

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
August 21, 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 7:02 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Penick: P Setlak: P Harvey: P Knowles: P
Loew: P McClure: ABS Stanton: P

A quorum X is present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Appointed Teri Loew Acting Board Secretary

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion: Penick.

Second: Stanton.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

3. Public Comments.

None

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Substitute Teacher Hire

Dave Randall- Substitute- Will Start with vacant High School Math Position. K-8 certified but has taught high school math many time in Ottawa. He is available for a short term.

B. Paraprofessional Hire

Kayley Harvey is hired as a paraprofessional. Will be assigned as a one-on-one aide.

C. Handbook Changes - High School- John Shared Changes. First update in years. Update 24 hour no contact rule. Award requirements. Rules on quitting a sport with discussion from Board. Trust our leadership team. It is a work in progress.

Elementary – Jheri share updates. Deleted and updated language, updated procedures, and added STAR Student matrix.

D. Virtual Curriculum – Annual approval of virtual curriculum.

E. ESSER III – Have many times in Board Meeting. Money for outreach staff, fiber optic connection for the elementary, and to improve air quality in the elementary to reduce illness by replacing the heating system.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2023 Operational and Regular Meetings as presented.

Motion: Harvey.

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 July 31, 2023.

Motion: Stanton.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

6. Reports.

A. Board President – Seeking to have a State Rep attend a Meeting and to provide updates from the State.

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

Fire and Building Inspector scheduled for Final Inspections tomorrow. TP/Parshall and Frederick/Rogenski will be there. Already passed electrical, mechanical, and plumbing. Just need approvals. Things going well.

C. Superintendent – High School walk in freezer went down. \$1300 loss. See attached. Thank you Wakeshma Church for breakfast.

- D. High School Administrator – As presented
- E. Elementary Principal – As presented
- F. Athletic Director – As presented. Abby Fuller coaching JV Girls Basketball
- G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance – As presented. A lot of changes in to make in CISD Special Education Staffing.

7. Action Items.

- A. Substitute Teacher Hire

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of David Randall as a district substitute teacher.

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

- B. Paraprofessional Hire

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Kayley Harvey as a paraprofessional.

Motion: Setlak
Second: Penick
Ayes: 5 . Nays: 0 . Abstain: Harvey
Passed: X . Defeated: .

- C. Virtual Curriculum

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve for the 2023-2024 school year instruction all courses listed in the course catalog as traditional/seated courses, all of the afore mentioned courses that are adapted for delivery in a virtual format, and furthermore approves the use of virtual courses offered by GenNET, Michigan Virtual, and Acellus.

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

8. Public Comment

None.

Board Comments – Looking forward to a good year. Middle School is turning out well.

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Stanton

Second: Harvey

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

Time of adjournment: 8:06PM

Minutes signed by: Seri J. Lewis Acting Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Joseph Huepenbecker, SUIerintendent

Approved for publication by the Board: 9/18/23 (date)