

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
July 20, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING

6:30 P.M.

Athens High School Media Center
300 E. Holcomb St., Athens
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Call to order, _____ Dennis Stanton _____ presiding at _____ 6:31 _____ PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

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

A quorum is, _____ is not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Stanton appointed Trustee McClure as acting Board Secretary.

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion: _____ Knowles _____.

Second: _____ Brunner _____ . Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: _____ . Defeated: _____ .

3. Public Comments. None

Board President's statement: *Because we are beginning a new fiscal year, there are certain matters that will need to be voted on under old and new business. The representatives for CASBMA and Alternate, LRN and alternate, and board president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer will remain the same until the January 2015 regular meeting.*

4. Old and New Business.

A. Designation of Paying Agents, Etc.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Paying, Depositing, and Withdrawing Agents for Athens Area Schools' funds be selected using the guidelines specified in Athens Area School Investment NEOLA Policy #6144, which was adopted and signed February 16, 2004. Further, all Payroll Fund checks will be signed by the Treasurer of the Board. All Hot Lunch, Activity Fund, Capital Projects and Debt Retirement checks will be signed by Mr. Joseph Huepenbecker, Interim Superintendent, with Shirley Dowd, Executive Assistant Finance, serving as an alternate. All General Fund checks, which Athletics is a part of, will be signed by Mr. Joseph Huepenbecker, Interim Superintendent, with Shirley Dowd, Executive Assistant Finance, serving as an alternate. Investment instruments will be signed by Mr. Joseph Huepenbecker, Interim Superintendent, and/or Shirley Dowd, Executive Assistant Finance, and the Board Treasurer as occasions demand.

Motion: McClure _____
Second: Harvey _____
Ayes: 6 Nay: 0

B. Bond Authority.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Huepenbecker, with the Treasurer of the Board serving as an alternate, to sign the Bond Authority Purchase Contract and accept the interest rate for the note.

Motion: Brunner _____
Second: Harvey _____
Ayes: 6 Nay: 0

C. Purchase Orders.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize the Interim Superintendent, Mr. Joe Huepenbecker and/or the Executive Assistant, Shirley Dowd to sign purchase orders for General/Athletic Fund, Hot Lunch, Activity, Debt Retirement and Capital Projects.

Motion: Harvey _____
Second: Knowles _____
Ayes: 6 Nay: 0

D. Determination of regular Board of Education meeting dates.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Athens Area Schools Board of Education set the third Monday of each month to be the regular business meeting days, with noted exception of the January 2016 meeting which will be held on January 25, 2016. (Meetings will be held in the Athens High School Media Center, unless otherwise posted.)

Motion: Fairchild _____
Second: Harvey _____
Ayes: 6 Nay: 0

E. Determination of Board of Education compensation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education compensation be \$0.00 per meeting with an annual maximum of \$0.00 until reconsidered by the board in light of improvement in the district's financial position.

Motion: Fairchild _____
Second: Knowles _____
Ayes: 6 Nay: 0

F. Designation of Legal Counsel.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education of the Athens Area Schools retain the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. of East Lansing, Michigan as legal counsel.

Motion: Knowles _____
Second: Fairchild _____
Ayes: 6 Nay: 0

G. Delegation of Duties by Officers.

Joseph Huepenbecker, Interim Superintendent, to do the following: all legal advertising required by law or as directed by the Board, assist the counties in conducting annual and special elections, and prepare reports required by the State Board of Education.

Read by: Kacie Brunner

5. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Knowles _____.
Second: Fairchild _____, Ayes: 6 , Nays: 0 .
Passed: _____, Defeated: _____.
Time of adjournment: 6:41 pm _____.

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

Minutes prepared by: Joseph C Huepenbecker, Superintendent

Approved for publication by the Board: 8/17/15 (date)