

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
November 21, 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 7:04 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.

1461112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

3. Public Comments.

Eric Tobin: Concerned with the mixing of high school and middle school age children, possibly keeping them separate as much as possible.

Shouldn't sell the old Administration Building in a down market; wait until the market recovers

Look at making a 5-year plan for the future of the high school

Tomissa Smittendorf: 5-year plan is a good idea and would be willing to help with that committee

When will the middle school computers be coming over to the high school?

Joe Kline: Child was alleged victim of same abuse that has been documented of similar type. Maybe we need to take a look at how the idea was handled.

Justin Snyder: Concerned with how many kids can be at the old middle school with limited supervision.

Concerned with how the situation was handled with prior incident and how we reacted to it.

Sara Stanton: Temperature in the middle school gym was very warm at ball games.

Shared concerns about the things that have gone on and did we help the student to be successful.

Bruce Korn: Shared concern over situations and incidents and who was notified. Who is in charge of notifying teachers and parents?

4. Presentations.

A. Flagstar Bank.

Presentation by Kim Goethe from Flagstar Bank regarding several accounts (General, Student Activities, Debt Retirement (2005) and Hot Lunch Fund) being moved to Flagstar.

B. Band Trip – Stachia Bagley.

Mrs. Bagley passed out itinerary for the band trip for Friday, May 11, 2012 and return Saturday, May 12, 2012. The trip is to Cedar Point Amusement Park (Sandusky, OH) and the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Museum (Cleveland, OH).

C. Construction Update.

Ryan Collins of Frederick Construction: Received occupancy permit for the classrooms. There are still a few punch list items to finish up. Received a temporary occupancy permit for the band room today (Nov. 21) and will work on the punch list to finish that.

Mike Frederick and Lincoln Stevens were also in attendance for this meeting.

D. RECESS: Tour New Classrooms and Band Room

1471112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education take a brief recess to tour the new classrooms and the band room.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 7:52 p.m.

E. Return to Meeting.

1481112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education return to its regular meeting.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 8:21 p.m.

5. Discussion.

A. Facilities: Old Administration Office and Middle School Building.

What should be done with these buildings? Discussion on closing off heat and water to the classroom section of the building. Heat and electric are off at the old Administration building now.

6. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

1491112 Mr. Loew moved approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

1501112 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 October 30, 2011.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

7. Reports.

A. Board President.

Mr. Stanton shared a book "How to be a Bad School Board Member." Tonight's handout: Bad Habit #1 – Humiliate a District and Employee in Public.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

Mr. Franklin:

- ◆ shared a handout from Clark Hill, PLC, Attorneys at Law.
- ◆ Busy couple of weeks. Welcome back to Athens High School – excited to announce the substantial completion of our bond project.
- ◆ With action we take tonight we will qualify for financial best practice and a onetime incentive of \$100.00 per pupil.

C. High School Principal.

Mr. Huepenbecker:

- ◆ New buses needed some warranty work.
- ◆ Getting quotes for maintenance contracts for buildings for mechanical.
- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Mackaluso and her church for helping with the move.
- ◆ Approximately 30% of our student's parents showed up for conferences last week.
- ◆ Boiler that was broken at the high school has been repaired and fired up this week.
- ◆ Continuing to get quotes for bus radios.

B. Athletic Director.

C. Technology Director. NONE.

D. Curriculum Director.

Mr. Dubbeld:

- ◆ Fourth grade maturation movies were shown November 14.
- ◆ Fifth Grade AIDS/HIV and communicable diseases will be shown on December 2.
- ◆ MEAP testing is over and all materials sent in before the deadline.
- ◆ CISD auditing our special education services.
- ◆ Shared graphs on cut scores for AYP.

E. Policy Committee.

Met and reviewed new policies and gave recommendation to adapt these policies.

F. Bargaining Committee.

The committee met with teachers two times. We meet again November 22.

8. Old and New Business.

A. Resolution – Service Consolidation Plan.

1511112 Mr. Chapman moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution for the Service Consolidation Plan.

Second: Mrs. Brunner.

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

B. Resolution – Best Financial Practices.

1521112 Mr. Fairchild moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution in regard to Best Financial Practices (Section 22F).

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

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

C. Change Financial Institution.

1531112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve moving the following accounts to **Flagstar Bank** in accordance with the agreement presented and attached:

- ◆ **General Fund**
- ◆ **Debt Retirement Fund (2005)**

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- ◆ **Hot Lunch Fund**
- ◆ **Student Activities Fund**

Second: Mr. Loew.

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

D. NEOLA.

1541112 Mrs. Brunner moved that the Board of Education review and approve the attached NEOLA policy changes, additions and deletions as recommended.

Second: Mr. Fairchild.

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

9. Closed Session – Student Discipline.

A. Closed Session.

1551112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of student discipline.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 9:44 p.m.

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

B. Return to Open Session.

1561112 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education return to open session.

Second: Mr. Loew.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time: 10:49 p.m.

C. Action.

1571112 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education permanently expel Justin Logan from Athens Area Schools and direct the administration to arrange for the student to have the opportunity to complete his education under another institution not requiring attendance on school property.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

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

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

8. Adjournment.

1581112 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mr. Chapman.

Ayes: Seven. Nays: None. Motion: Passed. Time of Adjournment: 10:54 p.m.

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