

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
September 17, 2007

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 7:03 p.m.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Kendra Falk, Shirley Frederick, David Ganther, Daniel Loew, Tomissa Smittendorf,
and Dennis Stanton
Absent: Eric Tobin
Quorum: Present

2. Approval of Agenda.

0340708 Mr. Ganther moved that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended, adding, under New and Old Business, Item C. L-4029 Tax Rate Request.

Second: Mr. Stanton.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

3. Public Comments. NONE

4. Presentations and Communications.

A. Independent Audit Report – Osbourne, March, Condon & Company

No major discrepancies

B. Bond Update

Will continue to investigate possibilities

C. ECHO Editorial Policy

To be discussed at the October board meeting

D. The Courageous Journey

An opportunity for growth

E. Battle Creek Enquirer News Item

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

0350708 Mr. Ganther moved approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.

Second: Mr. Loew.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

6. Reports.

A. Superintendent's report.

1. Letter of Understanding – Layoff Benefits

2. SET-SEG Management Review

B. President's report.

C. Principals.

Dubbeld: Explained transition for 3rd grade vacancy

Franklin: Written

D. Athletic Director.

E. Committee Reports.

F. IT Director. *Written*

G. Director of Operations. *Written*

7. Old and New Business.

A. Food Service Director Contract Renewal – Pat Donato

0360708 Mr. Ganther moved that the Board of Education approve the 2007-08 contract for Pat Donato as the Food Service Director.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

B. Special Board Meeting for 2007/2008 Budget

0370708 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education call for a **Special Meeting** to be held on **Monday, October 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of reviewing the 2007-08 budget and financials.

Second: Mrs. Frederick

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

C. L-4029 Tax Rate Request.

0380708 Mr. Loew moved that the Board of Education approve the attached L-4029 Tax Rate Request.

Second: Mr. Ganther.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

8. Adjournment.

0390708 Mr. Ganther moved the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Mrs. Falk.

Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Motion: Passed.

Time of Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Frederick, Secretary, Board of Education