

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
September 18, 2023

REGULAR MEETING
High School Media Center
7:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to order, Knowles presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Stanton: Ab. Setlak: Ab. Harvey: P Knowles: P
McClure: P Loew: P Penick: P

A quorum is present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion: Harvey.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

3. Public Comments.

None.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. 5th Grade Camp

Sherman Lake YMCA Camp - (presenter Mrs. Sarah Sawyer). The kids went in 2022 and had a great time. It was a great experience for the kids. Possibly going for 2 nights this year. Exploring fundraising to lower costs.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion: McClure.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 5 . 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 August 31, 2023.

Motion: Penick.

Second: Harvey.

Ayes: 5 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

6. Reports.

- A. Board President. Currently 8 candidates for superintendent position. Next month State Representative Sarah Lightner's office will provide a speaker at the Board Meeting for up to an hour.
- B. Facilities/Planning Committee. Middle School has temporary occupancy. It is holding athletic contests. Working with the village to get a sign that points to the building's location on Capital Ave. Health department inspection on 9/19/2023.
- C. Superintendent. See attached report. High School secretary position posted with the resignation of Kristi Boyd. About 22 students down from projected count.
- D. High School Administrator. See attached report. Parent teacher conferences on 9/28. Working to form a PTSO
- E. Elementary Principal. See attached report. Shared start of the year STARR data. Shared state data. Presented information on Vozar Insurance Agency donation of recess equipment and end of the year bike giveaway.
- F. Athletic Director. See Attached report. Coaching vacancy- High School Baseball.

G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance. See attached report. We are not administrating the Early Literacy report this year.

7. Action Items.

A. 5th Grade Camp

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve allowing the 5th grade students to go on an overnight, possible two-night, camp experience with their teachers in the spring.

Motion: Loew.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

8. Public Comment

Rebecca Kinney- comments on administering the M-STEP. Issues of matching the curriculum to the assessment.

Jeff Penick – Asked for direction on who the VFW should approach for scholarship opportunities.

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Penick.

Second: McClure.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 8:01 PM..

Minutes signed by: Eui N. Mame Acting/Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Joe Huepenbecker, Superintendent

Approved for publication by the Board: 10/16/2023 (date)