

Athens Area Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING Community Forum on Athletic Conferences

Date: September 27, 2015

Location: Athens Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria, 300 E. Holcomb St., Athens, MI 49011

Time: 1:00 pm

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

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Mrs. Kacie Brunner: X Mr. Craig Fairchild: X Mr. Michael Harvey: X
Mr. John Knowles: X Mr. Dan Loew: A Mr. Eric McClure: X Mr. Dennis 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: John Knowles.

Second: Craig Fairchild. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

3. **Presidents Opening Statement:**

Fact find about SCAA and Big 8. Start Brainstorming 3 words or less.

4. **Public Comment:** "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda. Is there any public comment in accordance with Bylaw 0167.3 at this time? "

*See attached list of Pros and Cons.
There was further discussion.*

5. Board Comment:

6. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: John Knowles.

Second: Craig Fairchild. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

Time: 4:03 PM

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

Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris.

Approved for publication by the Board: 10/14/15 (date)

<p>Big 8 facilities for all sports Competition tradition Community support fields more teams more than just football goes further in state championships Quiz Bowl wrestling Girls sports higher win opportunity largest X-country team in school history tougher in season competition Better prepared for playoffs more JV programs More Jr High sports more college opportunities Jr High doesn't have to play on Varsity Girls VBSB track We're always defeated 11-man football neg perception of Varsity advancement not easier to get onto college teaches how to accept failure players don't consider winning</p>	<p>SCAA equality Closer equal win opportunity higher morale won't get murdered more individual Accolades new traditions having statistical chance to win fan competition Changes bring more opportunities Competitive enrollment Baseball last win season 28 yrs ago possible less injuries not all about girls basketball easier chance for playoffs last boys BB conf 28 yrs ago more enrollment for boys's girls even playing field We can JV & Varsity not combined not getting blown out Stabilized student enrollment All sports boys + girls better chance for student better for students not parents better mileage transportation less travel time Deck not Stacked against us brighter future for an children increased athlete self-esteem increase in school spirit bigger student body turnout Support coaches no more parent drama winning will bring more kids to school</p>
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