

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781  
September 21, 2020

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 if a quorum presence:

Present: Brunner: Y Harvey: Y Stanton: Y  
Knowles: Y Loew: Y McClure: A Penick: Y

A quorum    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. John Knowles.  
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.  
Passed: X. Defeated:   .

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

3. Public Comments.

*None at this time.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. New Teacher Hire

*We have 3 new hires. Coleen Cloward Special Educational teacher, Marty Trautman math teacher and Zachary Page-Wood Art/Yearbook teacher.*

B. Lunch Program

*Set program all free to Elementary.*

*Schools could apply for lunch program that we used last March to June. We have started the application process.*

C. Substitute Teacher Pay

*Our sub pay is low. Finance committee recommend we go to \$110.00 full day and \$60.00 half day.*

D. Elementary Wellness Award

*Official Wellness Award was received thanks to all involved. Gold winner – only 2 in the county 50 state wide.*

E. Extended COVID Response Plan

We had to develop an extended plan in response to new legislation that was passed. Mainly how we accountable to teaching our kids. Also, testing and attendance reporting & rates, achievement test, goals to meet.

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.  
 Second: Mr. Jeff Penick. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated:     .

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

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 ending August 31, 2020.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.  
 Second: Mr. Dan Loew. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated:     .

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y Kacie Brunner     Y Dennis Stanton     Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles     Y Dan Loew     N Eric McClure     Y Jeff Penick

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

*None at this time.*

B. Construction Update.

*Lockers install this weekend at East Leroy. Work with Central Tile with the problems with flooring at Elementary.*

C. Superintendent/High School Principal

*See Attached – No athletic fee this year*

*Finally have online students set up and running. Took longer than expected.*

D. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

*See attached – Cookie dough extended to October 16<sup>th</sup>.*

E. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.

*See attached – Special Ed having to check on Virtual Learning Students*

F. Athletic Director

*See attached – Had several cross country and volleyball games. 1<sup>st</sup> football game last Friday.*

7. Action Items.

A. New Teacher Hire

1. High School – Martin Trautman

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Martin Trautman as the new high school math teacher.

Motion:  Mrs. Kacie Brunner .

Second:  Mr. Jeff Penick . Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .

Passed:  X . Defeated:  .

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

Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .

## 2. High School – Coleen Cloward

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Coleen Cloward as a new high school special education teacher.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.  
 Second: Mr. John Knowles. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

## 3. High School – Zach Page-Wood

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Zach Page-Wood as a new high school art teacher.

Motion: Mr. Dan Loew.  
 Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.

## B. Lunch Program

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve participating in the extended school feeding program.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.  
 Second: Mr. Jeff Penick. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.  
 Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0.



## C. Substitute Teacher Pay

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve raising the substitute teacher pay to \$110 for a full day and \$60 for a half day.

Motion:  Mrs. Kacie Brunner .  
 Second:  Mr. Mike Harvey . Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .  
 Passed:  X . Defeated:  .

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

Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .

## D. Extended COVID-19 Response Plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the Extended COVID-19 Response Plan as presented.

Motion:  Mr. Jeff Penick .  
 Second:  Mr. John Knowles . Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .  
 Passed:  X . Defeated:  .

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

Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .

## 8. Public Comment.

*None at this time.*

## 9. Board Comment:

*Mr. John Knowles – Mr. Huepenbecker was a little hard on himself on the start of the Virtual Platform,  
 Mr. Mike Harvey – Thank the staff for working hard through this.*

## 10. Adjournment.


RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion:  Mr. John Knowles .  
 Second:  Mr. Mike Harvey . Ayes:  6 . Nays:  0 .  
 Passed:  X . Defeated:  .

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

Ayes:  6  Nays:  0 .

Time of adjournment:  8:03 pm

Minutes signed by , Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by:  Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Approved for publication by the Board:  October 19, 2020  (date)