ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION February 23, 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 39 members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Malone – Board President called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Anthony Townsend

Beth Patton, Superintendent

Scott Henry Shannon Hutton

Jennifer Manville, Board Vice-President

- 1. Mrs. Malone opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2. Boy Scout Troop 282 from Ardmore and a member from Troop 240 in Athens led the Pledge of Allegiance with Levi Biggerstaff leading.
- 3. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 4. There was no public input.
- 5. Mrs. Patton recognized members of the AHS Track Team and Mrs. Malone presented their certificates for their achievements.
- Mrs. Patton also recognized our Career and Technical Education teachers along with the Career Tech Director, Mrs. Gia Russell. February is Career and Technical Education month and a proclamation was presented to Mrs. Russell.
- 7. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS gave an update on current projects within the system:

James Cowart - Roof

Material, dumpsters, etc...removed from the site

Some punch list items that are not completed to date; miro rollers, trim pieces on freezer/cooler, and re-attached communication wires

Clinton Street - Gym HVAC

TRANE and Pettus started the unit and ran in heat and cooling

Unfortunately, after start-up, it was determined the unit arrived with two bad compressors....TRANE will replace ASAP

We can still heat / cool as-is just not at full capacity

Athletic Facility - Weight Room HVAC

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

Baseball Storage Building

Pad is poured

The building is to arrive next week

Stadium - Visitor Bleachers

Received drawings/specs today

Bidding March 16th

Looking at getting the area around the track (drop-offs) concreted under this contract

AMS - Canopy

Ship date June 2023

Athens High - Auditorium

No new updates

Julian Newman

Working through design, classroom counts, offices, nurse, library, etc...

AIS - Prelim Design

We are working on the additions/gym locations...have a couple of options we are looking at

Athens Elementary - New Building

Still working through some new construction issues...

Risk Management - Recommendations

We had 34 items to address...8 items are complete the rest are either in process, review,ed or awaiting pricing

I did want to mention that the Press Box at the old stadium on Clinton will be demo'ed

- 8. Upon Superintendent Patton's recommendation of the following items, Mrs. Malone moved that the Board approve the items set forth below in the consent agenda. Mr. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with all five members voting yes.
 - A. Consent Items Approved:
- 1. Approval of Minutes January 19, 2023
- 2. Approval of Minutes February 6, 2023
- 3. Paid payables January 2
- 4. Financial Statements January 2023
- 5. Personnel
- 6. Volunteers
- 7. Field Trip Request AHS Varsity Golf (Overnight)
- 8. Field Trip Request AHS SCA (Overnight)
- Field Trip Request AHS Scholars Bowl (Overnight & Out of State)
- 10. Field Trip Request AHS Baseball (Overnight)
- 11. Field Trip Request AHS Cheer (Overnight)
- 12. Field Trip Request AHS Girls Varsity Golf (Overnight)
- 13. Field Trip Request AHS Varsity Golf (Overnight)
- 14. 2023-2024 Course Catalog Approval AHS, ARS & AMS
- 15. Resolution to Rename the Jackie Greenhaw Foundation Room
- 16. Reimbursement of Sick Days
- 17. Contract Approval McKee & Associates, Inc for the Replacement of the AHS Stadium visitor Bleachers
- 18. Contract Approval DocuSign Renewal

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B. Personnel Items Approved:

- A. Retirement
 - 1. Cliff Smith School Counselor at AHS
 - 2. Brady Elmore Maintenance for ACS
- B. Resignation
 - 1. April Marsh PE Teacher at BES
 - 2. Jacob Ricketts AHS Outdoor Track Coach
- C. Leave of Absence
 - 1. Tasia Farmer
 - 2. Alexandra Ezell
- D. Employment
 - Zac Mucci Outdoor Track and Field coach for AHS/AMS
 - James Crowder Head Boys and Girls Tennis Coach for AHS
- E. Contracted Services
 - 1. Payton Aderholt Latchkey Worker at BES
 - 2. Gage Coker Baseball Videoboard Operator
 - 3. Lori Thompson Part-Time Substitute for Counselor
 - 4. Jana Loveless Visual Impairment Consult
 - 5. Teacher Mentor Program AHS
 - 6. Teacher mentoring Program BES
 - 7. Teacher mentoring Program CES
 - 8. After School Tutor Substitutes at AES
 - 9. After School Tutor BES
 - 10. After-School Tutoring BES
 - 11. Donald J. Thomas Part-Time PE Teacher and Assistant Football Coach
- 9. Superintendent's Report is attached.
- 10. Mrs. Patton made the recommendation that the Board enter into an executive session.

Prior to the vote on this recommendation, Anne Burrows, attorney for the board of education, provided the oral and written certification required by law with respect to the litigation exception. Mrs. Anne Burrows (School Board Attorney) stated the executive session was to discuss with the Board's attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation.

11. Mrs. Manville moved that the board accept that recommendation and enter into Executive Session. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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- 12. Upon the conclusion of the executive session Mrs. Manville moved that the board return to the regular session. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- 13. A resolution was presented Regarding E-Cigarette Litigation. Mr. Henry moved that the board accept the resolution. Mrs. Manville Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A copy of the Resolution is attached to the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Manville.

Mrs. Beth Patton Superintendent Mrs. Beverly Malone, President



Superintendent's Report February 23, 2023 Board Meeting

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Exceptional Services, Dr. Jessica Lynn:

• The Athens City/Limestone County Special Olympics Track & Field is returning this year. The event is planned for Friday, May 5th at the Athens Stadium and we welcome you to join us that day to volunteer and/or cheer on our special athlete

ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Athens City Schools February 2023

SCHOOLS REPORT

Athens Intermediate School

• 2023 Athens Limestone Martin Luther King Jr. Essay/Art Winners

Essay Winners Grades 4-5

Second Place: Reese Wagner, AIS Third Place: Chyanne Jarmon, AIS

Art Winners

Grades 2-5 First Place - Ansley Murphy, AIS

AIS National Board Certified Teachers

Kara Crumbley Benitha Mass Ashley Sams

- The AIS Spring Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you Mrs. Pressnell, Mrs. Brooks and all volunteers who helped! We love to read!
- 5th Grader, Reese Wagner, was a semi-finalist in the first Flight Art Contest.
- 4th Graders will attend the Young People' Concert February 24, 2023.
- 5th Graders are visiting the Cook Museum for Aquarist For A Day. The trips began February 3 and will continue until Mar 22, 2023.
- PTO Candy Bar sales will begin Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
- Thank you to our PTO officers for heading up our fundraising efforts:
- Amber McDowell
- Kathy Hollman
- Lauren Hardison
- Lacey Harrison
- Spring Pictures will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
- AIS Yearbooks are now on sale! \$35.0 each Order online at:

HTTPS://www.yearbookordercenter.com/jobsearch/displayhome

Enter code: 15975

Athens Middle School

- AMS SCA recently held their annual Valentine's Candy Grams fundraiser. They raised over \$1,000.
- On Friday, February 17th auditions were held for the Eagles Got Talent Show. The show will take place on Friday, March 24th. This will give students the opportunity to display their artistic and musical talents in front of their classmates and teachers.
- AMS Band recently attended a Pre-MPA contest in Ardmore. Mr. Griffin says the band is making great progress and continuing to receive excellent marks.
- Mrs. Jessica Brown, a 6th grade Social Studies teacher, was recently named the VFW Alabama Middle School Teacher of the Year for 2022-2023.

- At their most recent competition in Orlando, AMS Cheer placed 2nd in the World School Cheerleading Championship and 3rd in the Nation for Large Junior High.
- Austin Campbell and Lakin Poff, both 8th graders at AMS, recently competed at the AHSAA
 State Wrestling Tournament. Austin placed 4th in the state for his weight class. Lakin placed 6th in the State for his weight class.
- Spring sports are underway. Baseball, softball, soccer and outdoor track are looking forward to a great season.

Athens High School

- Senior Troy Young was selected as Bryant-Jordan 6A Area 16 Achievement Winner in the Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Competition. Troy will now move on to compete for Region Winner.
- Senior Christina Jones represented Limestone County at the Distinguished Young Women State Competition in Montgomery. Christina had the chance to connect with U.S. Senator Katie Britt who is also a Girls State and DYW alumni.
- Athens High School Junior, Catherine Johnstone, made the 2023 AHSAA North All-Star Cross Country Team! Catherine will have the opportunity to race in the 7th Annual North-South All-Star Cross Country Race during AHSAA All-Stars Week in July. We are #athensproud of Catherine!!!
- Asa Savoie has advanced to National Merit Finalist in the 68th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program! Asa will now compete for the title of National Merit Scholar!
- January CTE Students of the month:
 - Engineering Academy: Kinley Hargrove and Gavin Swint Hospitality and
 - Tourism Academy: Sydney Lawrence
- Tech School Tours for 9th Grade students took place February 10.
- Juniors attended the 11th Grade Career Workforce Expo at Ingalls Harbor Pavilion in Decatur.
- Aaron Glaze was voted Homegoing King.
- The AHS Varsity Scholars Bowl Team received a bid to compete at the N-A-Q-T High School National Tournament in May in Atlanta. They placed second at District and will advance to State play. The team had the highest points per game average than other teams in their pool. They won 4 of 5 games including victories over Ardmore with a score of 430-120, Elkmont: 420-110, West Limestone: 520-10, and East Limestone: 490-20.
- Our Cheerleaders won Nationals and Worlds in Orlando!!! This means they made a clean sweep of the season. They won the State Championship, Regional Championship, National Championship, and World School Championship!
- The Academy of Craft Training made a presentation to 10th and 11 graders about a new program that will be available next year for students interested in training in building construction, welding, HVAC, plumbing/pipefitting, and electrical.
- SCA completed Kindness Week and the Full Tummy Project.

SPORTS REPORT

WINTER SPORTS:

And just like that...it's over! Winter sports have ended for the 2022 – 2023 season. There were many highs and lows. Some teams met or exceeded their goals, while others fell a little short. Overall, it was one of the best seasons for our players and coaches. Champions were crowned, jackets were earned, milestones were met, and obstacles were overcome. The work, time, and effort the coaches and players put in truly paid off. Coaches are already planning and strategizing for next season.

Thank you to the AHS and AMS Winter Sports Coaches:

Girls Basketball - Capriee Tucker and Jarrod Harrison

Boys Basketball - Danny Anderson and Nicholas Ridgeway

Wrestling - Andrew Campbell and Jim Horn

Indoor Track - Chris Massaro

SPRING SPORTS

The coaches and players are geared up and ready for games and matches. There is at least one home game every day, so come by and show your support.

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!!!

DAY	DATE	SCHOOL	LOCATION	TIME
Monday	February 13	Hartselle*	HOME	4:00
Thursday	February 16	Bob Jones	Madison	3:00
Thursday	February 23	Muscle Shoals*	Muscle Shoals	4:00
Monday	February 27	James Clemens	HOME	4:00
Tuesday	February 28	Decatur*	Point Mallard	4:00
Tuesday	March 7	Madison Academy*	HOME	4:00
Thursday	March 9	Austin	Point Mallard	4:00
Monday	March 13	Athens Bible(Girls Only)	HOME	4:00
Thursday	March 16	Priceville	HOME	4:00
Friday	March 24	Columbia*	HOME	4:00
Monday	April 3	Lauderdale Co.	HOME	4:00
Thursday	April 6	Huntsville	HOME	4:00
Tuesday	April 10	Boaz	HOME	4:00
Wednesday	April 19	AHSAA Sectionals	Point Mallard	ТВА
Mon-Tues	April 24-25	AHSAA State Tournament	Mobile	ТВА
* Region Gar	mae			
Region Gar	lies			-
1.30.2023				

2023 ATHENS FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Varsity - al	games	are	at	7:00	pm
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Thursday Aug 24	at East Limestone	Away	
Friday Sept 1	BOB JONES	HOME	
Friday Sept 8	DECATUR	HOME	
Friday Sept 15	at Muscle Shoals	Away	
Friday Sept 22	MAE JEMISON	HOME (HOMECOMING)	
	OPEN	monie (mon	necolvillad)
Friday Oct 6	at Cullman	Away	
Friday Oct 13	at Hartselle	Away	
Friday Oct 20	COLUMBIA	HOME	
Friday Oct 27	at Fort Payne	Away	
Friday Nov 3	RUSSELLVILLE	НОМЕ	
	Junior Varsity		
Monday Aug 28	EAST LIMESTONE	HOME	6:00
Monday Sept 4	at Bob Jones	Away	11:30 am
Monday Sept 11	at West Morgan	Away	6:30
Monday Sept 18	MUSCLE SHOALS	HOME	6:30
Monday Sept 25	*EGG BOWL vs 9th Grade*	HOME	6:00
Monday Oct 2	at Decatur	Away	6:00
Monday Oct 9	CULLMAN	HOME	6:30
Monday Oct 16	HARTSELLE	HOME	6:30
Monday Oct 23	at James Clemens	Away	6:30
	9 th Grade		
Monday Aug 28	at Buckhorn	Away	6:00
Monday Sept 4	at Bob Jones	Away	10:00 am
Monday Sept 11	at West Limestone	Away	6:00
Monday Sept 18	MUSCLE SHOALS	HOME	5:00
Monday Sept 25	*EGG BOWL vs. JV*	HOME	6:00
Monday Oct 2	HUNTSVILLE	HOME	5:00
Monday Oct 9	CULLMAN	HOME	5:00
Monday Oct 16	HARTSELLE	HOME	5:00
Monday Oct 23	at James Clemens	Away	5:00
			2.00

2.07.2023



A RESOLUTION REGARDING E-CIGARETTE LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Athens City Board of Education is concerned with e-cigarette use by students and the effect it has on student health and education; and

WHEREAS, the Athens City Board of Education is also concerned about the diversion of school resources to respond to the increasing use of e-cigarettes by students on school grounds and/or at school functions; and

WHEREAS, the Athens City Board of Education is further concerned that e-cigarette use is increasing and it is becoming necessary to consider options available to prevent e-cigarette use on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Athens City Board of Education, being aware of and having researched pending litigation on behalf of school systems nationwide, retained counsel, joined and became a party to this litigation; and

WHEREAS, a settlement has been reached in said litigation as to one named defendant; and

WHEREAS, the Athens City Board of Education desires to enter into a settlement agreement with said defendant and to continue as a party plaintiff in the continuing litigation against the remaining defendants.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Athens City Board of Education that the Superintendent is authorized to direct and communicate with retained counsel, and affiliated law firms, regarding the settlement and release of the claims against any and all defendants and further authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete, effectuate, and consummate the settlement and release of said claims.

RECOMMENDED this the 23 day of February, 2023.

Beth Patton

Superintendent

ADOPTED this the 23 day of February, 2023.

Beverly Malone

President of the Athens City Board of Education