

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
January 15, 2024

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 7:00 P.M.

A. Membership count to determine quorum presence:

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

A quorum is present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion: Stanton.

Second: Loew.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

3. Public Comments.

None.

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Board Appreciation Month- Superintendent Beaudoin shared the Board Appreciation CISD Resolution and it was read by former Superintendent Huepenbecker.

B. Math Teacher- ThamTan Karasiewicz hired as the new math teacher.

C. Paraprofessional Hire- Londa Halder hired as the new paraprofessional.

D. Shared Equipment Agreement- Discussed a shared equipment agreement with the NHBP Tribe. It mirrors the one with the Village of Athens.

- E. High School H-VAC Control- Change order to include a component to control the H-VAC system at the high school when we update the elementary. They would then be on the same system. It was not included in original bid but has been added with a \$1,400 discount from vendor and no markup from Jergens Piping.
- F. Elementary Fire Alarm- It is more cost savvy to replace the current fire alarm system at the elementary for an additional \$38,000 than expand the current obsolete system that we cannot get repair parts for anymore. Long term it will save us a minimum of \$10,400.

5. Routine Matters.

- A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the December 18th Regular and December 22nd Special Meetings as presented.

Motion: McClure.

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 December 31, 2023.

Motion: Harvey.

Second: Stanton.

Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

6. Reports.

- A. Board President- Working on another meeting with State Rep. Lightner/staff with more information from last meeting/presentation. Wants Strategic Planning Committee to be on the Reports portion of the Blues.
- B. Facilities/Planning Committee- Held post-bids for Elementary Sinking Fund Project in 2024. Finishing up on Former Middle School Project.
- C. Superintendent- See attached. He has started meeting with Board Members and building leadership personnel. Strategic Planning Committee will have regular monthly meetings and had discussion about high school admin position.
- D. High School Administrator- See attached. Careers Center trip on 2/7/24 for 10th grade. Conferences on 2/13/24.

- E. Elementary Principal- See attached. Working on mid-year data collection. Awards on 1/25/24. Conferences on 2/13/24.
- F. Athletic Director- See attached. Discussed winter sports. Needs volunteers for events. Needs a MS football coach.
- G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance- See attached. In process to pre-identify students for spring testing. Working on district Annual Educational Reports.

7. Action Items.

A. Math Teacher Hire.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education hires ThanTam Nguyen-Karaiewicz as a math teacher.

Motion: Setlak.

Second: Stanton.

Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

B. Paraprofessional Hire.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education hires Londa Halder as a paraprofessional.

Motion: Penick.

Second: Harvey.

Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

C. Shared Equipment Agreement.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to sign the shared equipment agreement with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi as presented and recommended by the superintendent.

Motion: Harvey.

Second: Penick.

Ayes: 7 . Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: .

D. High School H-VAC Control.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education purchase the H-VAC Control Jace from Jergens Piping for the high school so it can interface with the new system at the elementary for \$20,000.

Motion: McClure.
Second: Stanton.
Ayes: __7__ Nays: __0__.
Passed: __X__. Defeated: _____.

E. Elementary Fire Alarm Change Order.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the change order to upgrade the fire alarm for East Leroy Elementary with CT Electrical to a totally new system for an additional \$38,000.

Motion: Setlak.
Second: Loew.
Ayes: __7__ Nays: __0__.
Passed: __X__. Defeated: _____.

8. Public Comments.

Tonia Vorce- Joe’s retirement reception is still going on 1/16/24.

Teri Loew- AACF Souper Bowl is 2/23/24. Question on when a decision needs to be made on the high school admin position.

9. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Stanton.
Second: Penick.
Ayes: __7__ Nays: __0__.
Passed: __X__. Defeated: _____.

Time of adjournment: _____.

Minutes signed by: _____, Acting/Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Joe Huepenbecker.

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