

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
November 19, 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 7:03 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Kacie Brunner, Joel Chapman, Craig Fairchild, John Knowles, Daniel Loew, Sr. and Dennis Stanton.
Absent: Kendra Falk.
Quorum: Present.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0541213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

3. Public Comments. NONE.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Budget Revisions I.

Susan Zeeb from the CISD presented the 2012-2013 general fund budget revision 1.

B. YAC.

Dereck Sly, high school teacher, is the YAC advisor (Youth Advisory Committee). He shared about projects that they will be doing, such as repainting the parking lot lines and putting recycle bins in the schools.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0551213 Mr. Loew moved approval of the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Regular Meeting and Closed Session and October 15, 2012 Regular Meeting and (2) Closed Sessions as presented.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0561213 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 September 30, 2012 and October 31, 2012.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Mr. Stanton congratulated Eric McClure being elected to the board of education.

B. Wish List Committee.

The committee met last Thursday. They approved plans for lockable entrances to the elementary school main entrance drive. Adult traffic including office when school is in session. Possible to be done next summer.

C. Policy Committee.

Mr. Franklin shared NEOLA Volume 27, Number 1 – October 2012. This is an update to our Bylaws and Policies. Reading of policies to be adopted.

D. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Parent-teacher conferences were well attended November 6-8.
- There have been over a dozen child study meetings already this fall.
- Welcome to Mr. Eric McClure who will join the board in January; and welcome back Mr. Dan Loew for four more years.
- Many thanks to Mrs. Kendra Falk for her years of service to the students and staff of Athens Area Schools.
- Encouraged to contact your legislators in opposition to the new EAA bill.

E. High School Principal.

- 20% of students' parents showed up for conferences
- Blood drive on December 7
- CPR training on November 20 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Frederick Construction did some painting and will be here November 23rd to work on asphalt.
- Online pilot social studies MEAP test completed for 6th and 9th graders.

F. Athletic Director.

- Discussion of Class D football in the State of Michigan.
- Rogers Glass is preparing and will install 4'x6' poster we received for being in the state finals in girls basketball.

- Thank you to Todd Pushee for a \$500 donation.
- Varsity Volleyball team finished second in the Big 8 conference
- Congratulations to Chantel Davenport who was named League MVP in volleyball.
- Will contact MDOT regarding a new sign adding the accomplishment of our girls basketball team.
- Winter coaches meeting coming up.

G. Curriculum Director.

- Pleased we have been able to participate in math recovery training.
- MEAP and MI-Access tests have been completed and sent in ahead of time.
- Fourth grade maturation movies were shown on October 26.
- Safe schools meeting held on October 17.

7. Old and New Business.

A. Budget Revision I.

0571213 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the first budget revisions for General Fund.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. AESPA Contract Ratification.

0581213 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the AESPA contract ratification for secretaries, para-professionals and cafeteria staff.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

C. NEOLA – Board Policy Update.

0591213 Mr. Fairchild moved that the Board of Education approve the policy updates in NEOLA.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

D. Shooting Club.

0601213 Mr. Brunner moved that the Board of Education approve shooting club (Fudd Dusters) as an recognized extra-curricular activity (club sport) for students.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

Board Comment: Mrs. Brunner thanked all staff and board for getting the District back in the black.

8. Public Comments.

Mrs. R. Kinney: Will we still be picking kids up after school the same way through the gym and will have to go directly to the office with the new entry?

Mr. Franklin: Letter from DEP that Enbridge will be working on Line 6.

9. Adjournment.

0611213 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

Time of Adjournment: 9:06 p.m.

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