

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
August 16, 2021

REGULAR MEETING  
Media Center  
7:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to order, Mr. Dennis Stanton presiding at 7:00 PM.

a. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: X Kacie Brunner X Dennis Stanton X Mike Harvey  
X John Knowles A Dan Loew X Eric McClure (acting secretary) X Jason Stanton

A quorum X is, \_\_\_ is not present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

\* Moment of silence for Dan Loew \*

2. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.

Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y Kacie Brunner Y Dennis Stanton Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles A Dan Loew Y Eric McClure Y Jason Stanton

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

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

3. Public Comments.

- *Stephanie Harvey: question regarding quarantining while wearing masks and 6' apart. Do they still need to be quarantined?*
- *Jenny Lake: Thanked Board for current mask guidance. Shared date from CDC website regarding mask and COVID-19.*
- *Loretta Drake: Thanks to Board in listening to parents regarding masks. Hopes for a virtual option if masks required with in semester.*
- *Kelly Hulce: Dan will be sorely missed on Athens BOE.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Construction Update

- *Elementary – all flooring replaced/ things are moved back now.*
- *AHS – moving day was today/ flooring is done. Roofing was delayed due to lack of chemical available. Completion of roofing by first day of school.*

B. Teacher Hire

- *Jennifer Mueller – new Elementary teacher for 4<sup>th</sup> grade.*

C. COVID Update

- *Shared 2021-2022 Back to School plan/guidelines.*
- *Took some public comments regarding COVID-19*

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 19, 2021 Operational and Regular Meetings as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.

Second: Mc. Eric McClure.

ROLL CALL VOTE:      Y Kacie Brunner      Y Dennis Stanton      Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles      A Dan Loew      Y Eric McClure      Y Jason Stanton  
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, 2021.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.

Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

ROLL CALL VOTE:      Y Kacie Brunner      Y Dennis Stanton      Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles      A Dan Loew      Y Eric McClure      Y Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 6.      Nays: 0.  
Passed: X.      Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

- *We're still turning the corner on COVID*

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- *No update*

C. Superintendent/ High School Principal

- See attached report.
- Phone and internet service restored as of 8:30 AM today.

D. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

- See attached report.
- First day building back open today.
- Not giving kindergarten Readiness Assessment this year (per MDE)

E. Athletic Director.

- See attached report.
- HS fall sports underway.

F. Colleen Swank.

- Gave update from Summer School program.

7. Action Items.

A. Teacher Hire

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Jennifer Mueller as the new elementary teacher.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey

Second: Mr. John Knowles

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y Kacie Brunner     Y Dennis Stanton     Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles     A Dan Loew     Y Eric McClure     Y Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 6 .     Nays: 0 .  
Passed: X .     Defeated:      .

8. Public Comment

- *Stephanie Harvey: Concerned about level of school spirit. Has been declining for awhile.*
- *Kelly Hulce: Thanks for opportunity to work with movers at EL.*
- *Loretta Drake: Question regarding lockers and sports bags. Can they utilize locker rooms/leave books in classrooms.*

9. Board Comments.

- *Mr. Dennis Stanton: Dan will be thoroughly missed.*
- *Mrs. Kacie Brunner: Shared service information for Dan.*
- *Mr. John Knowles: Shared memories of Dan.*

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.

Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y Kacie Brunner     Y Dennis Stanton     Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles     A Dan Loew     Y Eric McClure     Y Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 6.    Nays: 0.  
Passed: X.    Defeated:     .

Time of adjournment: 8:37 PM.

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

Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Approved for publication by the Board: September 20, 2021 (date)