

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
September 20, 2010

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

High School Media Center
300 E. Holcomb Street
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Stanton at 7:04 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Joel Chapman, Kendra Falk, John Knowles, Dan Loew, Tomissa Smittendorf,
Dennis Stanton and Amy Weeks.

Quorum: Present.

Moment of silence for Jimmy Hansen.

2. Approval of Agenda.

0291011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf.

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

3. Public Comments.

Joe Mickolizee: Comments on bond passed; local skilled trades from the Athens area; Hunter-Prell (boiler work) for example.

Superintendent Franklin: Has a list of companies and labors in the area.

Spencer Boyd: Senior concern about a counselor for the 7-12th grade building.

4. Presentations.

A. Audit Presentation by OMC

Donna Hecht from OMC gave an overview of the audit. The district actually added to the fund equity last year.

B. Odd-Year Elections

Discussion on calling for a different election date. Mr. Stanton requested that it be put on the October agenda.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0301011 Mrs. Smittendorf moved approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

B. Presentation of financial statements.

0311011 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 August 31, 2010.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

Mr. Stanton appointed John Knowles to be the board contact with art.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal.

- If you would like to see an electronic copy of the bi-weekly newsletter for the elementary building, please contact Mr. Franklin.
- Picture day was today (Sept. 20)
- See an East Leroy student to order cookie dough.
- Visitation for Jimmy Hansen will be Friday, September 24 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Memorial Mass will be on Saturday, September 25 at St. Philip Catholic Church; procession to Ft. Custer National Cemetery.
- We are continuing discussion with Hi-Tec Building Services.
- A special board meeting will be held on October 4th at 5:00 p.m. in the high school media center to hear options on potential construction management firms or owner-agents. There will be four to five presenters.

C. High School Principal.

- School started off very well. Routines seem to be established for students and staff.
- Formally thanking Mr. Oswald, Mrs. Henckel and Mrs. Smith, along with Mrs. Dulyea who really pitched in and helped with the scheduling of student.
- The process continues in searching for a counselor and a high school science teacher. At this time we have a long-term substitute in the science position.
- There will be an audit of graduation requirements. We will be looking at curriculum content and sequence.

D. Athletic Director. (Mr. Huepenbecker gave a small update.)

E. Technology Director.

- Changing to Google Apps for email accounts.

F. Curriculum Director.

- Shared on common core standards
- All three buildings were in the top ten buildings in the CISD District
- Shared ACT scores for the last four years

7. Old and New Business.

A. Hiring Approvals.

1. High School Mathematics Teacher

0321011 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Jennifer McCreight as a high school mathematics teacher for the 2010-2011 school year.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf

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

2. Kindergarten Teacher

0331011 Mrs. Smittendorf moved that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Ashley Britton as a kindergarten teacher for the 2010-2011 school year.

Second: Mr. Knowles.

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

3. Varsity Boys Basketball Coach

0341011 Mr. Knowles moved that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Major Harris as the varsity boys basketball coach for the 2010-2011 school year.

Second: Mrs. Smittendorf

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

B. Bond Resolution.

0351011 Mrs. Falk moved that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the 2010 school building and site bonds.

Second: Mrs. Weeks

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

Board Comments:

Mr. Chapman: Pleased to hear about MEAP scores

Mr. Knowles: Score are great. Audit came in way better than expected.

8. Adjournment.

0361011 Mrs. Falk moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Weeks.

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

Time of adjournment: 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Loew, Secretary, Board of Education