

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
January 16, 2012

REGULAR MEETING  
Media Center  
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School  
300 E. Holcomb Street  
PHONE: 269.729.5414

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Stanton at 7:06 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.

1671112 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.

Tomissa Smittendorf: Is there any money left over in the bond for maintenance of the gym floor?

Merl Smith: In agreement with Mrs. Smittendorf. Mr. Hobbs has looked into it and even about combining with another district to lower the cost. Baseball and softball have raffle tickets for sale for a fund raiser. The prize is a John Deere Gator.

4. Presentations.

A. Bond Update .

Ryan (Frederick Construction): Still one band room door that needs to be finished. Need to finish up at south doors of gym for small raise to sidewalk. Landscaping will still need to be finished in the spring.  
Monument sign: Still have an issue with casting stone. May not be able to do until spring.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

1681112 Mr. Loew move approval of the minutes of the December 20, 2011 Closed Session and the December 20, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

1691112 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending December 31, 2011.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President. NONE.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Battle Creek Police will conduct K-9 training at the Middle School.
- Susan Zeeb, our accountant from the CISD, and Mr. Franklin are working on possible budget revisions.
- Confirmed with Glenda Rader at Michigan Department of Education that we have passed all resolutions for Best Practices.
- Justin Hinkley and John Grap did a nice story in today's Battle Creek Enquirer on the new classrooms
- Recognize the Board of Education for School Board Appreciation month. Mr. Franklin read a letter from State Superintendent Mike Flanagan and a resolution from Governor Rick Snyder recognizing the school board. Certificates were received from MASB.

C. High School Principal.

- Entered into a service agreement with Hunter-Prell for boiler start-up and mid-winter service.
- Dean Transportation is going to purchase a bus and possibly the lift bus.
- Investigating a service for radio use in this area.
- First semester ends Thursday.

D. Athletic Director. NONE.

E. Technology Director.

- Radio bridge was destroyed in the last storm.
- Jesse Wick, a recent graduate from Western Michigan University, has started an internship.
- Twenty-two workstations have been building since December 1.

F. Curriculum Director.

- March 21 & 22, Mark Russell from Collins Writing will be doing professional development.
- 49% and 55% of the high school and elementary school are on Free/Reduced lunch.

G. Policy Committee.

- Will be meeting on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Possibly looking at sports, academics and eligibility.

H. Bargaining Committee.

- Met with staff on January 4. Next meeting will be January 25.
- Mr. Loew, Mr. Stanton and Mr. Franklin will be meeting with legal council Wednesday about contract language.

I. CASBMA Representatives.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Knowles reported that it looks like there is going to be a surplus next year but no indication on what or if we will receive anything.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Approve Band Trip Change.

1701112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the revised band trip to Cedar Point instead of Florida.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

Board Comments: Bond Committee Wish List: Mrs. Falk, Mr. Knowles and Mr. Chapman.

8. Adjournment.

1711112 Mrs. Falk move the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

Time of Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.

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