

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
October 15, 2012

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, Kendra Falk, Craig Fairchild, John Knowles, Daniel Loew, Sr. and Dennis Stanton.

Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0441213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

3. Public Comments. None at this time.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Fuddusters.

Larry Arbogast and Jessie Hamilton presented their program. They would like to use the Athens High School name in their club, consisting of students ages 8-17. There is an entry fee of \$15.00 per child per year to belong. They have between 5-10 coaches. The season is March through September. The entry fee covers insurance for all coaches and shooters. Coaches pay \$25.00 to be able to coach.

B. Financial Audit.

David Benson from Willis and Jurasek, P.C. presented their audit findings. The district finished in a deficit of \$21,185.00. Food Service - \$75,402.00; Capital Projects - \$149,587.00; Debt Service - \$129,896. Athens Area Schools received the highest rating possible on our rating.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0451213 Mr. Chapman moved approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and Closed Session as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Due to not having the minutes presented, they will be voted upon for approval at the next meet.

0461213 Mr. Chapman withdrew the motion to approve the minutes.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President. None.

B. Wish List Committee.

Meeting on October 25. Tower Pinkster will be there to present some cost for projects.

C. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Multi-grade configurations is moving forward well.
- Teachers are working extremely hard.
- Fire safety week was a big hit.
- Parent-teacher conferences are November 6th for the elementary school.
- Receipts of our financial audit this evening and will begin planning a revision of our general fund budget for 2012-13.

D. High School Principal.

- High school conferences were tonight.
- 8th grade camp experience seemed to have been a success for students.
- MEAP month is October for 7th, 8th and 9th graders.
- Homecoming seems to be a success; kids were very well behaved.
- Tomorrow is the Fall YIG conference and at last count we have 18 students participating.

E. Athletic Director. NONE.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Been observing classrooms and having conferences with teachers.
- We are doing a MEAP online social studies pilot at the high school.
- MEAP testing began on October 9 and ends on October 26. All materials must be shipped no later than October 31.
- Colleen Swank, Donna Martin and Walter Dubbeld attended a workshop during which we submitted a transmittal addendum to the CIMS-2 system.
- Met with Tom Vosquil and Amanda Gutshall regarding behavior incidents of student with disabilities.

- On October 26, 4th grade will be viewing the maturation movies as part of our sex education curriculum.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Approve Tentative Agreement on Teacher Insurance Coverage.

0471213 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education approve the tentative agreement on teacher insurance coverage.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Motion: Passed. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Recall of Para-professional

0481213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education authorize the superintendent to recall Mrs. Julie Beal, para-professional, from reduction in force, in accordance with the AESPA master contract and board policy.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

Reviewed financial report.

8. Public Comments. NONE.

Break: 8:47 p.m. Back from break: 9:05 p.m.

9. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining.

A. Closed Session.

0491213 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kacie Brunner – Yes; Joel Chapman – Yes; Kendra Falk – Yes; Craig Fairchild – Yes; John Knowles – Yes; Dan Loew – Yes; Dennis Stanton – Yes

B. Return to Open Session.

0501213 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:03 p.m.

10. Closed Session – Employee Discipline.

A. Closed Session.

0511213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of employee discipline.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:04 p.m

ROLL CALL VOTE: Kacie Brunner – Yes; Joel Chapman – Yes; Kendra Falk – Yes; Craig Fairchild – Yes; John Knowles – Yes; Dan Loew – Yes; Dennis Stanton – Yes

B. Return to Open Session.

0521213 Mr. Falk moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:30 p.m.

C. Action (if needed). NO ACTION NECESSARY.

11. Adjournment.

0531213 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

Time of Adjournment: 10:31 p.m.

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