

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
December 16, 2024

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

Athens Jr./Sr. High School  
300 E. Holcomb St., Athens, MI 49011  
TELEPHONE: 729-5414

1. Call to order, \_\_\_\_\_ Knowles \_\_\_\_\_ presiding at \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_.

A. Membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Penick:   X   Setlak:   X   Harvey:   X   Knowles:   X    
Loew:   X   McClure:   X   Stanton:   X  

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.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey \_\_\_\_\_.  
Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Penick \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ayes:   7  . Nays:   0  .  
Passed:   X  . Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Public Comments.  
*None.*

4. Presentations/Discussions:

A. Assistant Wrestling Coach Position.

*Position available on Schedule C. While overall numbers are not supportive for this position, it would allow for a potential male/female athlete split, if that does occur at the state level. Additional issue of female wrestlers not earning points at all-male wrestling meets. Approximately \$4,200 overall cost (additional to existing costs for program).*

B. 5th Grade Camp.

*5th grade teacher Allie Gesink presented on the annual 5th Grade Camp trip to Sherman Lake YMCA. Dates this year: March 12-14, 2025. Seeking funding to avoid having to have students pay for camp.*

C. Calhoun Area School Board Association (CASBA) Professional Award.

*Superintendent Beaudoin reminded the Board that they have until their January 2025 regular meeting to nominate for either the Citizen or Professional awards through CASBA.*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of Minutes of Prior Meetings.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve of the minutes of the Nov. 18, 2024 Regular Meeting, as presented.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Setlak \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Stanton \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve of the minutes of the Dec. 4, 2024 Special Meeting, as presented.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Loew \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Setlak \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ayes: 7. 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 Nov. 30, 2024.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Setlak \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Reports.

A. Board President – **Mr. John Knowles.**

*Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) superintendent evaluation training in January or February 2025, with the superintendent's evaluation tentatively scheduled for the February 2025 regular meeting, as well.*

B. Superintendent – **Mr. Kipp Beaudoin.**

*See attached report. In the process of upgrading access/locks at all buildings.*

**Athens Area Community Foundation Presentation** by AACF Manager, Kacie Brunner, and AACF Board Member, Annette Smitley. Shared about their 30-30-30 campaign (30 years for AACF; raising \$30,000 for unrestricted fund; seeking 30 planned gifts and \$30 donations). Shared history of support for District. Seeking new ideas for projects in the community, as well.

C. High School Principal – **Mr. John Thompson.**

*See attached report. Dec. 6 blood drive met the quota for scholarships to be available for Athens students. Jr./Sr. High School band concert set for Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at Athens Jr./Sr. High School.*

D. Elementary Principal – **Ms. Jheri Wilson.**

*See attached report. Mid-year testing now in progress through mid-January 2025. Working to revamp behavioral PBIS program with student/family/staff input.*

E. Athletic Director – **Ms. Kathy Parlin.**

*See attached report. Coaching vacancies: 7th grade girls' basketball, JV volleyball. In great need of volunteers for home events!*

F. Special Education, Assessment, and Compliance Officer – **Mr. Walter Dubbled.**

*See attached report. Special Education Department has been reduced to three staff members. District and school building Annual Education Reports are now underway.*

7. Action Items.

A. Approval of Assistant Wrestling Coach Position.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring for the position of Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey \_\_\_\_\_.

Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Loew \_\_\_\_\_.

Roll Call Vote: Penick: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Setlak: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Harvey: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Knowles: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_  
Loew: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ McClure: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Stanton: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_

Ayes: \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_. Nays: \_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_.

Passed: \_\_\_ X \_\_\_. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Approval of 5th Grade Camp Trip.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Move that the Board of Education approve the 5th grade students to attend 5th Grade Camp for two nights and three days with their teachers in the spring.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Setlak \_\_\_\_\_.

Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Penick \_\_\_\_\_.

Ayes: \_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_. Nays: \_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_.

Passed: \_\_\_ X \_\_\_. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Approval of CASBA Professional Award Nomination.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the CASBA Professional Award.

Motion to **TABLE until the January 2025 regular meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_ McClure \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Penick \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Public Comments.

**Public Comments**

*Annette Smitley – Asked a question regarding the established eligibility/criteria for the annual CASBA awards.*

**Board Comments**

*Mike Harvey – Asked Superintendent Beaudoin for an update regarding the timeline to install doors and secure occupancy for the former middle school complex.*

*Mike Harvey and John Knowles – Shared that it has been a pleasure serving with Board Vice President, Jason Stanton, as tonight was his final meeting as a member of the Athens Area Schools Board of Education.*

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Stanton \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

Time of adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_ 7:51 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Minutes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Eric McClure, Board of Education Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for publication by the Board of Education on: \_\_\_\_\_ January 20, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ (date)