

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
July 15, 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: Absent/Excused 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: _____ Penick _____.
Second: _____ Stanton _____.
Ayes: 6 . Nays: 0 .
Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

3. Public Comments.
None.

Board President's statement: Because we are beginning a new fiscal year, there are certain matters that will need to be voted on under action items. The Calhoun Area School Board Members Association (CASBMA) representative and alternate, Legislative Relations Network (LRN) representative and alternate, and the offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer will remain the same until the January 2025 organizational meeting.

4. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of Minutes of Prior Meetings.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve of the minutes of the June 17, 2024 Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting, as presented.

Motion: _____ McClure _____.

Second: _____ Setlak _____.

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 June 30, 2024.

Motion: _____ Harvey _____.

Second: _____ Penick _____.

Ayes: 6 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

5. Reports.

A. Board President.

None.

B. Facilities/Strategic Planning Committees.

Still on pace with sinking fund project at East Leroy Elementary School. Good feedback from progress updates shared on the District's Facebook page this summer.

C. Superintendent.

*See attached report. Walk-through at East Leroy Elementary School complete (for next sinking fund projects.) Audit now officially underway. Proposal for sinking fund **renewal** in **November 2024 election** (allows for continuation of current sinking fund.)*

Three East Leroy Elementary School hires:

- *Hayley Moon, 2nd grade*
- *Michael Colley, 4th grade*
- *Jacob Martin, 5th grade*

Four Athens Jr./Sr. High School hires:

- *Darcy Oswalt, long-term sub for English/Spanish*
- *Kayley Harvey, 1:1 paraprofessional*
- *Myndeska Tomlin, 6th grade*
- *Sebastian Hamilton, social studies*

6. Action Items.

A. Designation of Paying Agents, etc.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Paying, Depositing, and Withdrawing Agents for Athens Area Schools' funds be selected using the guidelines specified in Athens Area Schools Investment NEOLA Policy #6144, which was adopted and signed February 16, 2004. Further, all Payroll Fund checks will be signed by the Treasurer of the Board or the Business Manager, serving as an alternate. All Hot Lunch, Activity Fund, Capital Projects and Debt Retirement checks will be signed by the Superintendent or the Business Manager, serving as an alternates. All General Fund checks, which Athletics is a part of, will be signed by the Superintendent or Business Manager, serving as an alternate. Investment instruments will be signed by the Superintendent, and/or the Business Manager, and the Board Treasurer, as occasions demand.

Motion: _____ McClure _____.

Second: _____ Penick _____.

Ayes: 6 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

B. Bond Authority.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, with the Treasurer of the Board serving as an alternate, to sign the Bond Authority Purchase Contract and accept the interest rate for the note.

Motion: _____ Setlak _____.

Second: _____ Stanton _____.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Penick: Y Setlak: Y Harvey: Y Knowles: Y
Loew: Absent/Excused McClure: Y Stanton: Y

Ayes: 6 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

C. Purchase Orders.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or the Business Manager, to sign purchase orders for General/Athletic Fund, Hot Lunch Fund, Activity Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, and Capital Projects Fund.

Motion: _____ Stanton _____.

Second: _____ Harvey _____.

Ayes: 6 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

D. Determination of Regular Board of Education Meeting Dates.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education set the third Monday of each month to be the regular business meeting days. (Meetings will be held in the Athens Jr./Sr. High School Media Center, unless otherwise posted.)

Motion: _____ Harvey _____.

Second: _____ Penick _____.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X Defeated: _____.

E. Determination of Board of Education Compensation.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education compensation be \$0.00 per meeting with an annual maximum of \$0.00.

Motion: _____ Penick _____.

Second: _____ Stanton _____.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X Defeated: _____.

F. Designation of Legal Counsel.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education retain the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. of East Lansing, Michigan, as legal counsel.

Motion: _____ Setlak _____.

Second: _____ Harvey _____.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X Defeated: _____.

G. Delegation of Duties by Officers.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent to do the following: All legal advertising required by law or as directed by the Board, assist the counties in conducting annual and special elections, and prepare reports required by the State Board of Education.

Motion: _____ Harvey _____.

Second: _____ Stanton _____.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

Passed: X Defeated: _____.

H. Teacher Hires.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education hires Michael Colley, Hayley Moon, Jacob Martin, Sebastian Hamilton, and Myndeska Tomlin.

Motion: _____ Setlak _____.
Second: _____ McClure _____.
Ayes: ___6___. Nays: ___0___.
Passed: ___X___. Defeated: _____.

I. Second Reading and Adoption of NEOLA Policy Changes.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize and submit as a second reading of the NEOLA policy changes, as presented by the Policy Committee. (Policies po1240, po1540, po1615, po2370.01, po2410, po2414, po2418, po2623, po3215, po3220, po4215, po5512, po6320, po6321, po6325, po6350, po6520, po7230, po7434, po7540.02, po7540.03, po7540.04, po8300, po8305, po8315, po8390, po853, po8800, po9160, po9700.01).

Motion: _____ Setlak _____.
Second: _____ Penick _____.
Ayes: ___6___. Nays: ___0___.
Passed: ___X___. Defeated: _____.

J. Sinking Fund Renewal Resolution.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorize the resolution as submitted, to place on the ballot for Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the renewal of the District's sinking fund.

Motion: _____ McClure _____.
Second: _____ Penick _____.
Ayes: ___6___. Nays: ___0___.
Passed: ___X___. Defeated: _____.

7. Public Comments.

***Myndeska Tomlin** – Thanked the Board of Education for supporting her hiring.*

Break out at 7:22 p.m.

Break back in at 7:27 p.m.

8. Closed Session.

A. Student Disciplinary Hearing.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of holding a student disciplinary hearing.

Motion: Harvey.
Second: Setlak.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Penick: Y Setlak: Y Harvey: Y Knowles: Y
Loew: Absent/Excused McClure: Y Stanton: Y

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: . Time: 7:28 p.m..

B. Board President returns meeting to open session.

Time: 8:49 p.m..

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education does not approve the 180-day/permanent expulsion of the student, and direct the high school administrator to prepare and execute a behavioral contract with the student, to be implemented following the completion of the remainder of the student's out-of-school suspension or a total of 24 hours of community service by Friday, August 16, 2024, with review of progress by the Board within 90 days of the start of the behavioral contract.

Motion: McClure.
Second: Penick.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Penick: Y Setlak: Y Harvey: Y Knowles: Y
Loew: Absent/Excused McClure: Y Stanton: Y

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: .

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Stanton.
Second: Setlak.
Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 9:01 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: _____ August 19, 2024 _____ (date)