

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
December 17, 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 7:02 PM.

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.

Mr. Stanton asked for a moment of silence for the school children in Connecticut.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0621213 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. NONE.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Kevin Langs – Climax-Scotts Athletic Director (8-man football).

Class D schools with 11-man football teams

2009 - 79 2010 - 74 2011 - 64 2012 - 52

Mr. Langs shared that he has met with a 21 school consortium about keeping 11-man football or the need to switch to 8-man.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0631213 Mr. Fairchild moved approval of the minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0641213 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 November 30, 2012.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President. Not at this time.

B. Wish List Committee.

Mr. Franklin spoke for the committee. TPTA (Tower, Pinkster, Titus & Associates) is getting bid packs together for a secure entry for East Leroy. They will also look at a possible secure entry for the high school (will look for price).

C. Policy Committee.

Received two policy updates from NEOLA since the last meeting. Reviewed and discussed.

1. Addendum
2. Best Practices Policy (Choose seven targets that we are doing)

D. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- We have survived our early seasonal flu outbreak.
- Our thoughts and prayers tonight are with the families of the victims of Newtown, CT.
- Wish list with secure entry for East Leroy.

E. High School Principal.

- Blood drive was cancelled for December 7.
- November 20th we had twenty staff members volunteer to receive CPR training.
- Band room is scheduled to receive new capstone and the driveway will be repaired December 26-28th.
- Alumni basketball tournament is December 26-28th.
- Band Concert is December 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- Students had a penny war for a family in Battle Creek that had the house fire and lost a little girl.

F. Athletic Director. NONE.

G. Curriculum Director.

- Two teachers attended a math recovery workshop last week.
- Still working on MEAP testing roster – Mid-January results for MEAP
- December workbook for CIMS-2 is out and will be meeting with CISD personnel to find out results
- Mrs. Casselman and Mr. Dubbeld have been working with the CISD on the graduation report for last year
- Beginning the mid-year evaluations of non-tenured teachers.

7. Old and New Business.

A. NEOLA Special Updates & Addendum.

0651213 Mr. Fairchild moved that the Board of Education approve the NEOLA Special Updates and Addendum as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Partial Restoration of Voluntary Pay Cuts .

0661213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the partial restoration of voluntary pay cuts as follows: All employees or GMS contracted employees who took a voluntary pay reduction for the 2012-13 school year will hereby have half of that reduction restored to them in equal pays for the remainder of the school year (January 1-June 30, 2013). (For illustrative purposes, the superintendent was reduced \$9,045. He will receive \$4,522.50 gross over 13 pays.) The superintendent will implement this change with the help of the executive assistant, finance, and the CISD finance department.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

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

8. Public Comments.

Mr. Franklin recognized Kendra Falk for her 17 years of service to the District.

Recess: 9:19 p.m. Resume: 9:26 p.m.

9. Closed Session.

A. Closed Session.

0671213 Mr. Loew moved that the board of education go into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Brunner – Yes; Chapman – Yes; Falk – Yes; Fairchild – Yes; Knowles – Yes, Loew – Yes; Stanton – Yes

B. Return to Open Session.

0671213 Mr. Loew moved that the board of education go into closed session for the purpose of 8 collective bargaining.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:20 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

0681213 Mrs. Falk moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

Time of Adjournment: 10:21 p.m.

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