stanton: x

A quorum x is, ___ is not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Approval of Agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Knowles

Second: Mr. Loew Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: x. Defeated: _____.

3. Public Comments.

None

4. Presentations/Discussions.

Mr. Franklin shared mail he received for the Board.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Knowles

Second: Mrs. Brunner Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

B. Presentation of financial statements.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period through December 31, 2014.

Motion: Mrs. Brunner

Second: Mr. Loew Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Nothing at this time.

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

No committee report. Mr. Stanton appointed Mrs. Brunner to the committee to fill the opening left by Mr. Chapman upon his leaving the board. (Other members are Mr. Knowles and Mr. Fairchild.)

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Appended.

D. High School Principal.

Appended.

E. Athletic Director.

No separate report from HS principal.

F. Curriculum Director.

Appended.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Budget Revisions 1.

1. General Fund.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve budget revision 1 for the general fund.

Motion: Mr. Loew

Second: Mr. Knowles Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

2. Cafeteria Fund.

B. Bond Authorizing Resolution.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the attached bond authorizing resolution in regard to the purchase of new bus with the bond money.

Motion: Mr. Loew

Second: Mr. Knowles Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: x . Defeated: .

C. Teacher Hire.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Mr. Adam Hastings as a secondary mathematics teacher (2/3) for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion: Mr. Knowles
Second: Mr. McClure Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
Passed: x. Defeated: _____.

D. Calhoun ISD Contract, Technology Services/Pupil Accounting

Moved by Mr. Loew, Seconded by Mrs. Brunner, that the Board of Education approve the contract with Calhoun Intermediate School District for Technology Services/Pupil Accounting/State Reporting as presented.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

8. Public Comments.

None at this time.

Recess: 9:20-9:29 pm.

9. Closed Session – Student Disciplinary Hearing.

A. Closed Session – Student Disciplinary Hearing.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of a student disciplinary hearing.

Motion: Mrs. Brunner
Second: Mr. Knowles Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
Passed: x. Defeated: _____. Time: _____.

ROLL CALL VOTE: x Kacie Brunner x Craig Fairchild x Mike Harvey
x John Knowles x Dan Loew x Eric McClure x Dennis Stanton
Time: 9:30 pm.

B. Return to Open Session.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education return to open session.

Motion: Mr. Loew
Second: Mr. Knowles Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
At 10:22 pm.

C. Action (if needed). Moved by Mr. Loew, seconded by Mrs. Brunner, that the Board of Education reinstate Josh Savola under a success contract to be developed with and signed by the student, parents, and high school principal.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

10. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining.

A. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Motion: Mr. Knowles

Second: Mr. McClure Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: x. Defeated: . Time: 10:31 pm

ROLL CALL VOTE: x Kacie Brunner x Craig Fairchild x Mike Harvey
x John Knowles x Dan Loew x Eric McClure x Dennis Stanton

B. Return to Open Session.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education return to open session.

Motion: Mr. Loew

Second: Mr. Knowles Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Time: 10:58 pm

C. Action (if needed). Moved by Mr. Loew, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement between the Athens Education Association and the Board of Education for 2014-15 compensation.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Board Comments: Mr. Knowles mentioned that it was a joy to serve with Joel Chapman for 5 ½ years.

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. Knowles

Second: Mr. Fairchild Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.

Passed: x. Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 11:00 pm.

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

To: Board of Education
From: Rich Franklin, Superintendent
Date: January 26, 2015
Re: Superintendent's Report

We are now several days into our second semester. New classes have begun for high school students, and we've all had our second report card of the year. We will have our second awards program for elementary students this Wednesday morning. Amidst weather-related issues, basketball excitement, plans for Reading Month, etc., we have also inched more than a month past the winter solstice—and daylight is coming earlier and lasting longer each day. That always catches me by surprise about this time of year.

I was privileged to be able to join my superintendent colleagues for some great professional development last week at the MASA Midwinter Conference in Kalamazoo. I came back excited about using nature to teach Kindergarten, early college options for high school students, lessons in school systems reform from top-performing nations, and some of the developments in our state relative to law and policy. Budgetary concerns are rather different for the state general purpose fund than for the School Aid Fund, with the SAF looking strong for the next couple of years. Structural deficits loom for the GPF, but Proposal 1 could significantly impact all of this for the good. The education associations and our state superintendent are all encouraging a “yes” vote on Prop. 1, May 5, which will help education as well as the big fix it promises for roads.

Tonight we will consider budget revisions that represent changes both in expected revenues and expenditures. Overall, it's good news. We are able with this proposal to increase our investment in our teachers and staff, technology, and some other areas. It is a very conservative budget; i.e, we do not actually expect to spend more than we bring in by year's end. Quite the contrary, in fact: we expect to invest in our fund equity, as well. Even this R1 budget represents a projected ending fund equity of 5.7%, quite a feat for a district that was in a deficit elimination plan a little over a year ago and that continues to experience declining enrollment.

I am very sad to say goodbye to my executive assistant, Diane Casselman, who will conclude her long service to the district this Friday. Diane retired several years ago but has continued working on a part-time basis. She has decided that it is time for her to retire for real! I have attached a sheet for the board listing how Diane's major duties will be covered. Budgetarily, of course, this is a challenge to piecemeal her job without significantly increasing overall expenditures. Let's just say that Diane has been a bargain in semi-retirement, and I absolutely mean that as a compliment! One of those areas of duty involves a contract with Calhoun ISD, for which I am asking board approval tonight.

March is still a ways off, but I do want to remind everyone that we would love to schedule board members, parents, and other members of the public as guest readers for our elementary students. Feel free to call Sue and let her know where you'd like to fit in!

Finally, we want to recognize the selfless service of all of our board of education members this evening, even as we say goodbye to Mr. Joel Chapman and welcome Mr. Mike Harvey aboard.

Administrative Report
January 26, 2015
Athens High School

Homecoming is fast approaching with the game on February 20st and the dance on February 21th.

High school conferences are on February 25th from 3p.m. through 6p.m.

The semester ended on January 17, 2014 and the new semester started on the January 20st.

We had a water line break in the old abandoned bathroom off the science classroom. Temperature may have contributed but having a black pipe cap on a waterline is a poor idea.

The MS Wrestling tournament Saturday had 15 teams and was by all accounts very well run.

Looking forward to someday going to school for a full week. I hear they do that in more temperate climates.

Athens Area Schools Curriculum, Assessment and Compliance

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Curriculum, Instruction and Improvement

1. We are currently beginning to work on curriculum documents that include the standards taught, the time frame, and the materials used. I have included a sample in your board packet.

The CISD is moving from Data Director to Illuminate DnA as a data system. There are 2 meetings next week on the new data collection system.

2. Assessment I have pre IDed students for the spring testing for 3 rd through 8th graders. The MEAP is being replaced with M-Step (Michigan Student Test of Education Progress). Attached is a schedule of spring testing. I have sent this home along with a letter (also attached) explaining the schedule and asking parents to schedule vacations around this. The ACT is going to be replaced next year by the SAT, which has been revised. There is a question and answer article attached regarding this.

3. Special Education The December Workbook for CIMS2 (Continuous Improvement Monitoring System) was released, and the strand report for the state showed 100% compliance for the indicators examined.

4. Compliance I am meeting with the staff of both schools to complete the School Systems Review (SSR). This is a change from the School Process Rubrics. I will compile the information and submit this to the state. I will also complete the District Systems Review (DSR). Both of these are required by the state and are supposed to be used to evaluate our schools and district.

5. Other- Colleen Swank and myself have completed the amendment to the Consolidated Apps. We had to change both the Title I and Title II budgets. We actually had an increase in our Title I allocation from \$86,186 to \$101,449. As a result, we will be able to have summer school with transportation for the first time in about 5 years. It is nice to receive the funds, but it would have been better to know this in the first place. Along with the changes in the budget, I had to revise the District Improvement Plan (DIP) because the amount in the Title I and II budgets must agree with the DIP.

Respectfully submitted, Walter Dubbeld