

ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
East Leroy, Michigan 49051  
February 21, 2022

REGULAR MEETING  
Media Center/Via Google Meets  
7:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to order, Mr. Dennis Stanton presiding at 7:03 PM.

A. membership count to determine quorum presence:

Present:  X  Kacie Brunner  X  Dennis Stanton  X  Mike Harvey  
 X  John Knowles  X  Joel Chapman  X  Eric McClure  X  Jason Stanton

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 amended. Add:4I Mendon Petition to Join the SCAA and 7H Mendon Joining SCAA Vote

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.

Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

ROLL CALL VOTE:  Y  Kacie Brunner  Y  Dennis Stanton  Y  Mike Harvey  
 Y  John Knowles  Y  Joel Chapman  Y  Eric McClure  Y  Jason Stanton

Ayes:  7  Nays:  0 .

Passed:  X . Defeated:  .

3. Public Comments.

*Loretta Drake; kudos to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Huepenbecker for PTSO dance and door decorating contest.*

4. Presentations/Discussions.

A. Revised Budget

*Taxable values of property have increase 2%. We have increased our overall revenue based on increased foundation allowance, increased enrollment, and COVID relief funds from federal sources. Since the federal sources need to be spent down our expenditures have likewise increased.*

*See written narrative prepared by Business Manager Tonia Vorce.*

B. Outreach Coordinator

- *Mr. John Thompson – 17 years administrator – teaching experience*

C. Paraprofessional Discussion

- *Edward Robinson – permanently filling position open since fall 2020*
- *TJ Henderson – served as coach, substitute para pro for district prior.*

D. Smart Boards

- *Add a new, interactive dimension to education.*
- *Access to database of teacher – created lessons for Smart Boards.*
- *1 per classroom in the District; work with ISD on installation.*

E. Outside Wireless Approval

- *Exterior wireless access points*
- *Expand wireless network to school grounds*
- *Both Jr./Sr High and ELE buildings*

F. Adult School Lunch Prices

- *Required by USDA to raise price.*
- *Prices will go from \$4.00 per adult lunch to \$5.15 effective March 1, 2022*
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G. School Nurse Cost Increase

- *Through Oaklawn Hospital*
- *Nurse Macy performance evaluations warrant merit raise of 2%*
- *Recommendation: Pay back-pay and grant merit raise.*

H. COVID Update

- *CCPHD lifted recommendation for mask mandate for school buildings (masks on buses still required)*
- *CCPHD changed quarantine rules. No longer mandated for exposures to COVID positive cases. Send notification to exposed students; up to parents to quarantine.*

I. Mendon Petition to Join the SCAA

- *SCAA considering letting Mendon enter membership to SCAA. AD and Superintendent support motion.*

5. Routine Matters.

A. Presentation of minutes of prior meetings:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2022 Regular and Special Meetings as presented/amended.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.  
Second: Mr. Eric McClure.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
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 January 31, 2022.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.  
Second: Mr. Mike Harvey.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X .   Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

6.     Reports.

A.     Board President.

- *None at this time.*

B.     Facilities/Planning Committee.

- *Met this past month; meeting w/ Fredericks Construction/Tower Pinkster about future projects.*

C.     Superintendent

- *See attached. Officially moved office to Administration building. Update on budgeting for 22-23 year.*

D.     Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director

- *See attached. Thanked PTSO for putting on daddy-daughter dance. Ms. Love earned a \$2,500.00 grant for staff wellness.*

E. Outreach Coordinator

- *Shared verbal update and thanks for welcome to Athens family.*

F. Athletic Director.

- *See attached. Shared updates on winter sports.*

G. School Improvement, Assessment, and Compliance

- *See attached. Shared strand report. Prep completed for spring assessments.*

7. Action Items.

A. Revision 1 of 2021-2022 General Budget

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the R1 2021-2022 General Fund Budget as presented and recommended by the superintendent.

Motion:     Mrs. Kacie Brunner    .

Second:     Mr. Mike Harvey    .

ROLL CALL VOTE:         Y     Kacie Brunner               Y     Dennis Stanton               Y     Mike Harvey  
    Y     John Knowles       Y     Joel Chapman               Y     Eric McClure               Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes:     7     Nays:     0    .  
Passed:     X    . Defeated:       .

B. Outreach Coordinator

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring John Thompson as the high school Outreach Coordinator.

Motion:     Mr. Jason Stanton    .

Second:     Mr. Mike Harvey    .

ROLL CALL VOTE:         Y     Kacie Brunner               Y     Dennis Stanton               Y     Mike Harvey  
    Y     John Knowles       Y     Joel Chapman               Y     Eric McClure               Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes:     7     Nays:     0    .  
Passed:     X    . Defeated:       .

C. Paraprofessional Hires

1.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring Edward Robinson as a paraprofessional.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.  
Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X .   Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

2.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the hiring T.J. Henderson as a paraprofessional.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.  
Second: Mr. Eric McClure.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X .   Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Smart Board Purchase

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of Smart Boards for all classrooms in the district with a not to exceed total cost of \$148,000.

Motion: Mr. Joel Chapman.  
Second: Mr. Dennis Stanton.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X .   Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

E. Outside Wireless Access Points

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of Exterior Wireless Access Points for buildings in the district with a not to exceed total cost of \$7,500.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.  
Second: Mr. John Knowles.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X . Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Adult Lunch Prices

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the increase of adult school lunch prices to \$5.15 effective at the beginning of next month.

Motion: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.  
Second: Mr. Eric McClure.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X . Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

G. School Nurse Wage Increase

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the 2% wage increase for the school nurse for both 2019 and 2020 years as well as issue payment for \$1424.90 to compensate for these increases not being include in her salaries for those two years.

Motion: Mr. Mike Harvey.  
Second: Mrs. Kacie Brunner.

ROLL CALL VOTE:     Y     Kacie Brunner           Y     Dennis Stanton           Y     Mike Harvey  
Y     John Knowles     Y     Joel Chapman           Y     Eric McClure           Y     Jason Stanton  
Ayes: 7   Nays: 0.  
Passed: X . Defeated: \_\_\_\_\_.

H. Mendon Joining SCAA Vote

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Education approve the acceptance of Mendon Community Schools in the South Central Athletic Association

Motion: Mr. Dennis Stanton.

Second: Mr. Jason Stanton.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y Kacie Brunner Y Dennis Stanton Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles Y Joel Chapman Y Eric McClure Y Jason Stanton

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

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

8. Public Comment

- *Jenny Lake – thanked Mr. Huepenbecker for updating COVID policy.*
- *Loretta Drake – Can you clarify Mr. Thompson’s new role? Issue re: communication of this new hire. Issue re: increasing school spirit and increasing involvement.*
- *Kelly Hulce- Welcome Mr. Thompson and hope to see you at ELE soon.*

9. Board Comment

- *Mr. John Knowles- thanked all for attending*

10. Adjournment.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move the meeting be adjourned.

Motion: Mr. John Knowles.

Second: Mr. Joel Chapman.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Y Kacie Brunner Y Dennis Stanton Y Mike Harvey  
Y John Knowles Y Joel Chapman Y Eric McClure Y Jason Stanton

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

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

Time of adjournment: 8:55 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: March 21, 2022 (date)