

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS
Board of Education
East Leroy, Michigan 49051
May 15, 2023

REGULAR MEETING
Media Center
7:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to order, Mr. John Knowles presiding at 7:01 PM.

A. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present: Penick: X in 7:17pm Setlak: X Harvey: X Knowles: X
Loew: X McClure: X Stanton: X in 7:08pm

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: Mrs. Teri Loew.
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0.
Passed: X. Defeated: _____.

3. Public Comments.

None

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. CISD Bi-Annual Election

- *1 candidate for 2-year term (1seat)-Jean Goodrich*
- *3 candidates for 6-year term (2 seats)-Ellen Collier, Eric Greene, Catherine Yates*
**see bio/ candidates packet (attached)*

B. Construction Update

- *Work began today at former Middle School facility.*

C. Calendar

- *See attached, proposed 2023-2024 District calendar.*
- *Will need a waiver for no school on March 22 (before spring break)*

D. Retirements

- *Mr. Joe Huepenbecker, superintendent with Athens Area Schools for 13 years*
- *Anita Shoup, bus driver with Athens Area Schools for 30+ years*
- *Angie Harris, Jr./Sr. High School secretary with Athens Area Schools for 25 years*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve of the minutes of the April 17 Regular and May 03 Special 2023 Board Meetings as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure .
 Second: Mr. Jeff Penick .
 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 April 30, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey .
 Second: Mrs. Hilary Setlak .
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .
 Passed: X . Defeated: _____ .

6. Reports.

A. Board President.

- *Winding down for school year, looking forward to graduation (best day to be a board member)*

B. Facilities/Planning Committee.

- *None.*

C. Superintendent

- *See attached*
- *Update re: possible changes to prohibited subjects for bargaining*
- *Savoy Energy, LLC has approached school to lease oil/gas rights. Sent to our attorney for review*
- *Update re: overreach by superintendent in district's volunteer policy and background checks. Public apology for same. Discontinuing improper practice.*

D. High School Administrator

- See attached.
- Scholarship night May 17th
- Graduation May 25th
- Arrive Alive tour presented last week to allow students in simulator to experience distracted driving.

E. Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

- See attached.
- Teacher/Staff appreciation week – May 8-12
- Waiting for response from MDE, following M-STEP observation in April
- 24 incoming kindergartners thus far

F. Athletic Director.

- See attached.
- Update on spring sports
- In process of filling both varsity basketball coach positions.

G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance.

- See attached.
- Attending a series of workshops on English Language Learners; will be monitored on this next year.

7. Action Items.

A. CISD Bi-Annual Election

.RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education appoint Teri Loew as the Board’s elector for the Calhoun Intermediate School District Board of Education with Hilary Setlak as alternate, and to cast a vote on the first ballot for Jean Goodrich for the one two (2) year term with nominations for Eric Greene and Catherine Yales for the two six (6) year terms in accordance with the attached materials and resolution.

Motion: Mr. Eric McClure.
 Second: Mrs. Teri Loew.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.
 Passed: X. Defeated: .

B. Calendar Approval - Possible

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2023-2024 school calendar as ratified by the teachers and presented by the superintendent.

Motion: Mr. Jason Stanton.
 Second: Mr. Jeff Penick.
 Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

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8. Public Comment

- *None.*

Break out @ 8:05 PM

Back in @ 8:12 PM

9. Closed Sessions

A. Superintendent Evaluation - Midyear

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of mid-year progress monitoring of the superintendent for his evaluation.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey .

Second: Mrs. Hilary Setlak .

Roll Call: Penick: Y Setlak: Y Harvey: Y Knowles: Y

Loew: Y McClure: Y Stanton: Y

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Passed: X . Defeated: _____ . Time: 8:13 PM .

President moves the meeting be returned to Open Session.

Time: 9:43 PM

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.


Motion: Mr. Jason Stanton .

Second: Mr. Jeff Penick .

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 .

Passed: X . Defeated: _____.

Time: 9:44 PM

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

Minutes prepared by: Angie Harris, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

Approved for publication by the Board : June 19, 2023 (date)