

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
December 20, 2011

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 7:31 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.

1611112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

3. Public Comments.

Joe Michalize: Wondering what was our incurred costs for two months of classes in the Middle School?

Bruce Korn: Answers to questions from last meeting in regards to student discipline and expectations?  
Added cost for custodial costs for Middle School.

Justin Snyder: Satisfies about outcome of last month's situation; wants to make sure that things are in place  
and can feel comfortable in something not happening again.

Tony Fracassi: 5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program and have had hard time finding practice times.

Brian Butler: Coach at Athens; wants to make sure protocol was followed for other times. Also we need  
times for young kids to have a chance to practice.

4. Presentations.

A. Bond Update .

Brent McClure: Written report from Ryan of Frederick construction; punch list 90% complete. Monument  
sign still not finished.

5. Discussion.

A. School Elections.

State passed new election law moving school elections to even-year November. Reviewed new extended terms.

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6. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

1621112 Mr. Chapman moved approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2011 Regular Meeting, the November 21, 2011 Closed Session and the December 13, 2011 Special Meeting as presented.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

1631112 Mr. Knowles 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, 2011.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

7. Reports.

A. Board President.

Passed out a copy of *Effective Leaders Possess Public Relations Competencies*.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Shared on bullying policies. All policies are on the school website.  
New control system for heating system. Started work on new entry system.

C. High School Principal.

Open House for new rooms. Both high school rooms are up and operating. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball are league champs. Band concert out of new band room for staging.

D. Athletic Director.

Lucky Smith will be the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach.  
Mark Reynolds will be the junior high wrestling coach.

E. Technology Director.

Purchased new 64-bit processor.

F. Curriculum Director.

Wish a Merry Christmas to all.

Walter and Colleen Swank worked on the summer school budget (4 days, no transportation).

Tested rosters have been checked for MEAP and MI-ACCESS.

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There have been no problems reported by the State.

Having meetings to develop a Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavioral Intervention Plan.

All teachers must be evaluated this year and rated in four categories.

Shared about new electronic parent survey.

G. Policy Committee.

Have not met and will schedule a meeting after the first of the year.

H. Bargaining Committee.

Have good discussion with teacher unit.

8. Closed Session – Collective Bargaining.

A. Closed Session.

1641112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of collective bargaining.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:15 p.m.

Present: Brunner: Yes Chapman: Yes Falk: Absent  
Fairchild: Yes Knowles: Yes Loew: Yes Stanton: Yes

B. Return to Open Session.

1651112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 12:50 a.m. on December 21, 2011

9. Adjournment.

1661112 Mr. Knowles moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

Time of adjournment: 12:51 a.m. on December 21, 2011

Submitted by: Dan Loew, Sr., Secretary, Board of Education