

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
June 20, 2022

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

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

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

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: X Kacie Brunner X Dennis Stanton X Mike Harvey
X John Knowles X Joel Chapman X Eric McClure in late @7:45 PM Jason Stanton

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: Mr. John Knowles.

Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

3. Public Comments.

- *None.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Revised Budget 2 2021-22

- *Entertained questions on revised 2021-2022 budget.*

B. Preliminary Budget for 2022-23

- *Entertained questions on preliminary 2022-2023 budget*

C. Michigan Finance Authority Borrowing

- *Borrowing \$150,000 for 2022-2023 school year this year.*
 - *Operate for 3 months without revenue, so helps to cover this period.*

D. Administrative Contracts

- *Annual renewal of District Administrative contracts.*
 - *Will discuss any changes/raises after all CBAs ratified/signed*

E. Employee COVID Stipend

- *Suggested use of ESSER funds (grant \$)*
- *\$1,000 one-time stipend, full time, all year*
- *\$500 one-time stipend, roughly ½ year*

F. 2022-23 Calendar

- *Proposed 2022-2023 school calendar*
- *August 24, 2022 – First Day of School.*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.

Second: Mr. Eric McClure.

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 through May 31, 2022.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.

Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

- *None.*

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- *Waiting for updates on asbestos sampling re: renovations at former Middle School Building.*

C. Superintendent

- *See attached report.*
- *Will decide in July re: continuing virtual option*
- *We've provided 2 letters of support to NHBP: 1. Battle Creek Regional Museum*
2. Tribal Police DOJ accreditation

D. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

- *See attached report.*
- *Last BOE meeting for Mr. Marvin Taylor.*
- *Thanked staff for moving the re-scheduled Track & Field Day – a success.*

E. High School Administrator

- *See attached report.*
- *Shared about end-of-year activities and events.*
- *Last of Smart Boards to be installed week of June 27, 2022.*

F. Athletic Director.

- *See attached report.*
- *Shared end-of Spring sports season report.*

*Mr. Jason Stanton in at 7:45 PM

G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.

- *See attached report.*

7. Action Items.

A. Revision 2 Budget 2021-22

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the Revision 2 2021-22 budgets for the general fund, food service fund, and sinking fund as presented by the business manager and recommended by the superintendent.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.
 Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

B. Preliminary Budget, 2022-23

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the 2022-23 budgets for the general fund, food service fund, activities, and sinking fund as presented by the business manager and recommended by the superintendent.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.
 Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

C. Michigan Finance Authority Borrowing Resolution, 2022-23

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the cash flow borrowing resolution as prepared by financial counsel and recommended by the superintendent.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.
 Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

D. Administrative Contracts

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the administrative contracts for the Superintendent; Outreach Coordinator; Executive Assistant, Finance; Athletic Director; and Title I Director, Food Service Director, Academic Intervention Room Supervisor, as presented; and authorize the Superintendent to execute a service agreement with EduStaff for the Director of Special Education, Assessment, and Compliance.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.
 Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

E. Employee COVID Stipend

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the Board of Education pay each year round district employee, not sub-contracted, that finished the 2021-22 school year in the employ of the district, a onetime cash stipend in recognition of the additional effort, stress, and personal expense brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Employees that worked the entire school year will receive a stipend of \$1,000 and employees that worked less than a full year but at least half a will receive a \$500 stipend. The funds to pay these stipends comes from the Federal ESSER funds that are available to the schools and is one of the suggested uses of the funds.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.
 Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

F. 2022-23 School Calendar

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the Board of Education approve the 2022-23 School Calendar that was negotiated with the AEA as presented.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.
 Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

8. Public Comment

- *Kelly Hulce: Question re: who suggested uses of ESSER funds (on stipends, etc.)*

*Break out @ 7:53 PM

*Break in @ 7:58 PM

9. Closed Session.

A. Negotiations – AESPA

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations with the AESPA.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.

Second: Mr. John Knowles.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y Kacie Brunner Y Dennis Stanton Y Mike Harvey
Y John Knowles Y Joel Chapman Y Eric McClure Y Jason Stanton

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: . Time: 7:58 PM.

Board President Returned the Meeting to Open Session: Time 8:56 PM

10. Board Comment.

- *Mr. John Knowles: Board packets due July 26, 2022 for those wishing to run again.*

11. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.

Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 8:58 PM.

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

Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Approved for publication by the Board: July 18, 2022 (date)