

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781
November 21, 2022

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, Mr. Dennis Stanton presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: AB Kacie Brunner X out at 7:31 Dennis Stanton X Mike Harvey
X John Knowles X Joel Chapman X Eric McClure X 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.

- *Mr. John Knowles – Celebrating Dennis’ 30 years of service to District on BOE*
 - *Mr. Joe Huepenbecker-Mr. Rich Franklin-Mr. Randy Davis-Mr. Dale Dittmer all shared thanks for Dennis’ service as previous/current superintendents.*
 - *Mr. Walter Dubbeld and Mrs. Teri Loew- Thanked Dennis for his years of service.*
- Break for cookies and punch*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. 5th Grade Camp Experience

- *5th grade teachers (Allie Gesink and Sarah Sawyer) presented on proposed 5th grade camp at Sherman Lake YMCA. 2 days/1 night – March 2023.*

B. Band Trip to Chicago

- *Stachia Bagley (music/band) presented on proposed band trip to Chicago (7th – 10th graders) – 1 day 5/19/23*

C. Paraprofessional Hire

- *Kristal Creager – special education paraprofessional at ELE*

D. CASBMA Award Nomination

- *Annul nomination of community member to community/county-wide education – Dan Loew Sr.*

E. Superintendents Evaluation

- *Requesting superintendent evaluation be in closed session: Officially moved superintendent to November, annually.*

F. Policy Update

- *Policy committee/superintendent recommend approval of public records policy.*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of Minutes of Prior Meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular Board and October 24, 2022 Special Board Meetings.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.

Second: Mr. Eric McClure.

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 ending October 31, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.

Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

- *Thanked Mr. Joel Chapman for stepping up to fill BOE vacancy.*

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- *Update on MS abatement work/ demolition work and timeline.*

C. Superintendent

- *See attached report.*
- *Explained process for incoming Board members in December and January.*
- *Beginning with next year's 8th graders – need ½ credit of personal finance.*

D. High School Administrator

- *See attached report.*
- *Blood Drive on December 13, 2022.*

E. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

- See attached report.
- Veterans Day program held on November 10, 2022
- ELE – wide field trip to see Brass Band of BC on 12/2/22

F. Special Education, Assessment and Compliance Officer.

- See attached report.
- Results of spring state assessments on MI School Data website.

G. Athletic Director.

- See attached report.
- Varsity volleyball state runner ups!

7. Action Items.

A. 5th Grade Camp Experience

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve allowing the 5th grade students to go to overnight camp with their teachers in the spring.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.
 Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

B. Band Trip

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve allowing the High School Marching Band to go to Chicago in May for a performance and day trip.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.
 Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

C. Paraprofessional Hire

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Kristal Creager as a special education paraprofessional.

Motion: Mr. Jason Stanton.
 Second: Mr. Joel Chapman.
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

D. CASBMA Nomination

RECOMMENDED MOTION: The board of education of the Athens Area School District nominates Daniel Ray Loew, Sr. as a candidate for the 2022 **Citizen** Distinguished Service Award of the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.
 Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.
 Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

E. Neola Policy po8310 – Public Records (2021)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approves the Neola Policy update to po8310 – Public Records as presented.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

8. Public Comment.

- *None.*

9. Closed Session-Superintendent’s Evaluation

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of completing the superintendent’s annual evaluation.

Motion: Mr. Jason Stanton.
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: _____. Time: 8:31 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE: AB Kacie Brunner AB Dennis Stanton Y Mike Harvey
Y John Knowles Y Jason Stanton Y Eric McClure Y Joel Chapman
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
Passed: X Defeated: _____. Time: 8:31 PM.

President moves the meeting be returned to Open Session.

Time: 8:53 PM

Report: The Superintendent is given the rating of (Highly Effective, Effective, Partially Effective, or Ineffective).

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. Jason Stanton.
Second: Mr. Joel Chapman.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: _____.
Time of adjournment: 8:59 PM.

Minutes signed by: Eric McClure, Secretary of the Board of Education
Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant
Approved for publication by the Board: December 19, 2022 (date)