

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 16, 2023

6:30 P.M. Central Office Board Room

This meeting was conducted in full compliance with § 36-25A-1, et seq. of the *Code of Alabama*, commonly referred to as the “Alabama Open Meeting Law”. Present were approximately 65 members of the public and 72 Cheerleaders.

CALL TO ORDER: Jennifer Manville – Board Vice-President called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Anthony Townsend
Beth Patton, Superintendent
Shannon Hutton

Absent: Beverly Malone
Scott Henry

1. Mrs. Hutton opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mr. Townsend led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all three members voting yes.
4. There was no public input.
5. Mrs. Patton recognized the Athens High School and Athens Middle School Cheerleaders and Mrs. Manville presented certificates for their achievements.
6. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS gave an update on current projects within the system:

James Cowart - Roof

Had the final inspection yesterday, we are not going to accept the roof; flashing, missing downspout, loose insulation, etc....

Contractor will have 30 days from yesterday to repair/install any missing items or be charged another inspection fee

Clinton Street - Gym HVAC

Unit is cooling and heating....TRANE has not provided a date on the bad compressors, but we are holding temp

Clinton Street - Chiller

Pettus Mechanical will install and schedule for delivery mid-April

Rec Center - Weight Room HVAC

The HVAC unit has a ship date of 6/16/23

Baseball Storage Building

DONE

Stadium - Visitor Bleachers

Bid today - will be on the April board meeting

AMS - Canopy

Ship date June 2023...I did meet with the canopy installer Wednesday so a little hope it will arrive sooner

Athens High - Auditorium

We spent a day scanning the existing conditions....this was to ensure that the bond beams were installed at the correct height and length per the plans / specs...and they were
Anticipating 10wks on design docs to the DCM for approval

In 2-3 weeks we'll have a good footprint of the space to meet with staff

Julian Newman

We are through with the footprint of the building and 90% of the spaces...still working through the existing auditorium, a few office items, Mech, Electrical and Comm closets

AIS - Prelim Design

We have 2 options and are going through the pros / cons to see what would best fit in the space

Risk Management - Recommendations

We are making our way through the list....down to just a few remaining

7. Upon Superintendent Patton's recommendation of the following items, Mrs. Hutton moved that the Board approve the items set forth below in the consent agenda. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with all three members voting yes.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023
2. Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2023
3. Paid payables – February 2023
4. Financial Statements – February 2023
5. Personnel
6. Field Trip Request – AHS Track and Field (Overnight)
7. Field Trip Request – AMS Cheer (Overnight)
8. Addendum to AHS 2023-2024 Curriculum Catalog
9. Facility Use Request – Athens Recreation Center
10. Facility Use Request – Black and Gold Circle
11. Board Policy – New- EJ Naming Board Facilities Policy
12. Resolution Concerning the Investment of Certain Funds

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Retirement

1. Mike Bishop – Administrator for Transportation and Maintenance
2. Karen Griggs – Bookkeeper at AIS
3. Bryant Malone – Maintenance Worker at AHS
4. Ginger Malone – Math Teacher at AHS
5. Virginia Malone – 1st Grade Teacher at AES
6. Beth McClain – Science Teacher at AHS
7. Nina White – Social Studies Teacher at AHS

B. Resignation

1. Sammy Ford – Custodian at AIS

C. Transfer

1. Shannon Carter – 10-month Counselor to 12-month Counselor at AHS

D. Leave of Absence

1. Paige Evans

E. Cancellation of Contracted Services

1. Kathy Gifford

F. Employment

1. Mary Beth Bryant – Latchkey at BES

G. Contracted Services

1. Madison Isbell – Homebound Instruction for Non-Special Ed Student
2. Danny Anderson – Storm Shelter Admin

8. Superintendent's Report is attached.

9. Mrs. Beth Patton made a recommendation to enter an executive session. The Alabama Open Meetings law allows the school board to go into executive session to (i) conduct a student disciplinary hearing, (ii) discuss the general reputation and character of individuals, and (iii) to discuss and deliberate evidence and testimony presented during a contested hearing. Mrs. Patton asked the board members to move that the school board convene in executive session for all of those reasons. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board enter into an executive session. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion.


The vote was unanimous, in favor of the recommendation to enter into an executive session with all three members voting yes.

10. Upon the conclusion of the executive session Mrs. Hutton moved that the board return to the regular session. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote with all three members voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent


Mrs. Jennifer Manville, Vice-President



Superintendent's Report

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Garner Ezell

- The following **state assessments** have been administered in Athens City Schools during the second semester.
 - *ACCESS for ELLs: January 30 – March 17*
 - *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs: January 30 – March 17*
 - *ACAP Alternate: March 1 – April 7*
 - *ACT with Writing: March 14*
- The **ACS Textbook Committee** is currently reviewing K-3 Comprehensive English Language Arts (ELA) series that can be used as instructional resources in building units of study and designing learning experiences for students.
- **District math and ELA teams** are doing excellent work in developing a **K-12 Numeracy Plan** and a **K-12 Literacy Plan** respectively for Athens City Schools. These teams will continue their work during summer 2023.
- Athens City Schools will host its annual **Job Fair** on March 20.
- Approximately **75 ACS elementary teachers** are participating in **LETRS** (*Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling*) training. LETRS training is based on the science of reading. It can take upwards of 160 hours to complete over the course of two years. 45 ACS elementary teachers will complete their two-year commitment in April 2023.
- The **District MTSS** (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) **Team** has been meeting on a monthly basis since November 2022. The focus of the work has been in grades 4-8 and will expand to other grades in the future. The team has been analyzing data, completing an initiative inventory, reviewing communication tools, and developing a common academic language for the district. The team also examined data from a recent MTSS survey that was distributed to employees, students, parents, and community members.
- **Summer Learning Camp** is scheduled for the month of June for eligible students in grades K-5. The camp will be held at iAcademy @ Athens Elementary School and will include both reading and math intervention activities.
- 46 ACS educators will be attending **AVID Summer Institute** in Tampa, Florida on June 18-21 to learn more about writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading (WICOR) strategies that can be used in classrooms to help close the opportunity gap.
- ACS administrators will be participating in **Learning Walks** at iAcademy @ Athens Elementary School on March 21. The learning walk process is focused on the tasks that students are working on in the classroom. Administrators will be leading teachers on learning walks in their schools during April and May.
- The following **Cognia surveys** have been administered in Athens City Schools. The data collected will be analyzed and used for strategic planning.
 - *Climate and Culture Survey for Elementary Students*
 - *Climate and Culture Survey for Secondary Students*
 - *Climate and Culture Survey for Teachers*
 - *Family Engagement Survey for Parents*

ATTENDANCE REPORT

School	August 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023
iAcademy @ AES	336+65	339+69	349+73	348 + 75	352 + 78	353 + 82	355 + 84
FAME Academy @ BES	349+18	346+18	346+18	347 +20	349 + 20	348 + 20	347 + 21
SPARK Academy @ CES	314+18	314+18	317+22	312 + 21	309 + 21	310 + 20	311 +20
HEART Academy @ JNES	333+38	334+37	340+40	343 +40	342 + 41	343 + 43	343 + 43
Athens Intermediate	587	584	588	591	592	594	591
Athens Middle	952	949	947	950	947	954	950
Athens High	1164	1166	1162	1160	1147	1142	1136
Athens Renaissance	658	641	644	641	650	647	647
	4,832	4,815	4,846	4,848	4,848	4,856	4,848

Athens City Schools March 2023

SCHOOLS REPORT

Athens Intermediate School

- Nora Dunnavant, an AIS 5th grader, recently represented the Athens Boys & Girls Club as their 2023 Junior Youth of The Year! Some of Nora's hobbies include hiking, sightseeing and coding. Nora said she loves the Boys & Girls Club because it gives her a space to be herself.
- AIS Field Day tee shirts sales will begin Wednesday, March 1, 2023. This year's shirt is the "AIS We are Family" shirt - 4th grade is yellow and 5th grade is green. The cost of the shirt is \$15.00 each.
- Kona Ice will be available to students for purchase on March 15 during PE.
- Report cards will be available on our PowerSchool Parent Portal on March 15. A hard copy will also be sent home.
- Students and faculty celebrated "Read Across America" week March 6-9, 2023.
- ACAP testing dates:
4th grade - April 11-14
5th grade - April 18-20
- MTSS stands for Multi-tiered Support System. MTSS is a proactive and preventative framework that integrates data and instruction to maximize student achievement and support students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs from a strengths-based perspective. On March 10, our certified staff participated in MTSS training #3 & 4 which included analyzing our methods of communication, learning about the Kids Count Data Book and its implications for our school, and identifying programs and initiatives that we currently use so that the district can analyze the implementation impact of each.

Athens High School

- Senior Claudia Henson has been accepted to the Early Medical School Acceptance Program at UAB. She is one of only 18 accepted out of more than 500 who applied from all over the world and is only the second student accepted from AHS ever!

- Junior Tahjee' Nelson was selected by a board in Montgomery to serve as the 2023-2024 CTSO-JROTC State President. He will be a tremendous asset, representing Athens High School, as he travels around the state leading the state officer team consisting of cadets from various high schools and military branches.
- JROTC held their Military Ball at Redstone Arsenal.
- The Junior Class sat for the ACT on March 14, 2023.
- Recently 38 students from AHS and 48 students from AMS participated in the State Chorale Performance Assessment and received Excellent Scores.
- Choir students from AHS (16) and AMS (17) participated in the UAB Honor Choir. All choir students were given the chance to ask questions of the UAB Singers regarding college life, scholarship opportunities, and performing arts activities.
- The AHS Senior Prom was held at Cook's Museum in Decatur on March 18.
- Majorette and Cheer tryouts have taken place for 2023-2024.
- The AHS Scholars' Bowl qualified to compete in the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Atlanta in May.
- Athens High School students Christina Jones, Katrina Wiggins, and Malea Wiggins participated in the Athens-Limestone County Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address. Katrina and Malea led The Pledge of Allegiance, and Christina delivered powerful closing remarks.
- AHS Concert Band earned superior scores on stage in the AA classification at the Musical Performance Assessment (MPA). This is the highest classification possible.

SPORTS REPORT

We are now in the middle of Spring Sports. Each team is having a good season and is looking forward to making the playoffs. Dates, times, and places for playoffs will be announced later. If you have not made it to a home game yet, below is the remaining March home schedule:

March 16	Thursday	Priceville	Athens Sportsplex	Tennis	4:00
March 16	Thursday	Monrovia	HOME	8th Baseball DH	4:30/6:30
March 16	Thursday	Hartselle	HOME	V/JV Softball	4:30/6:00
March 20	Monday	Liberty	HOME	8th/7th Baseball	4:30/6:30
March 20	Monday	Florence	HOME	AMS Soccer	5:00
March 21	Tuesday	Summertown, Tn	HOME	V/JV Baseball	5:00/6:30
March 21	Tuesday	Decatur	HOME	7th Baseball DH	4:30/6:30
March 21	Tuesday	South Giles	HOME	AMS Softball	5:00
March 23	Thursday	Sparkman	HOME	V/JV Baseball	4:30/6:30
March 23	Thursday	Sparkman	HOME	V/JV Softball	4:30
March 24	Friday	Columbia	Athens Sportsplex	Tennis	4:00
March 24	Friday	Columbia	HOME - SENIOR NIGHT	Varsity Baseball	4:30

March 24	Friday	Madison Academy	HOME	Freshman Baseball	4:30/6:30
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Our spring AHS and AMS head coaches are:

Soccer – Chelsea Hurst and Gil Dobbs

Baseball – Chuck Smith and Matt Stockman

Outdoor Track – Chris Massaro and Zane Campbell

Softball – Travis Barnes and Whitley Berryhill

Golf – Andrew Campbell and Jacob Ricketts

Tennis – James Crowder

Thank you in advance for your support of ACS athletics.

LET'S GO, GOLDEN EAGLES!!!