

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
July 20, 2015

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

Athens High School
300 E. Holcomb Street, Athens
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Call to order, Stanton presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Brunner: X Harvey: X Fairchild: X
Knowles: X Loew: Absent McClure: X Stanton: X

A quorum X is, is not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented/amended.

Motion: Knowles .

Second: Harvey . Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

3. Public Comments. See July-20-2015 Regular Meeting Blues Addendum #1

4. Presentations/Discussions. None

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2015 Budget Hearing and the June 15, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Fairchild _____.
Second: Knowles _____ . Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .
Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

B. Presentation of financial statements.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education receive and place on file for audit the financial reports for the District for the period ending June 30, 2015.

Motion: Brunner _____.
Second: Harvey _____ . Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .
Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

6. Reports.

A. Board President. None

B. Facilities Planning Committee. None.

C. Interim Superintendent/High School Principal. See written report.

D. Athletic Director. None

E. Curriculum Director. None

7. Old and New Business.

A. School of Choice

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education of Athens Area Schools, exercising the option permitted under Section 105 and 105c of the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will, for the purposes of Section 105 and 105c, accept students, as capacity allows, from non-resident students from outside our school district who reside within the Calhoun Intermediate School District of which this district is a constituent district and the contiguous districts for enrollment in our school district for the 2015-2016 school year and will operate a schools of choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105 and 105c for both first and second semesters.

Motion: McClure _____.
Second: Knowles _____ . Ayes: 6 . Nays: 0 .
Passed: X . Defeated: _____ .

8. Public Comments. See July-20-2015 Regular Meeting Blues Addendum #1

Board Comment:

Brunner - Congratulation to the Fud Dusters on National Championship.

McClure- Thank public for attendance in spite of meeting format.

Knowles- Good points tonight. Other factors beside losing.

Stanton- Progress on Eagle Scout project on football bleachers.

Brunner- Encouraged parents to look at school's academic accomplishments and rankings.

Stanton and Knowles- Reminded public of July 28, 2015 Superintendents interviews.

Knowles- Other issues on why kids do not go out for sports. When we have forum on conference.

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Knowles _____.
Second: Brunner _____, Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.
Passed: X, Defeated: _____.
Time of adjournment: _____ 8:31 p.m. _____.

Minutes signed by: Eric McClure, Acting Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Joseph C Huepenbecker, Superintendent

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July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting

Public Comments

1. Jeff Case – Shared personal experiences with own school changing athletic leagues. Concern with the issue of changing/not changing.
2. Shawn Carr – Shared that his family had moved away from and recently returned to Athens. Thinks something needs to change regarding the athletic league.
3. James Phillips – Recent Athens graduate. Shared concerns over how athletes feel suffering losses. Wants to change conferences.
4. Lucy Lamson – Shared concern over discussion focusing on boys athletics. Concern that some programs not making efforts to better their programs. Concerned with idea to change athletic conference.
5. Nathan Kieffer – Shared concern with safety while athletes playing football with smaller team size (greater risk of injury, ect)
6. Becky Schroder – Shared concern over whether a non-winning/non-successful sports program. Concern over boys' program being left behind/pushed aside.
7. Joscelyn Minier – Shared that numbers are an issue for boys' and girls' programs. Lack of public/support for teams other than football.
8. Jefferey Williams – Concern that numbers an issue for Athens compared to others. Wants kids to be able to compete.
9. Rick Schroder – Explained the attached packet on other proposed league. Shared concern with Rocket Football program safety (age differences). Changing conferences will put us on a level playing field.
10. Sara Stanton – It's a difficult decision. All won't be happy with the decision. Not a popularity contest between athletic programs.
11. Lucy Lamson – Questioned when janitors are working in the buildings.
12. Kelly Hulce – Thankful for support here tonight for each side of athletic conference issue. Not just sports allowing students to be well-rounded.
13. Michelle Jones – Question on personal computers being available for each student? (Following up from a previous meeting).
14. Jarek Jones – Question about having a grant writer for Athens district? Cost of that? Cost to put chrome books into hands of all students?
15. Lucy Lamson – Have we talked about sharing grant writing services with the Tribe? Public could be of more help in finding answers to some of these questions. Athens is one of the only schools in the area without school debt on mileage.
16. Lucky Smith – Question on school of choice students – do they need to indicate why they've left? Could we somehow track that information?
17. Joe Roach – Had the Big 8 contacted Athens about an "enrollment threshold" to remain a member?

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