

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Athens, Michigan 49011-9781  
November 16, 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: in 7:01 Harvey: Y Stanton: Y  
Knowles: Y Loew: Y McClure: Y Penick: Y

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. 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 Y Eric McClure no response had to log back in Jeff Penick

3. Public Comments.

*None at this time.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Chromebook

*Looking to add to and replace some old ones. About \$273.74 per unit. Currently we have 80 new chrome books ordered. 20 are from a grant we received.*

*Mr. Penick asked about donating the old ones.*

*Mr. Knowles suggested we need to order another 60*

*Updating our units and need better repair service. We will have a savings around \$50.00 per month. Friday units to be changed out and Monday training for staff.*

C. Phone Provider Switch

*ISD installed our phone system. We will switch to CTS for our service provider. Switching for cost savings.*

D. School Resource Officer Grant Update

*Grant received and will be able to provide service through 2025. Officer Frank is a great addition to our school.*

E. Extended COVID Response Plan

*Our plan has no changes to it at this time. Attend for October" 99.38%*

F. Proposal for DM Burr Custodial Extension

*Our contract expires: 12/31/2020. Mr. Knowles and Mr. Huepenbecker met with DM BURR and discussed new contract cost for 3 years.*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of Minutes of Prior Meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.  
Second: Mr. Dan Loew.  
Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: \_\_\_\_\_.

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 October 31, 2020.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.  
Second: Mr. Dan Loew.  
Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

ROLL CALL VOTE:       Y   Kacie Brunner       Y   Dennis Stanton       Y   Mike Harvey  
  Y   John Knowles       Y   Dan Loew       Y   Eric McClure       Y   Jeff Penick  
Ayes:   7   Nays:       .

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

*Results of elections congratulations to Mr. Eric McClure, Mr. Dan Loew and Mr. Jason Stanton. Thanks to Mr. Jeff Penick for his service.*

B. Construction Update.

*Time to start working on this summer's project. Need to meet with facilities committee.*

C. Superintendent/High School Principal

*See Attached*

D. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

*See Attached*

*Stachia Bagley received the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Educational Teacher Award at the Middle School Level for the VFW.*

E. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.

*See Attached*

F. Athletic Director

*See Attached*

*Varsity football qualified for playoffs, cheerleading, varsity volleyball District Champs, Regional Finals. Travis Pennock resigned as wrestling coach. Can always use more volunteers to help.*

7. Action Items.

A. DM Burr Contract

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the contract with DM Burr for custodial services as presented and recommended by the Superintendent.

Motion:   Mr. John Konwles  .  
Second:   Mr. Mike Harvey  . Ayes:   7   Nays:   0  .  
Passed:   X  . Defeated:       .

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

8. Public Comment.

*None at this Public Comments.*

9. Board Comment.

*Mr. Knowles: Thanked everyone for doing what they are and going above and beyond.  
Mr. Stanton: The whole Board thanks all for all they are doing.*

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.  
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0.  
Passed: X. Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

Time of adjournment: 8:08 PM.

Minutes signed by:  Secretary of the Board of Education

Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Approved for publication by the Board: December 21, 2020 (date)