

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
March 20, 2023

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

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

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

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/amended.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.
Second: Mr. Jeff Penick.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

3. Public Comments.

- *Melody Schneider – Concern regarding past incidents threatening students and communication to parents. Would like to see increased communication.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Citizen CASBMA Award Winner

- *Dan Loew, Sr. selected by CASBMA for 2022 Distinguished Citizen Award.*
- *Mrs. Teri Loew will accept this award at the CASBMA Annual Awards Banquet on April 26, 2023.*

B. Schools of Choice

- *Annual resolution to accept school of choice students, for 2023-2024 school year.*
- *Recommended unlimited enrollment for 1st and 2nd semester.*

C. Fiber Network to East Leroy

- *Asking for authorization by Board to complete letter of intent.*
- *Would be part of Calhoun County fiber network for high-speed internet.*
- *E-rate program will cover \$759,071.21 and ESSER funds should cover remaining \$84,341.23, with no cost to district. (\$843,412.46 total)*

D. Calhoun Intermediate School District Budgets

- *Board annually reviews and adopts resolution to support/disapprove of CISD annual budget.*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.

Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

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 February 28, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.

Second: Mr. Jeff Penick.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

- *Reached out to CISD for historical list of CASBMA awards for past Athens recipients.*

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- *See attached.*
- *Met with Tower Pinkster re: final MS bathroom and other items layout for remodel work.*

C. Superintendent

- *See attached.*
- *Provided legislative update regarding state legislation.*
- *Changes with likely repeal of Right to Work Laws and potential impact on Michigan's schools.*

D. High School Administrator

- See attached.
- YIG delegation (students) traveled to Lansing for spring conference this weekend.
- Science Olympiad competed this weekend.

E. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

- See attached.
- March is reading month.
- 5th grade went to Sherman Lake Camp this month.

F. Athletic Director.

- See attached.
- Current opening: MS girls' track coach, HS girls' varsity basketball coach.
- Seeking volunteers for spring home events.

G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.

- See attached.
- No waivers this year for statewide general assessment for 95% participation rate.

7. Action Items.

A. Schools of Choice

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education of Athens Area Schools, exercising the option permitted under Section 105 and 105c of the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will, for the purposes of Section 105 and 105c, accept students, as capacity allows, from non-resident students from outside our school district who reside within the Calhoun Intermediate School District of which this district is a constituent district and the contiguous districts for enrollment in our school district for the 2023-2024 school year and will operate a schools of choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105 and 105c for both first and second semesters.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.

Second: Mr. Jeff Penick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

B. Fiber Network Authorization for a Letter of Intent

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board authorize the superintendent to sign a letter of intent with Fiber Link Inc. to run fiber optic cable from Athens High School to East Leroy Elementary.

Motion: Mrs. Teri Loew.

Second: Mr. Jeff Penick.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

C. Calhoun Intermediate School District Budgets

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education of Athens Area Schools approve the Calhoun Intermediate School District 2023-2024 budgets as presented.

Motion: Mr. Jeff Penick.
Second: Mrs. Teri Loew.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: .

8. Public Comment.

- *None*

9. Board Comment.

- *Mrs. Teri Loew: Thanked Board and community for honoring Dan with nomination of CASBMA award.*
- *Has contact information for relevant House and Senate Committee Chairs.*

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. Jason Stanton.
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 9:15 PM.

Minutes signed by: Eira N. McQuinn, Acting Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Approved for publication by the Board: April 17, 2023 (date)