

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
May 21, 2012

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School
300 E. Holcomb Street
PHONE: 269.729.5414

1. Mr. Stanton called the meeting to order 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.

1901112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended, adding:

8. D. Operating Millage Renewal Proposal.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

3. Public Comments.

Dawn Mack: Thanked the Board for their support for Youth in Government. Athens has two students
(Audrey Oswalt and Taylor Vaughn) going to YMCA Conference on National Affairs (CONA).

Kelly Hulce: Publicly thanks PTSO for their support for East Leroy Elementary.

Valerie Rubley: As a member of the ECHO staff and has lost lots of material due to updates from the
Technology Department and data loss during the window for publications. (Mr. Franklin will make sure
Barry Shackelford is aware of the situation so we can avoid further problems.)

Will Fairchild: Having problems with the computer for English; having trouble moving work from school
to home and back.

Mr. Franklin: Recommended Eric McClure from the ECHO.

4. Presentations.

A. PESG – Coach E-Z .

PESG handles our sub-teachers at this point. They would be able to handle non-facility and non-staff for our
coaching areas. They will work at providing third party coaches.

Bernie Stankewski: Representing PESG. They have one year of providing this service to different districts
around the State with an established rate of 12.5% of pay for the position.

5. Hearing – Anti-Bullying Policy.

HB 4163 Public Act 241 of 2011 known as Matt’s Safe School Law was signed by Governor Snyder on December 6, 2011. Hearing on Policy 5517.01

Lisa Guseman: Shared on the reporting that she does and this policy will help defining and reporting.

David Foster: Question on whether a peer-to-peer concept of helping students cope with bullying. Some type of programming stand with the one being bullied.

6. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

1911112 Mr. Chapman moved approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2012 Regular Meeting as amended, correction to Dan Casselman should be lawn care.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

1921112 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 April 30, 2012.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

7. Reports.

A. Board President.

Thanked John Knowles for getting the ground beautification started and all volunteers who helped on the project.

Kacie Brunner: Enjoyed seeing everyone who worked on the project.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- Most of the large days for the elementary school are over. Last day of school is a cookout.
- Budget: No official response from the State about passing a deficit budget.
- Finance Committee meeting Tuesday (tomorrow). Bid openings at 8:00 a.m.

C. High School Principal.

- Mrs. Squire’s husband received free lab supplies from Post Cereals in Battle Creek through the help of Mrs. Squire and Mrs. Hamilton.

- Spring music concert was a great success.
- Senior prom was a lot of fun.
- Dates
 - May 25 Senior's Last Day
 - May 30 MS Academic Awards
 - May 31 Half Day of School – 10:50 release time
 - June 1 Half day of School – Last day of School – Graduation, 7:30 p.m.

D. Athletic Director.

He will be meeting with Cedar Crest Floor on a date to refinish the gym floor.

E. Technology Director.

Nothing new for tonight. Working on a new version of Linux.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Staff completed survey on John Collins Writing professional development.
- New science kit schedule
- Completed the District MME
- Staffing model for special education has been approved for next year reflecting the loss of two (2) special education staff members.

G. Policy Committee.

Will be setting up a meeting soon for the next policy update.

H. Bargaining Committee.

Meeting June 4 with teachers.

I. CASBMA Representatives. NONE.

J. Wish List Committee.

- High School gym floor is on the list.
- Have a number now to work from.
- Need to set a meeting date.

8. Old and New Business.

A. Anti-Bullying Policy.

1931112 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education approve the attached anti-bullying policy.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

B. Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education Appointment.

1941112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education appoint Lynn & Kim Prater to the Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

C. Board Member Pay.

1951112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education suspend the pay of board member pay for the year 2011-2012.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

D. Operating Millage Renewal Proposal.

1961112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the Operating Millage Renewal Proposal for the August 7, 2012 election.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

Public Comments:

Colleen Swank: Girls on the Run; Great Start Readiness Graduation tonight.

Kelly Hulce: Thanked the Board of Education for returning their board pay.

9. Closed Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation.

A. Closed Session.

1971112 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:22 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.

1981112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:34 p.m.

C. Superintendent's Evaluation.

1981112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's Evaluation of Good.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

9. Adjournment.

1991112 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

Time of Adjournment: 10:35 p.m.

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