

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 19, 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 32 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. Mr. Townsend led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the agenda. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
4. There was no public input.
5. Mrs. Patton recognized Athens City Schools National Board Certified Teachers, and two additional teachers were recently added to our list (Nicole Collins at JNE and Erica Hand at ARS).
6. Mrs. Patton also recognized our 2022 Teachers of the Year from each school.
7. January is School Board Recognition Month and Mrs. Patton presented the School Board members a gift from Athens City Schools to show our appreciation for what they do for our schools.
8. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS gave an update on current projects within the system:

James Cowart - Roof

We have one small section of fascia trim and remove dumpsters so far no leaks

Clinton Street - Gym HVAC

Electrical components have arrived....we'll schedule the installation and then start-up

Rec Center - Weight Room HVAC

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

Stadium - Track

There are some areas after the work has taken place that we are looking at doing some concrete slope paving....this was due to the track being brought up to the current standards....

Stadium - Visitor Bleachers

We are working on drawings for the new visitor side bleachers...

AMS - Canopy

Ship date June 2023

Athens High - Auditorium

Last meeting was with Newcomb & Boyd (Audio-Visual/Theatrical) on Dec 15th....update from Arch they were waiting on the information from this meeting...they are to follow up and schedule a meeting to discuss our options

Julian Newman

Working through the design process...meeting with Mckee & Associates next Friday to review progress...

AIS - Feasibility Study

Met with Architects this morning...we reviewed the following;

Adding an additional 4 to 6 classrooms

Current gym occupancy and the possibility of an additional gym

Options for the gym to double as a storm shelter

Current cafeteria space / occupancy

Athens Elementary - New Building

Opening day was full of surprises but we made it through

The building has done exceptionally better every day...

Still some open items;

wrong key cores

adjusting water flows

lighting controls

handicap operator has a bad board,

400amp kitchen breaker we had tested as a precaution...tripped prior to opening day It really has been one of the better opening few weeks...

Hope to see everyone at the ribbon cutting on the 29th

9. Mrs. Patton presented an Employee resignation. Mrs. Manville moved that the board approve the employee's resignation. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes, and 1 abstained (Mrs. Hutton).

10. Upon Superintendent Patton's recommendation of the following items, Mr. Hutton moved that the Board approve the items set forth below in the consent agenda. Mr. Henry 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 – December 15, 2022
2. Paid Payables – December 2022
3. Financial Statements – December 2022
4. Financial Statements – Final September 2022
5. Personnel
6. Volunteers
7. Field Trip Request – AHS & AMS TSA (Overnight)
8. Field Trip Request – AHS & AMS TRAIL (out-of-state)
9. Field Trip Request – AHS Varsity Softball (Overnight)
10. Field Trip Request – AHS Varsity and JV Softball (Overnight)
11. Field Trip Request – AHS Varsity Softball (Overnight)
12. Field Trip Request- AHS Winter Guard (Out-of-State and Overnight)

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14. Facility Use Request – Make a Way
15. Facility Use Request – Athens Performance, LLC (February)
16. Facility Use Request – Athens Performance, LLC (January)
17. Facility Use Request – Learn to Read Council
18. Facility Use Request – Liberty Learning Foundation
19. Textbook Committee ELA Recommendations
20. Reimbursement of Sick Days
21. 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Calendar Approvals

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Dustin Lorange - AHS Varsity Tennis Coach
2. Mike Young - Boys Golf Coach at AHS
3. Jesslyn Helton - 1st Grade Teacher at BES

B. Transfer

1. Sharon Johnson - Teacher Assistant at AHS to Office Assistant at AHS
2. Holly M. Hargrove - Clerical Aide at AIS to Office Assistant at AHS
3. Leigh Jackson - Office Assistant at AHS to Registrar at AHS

C. Employment


1. Jared Teston - Temporary Lawn Maintenance
2. Payton Aderholt - System-Wide Instructional Aide at BES
3. Jacob Ricketts - AHS Boys Golf Coach
4. Jennifer Maloney - AHS Bookkeeper
5. Alexis Gardner - Elementary Teacher at BES
6. Timothy Bellmon - System WiSystem-Wideional Aide

D. Contracted Services

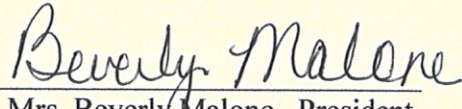
1. Natasha Mullins - Custodial Services at basketball games
2. Lauren Bauer - Color Guard Sponsor and choreographer
3. After School Tutoring – BES
4. After School Tutoring – JNE
5. After School Tutoring – AES
6. After School Tutoring – CES
7. Stacey Lueke - Permanent Substitute JNE
8. Jamie Scott - Training Accounts Payable Position
9. Ashlee Welch - Contracted Student Support Aide
10. Melanie Barkley - Technology Assistance as needed
11. Gracie Thompson - Latch Key Worker at BES
12. Cole Chambers - Technology Intern
13. Lana Denyer - Permanent Substitute

11. Superintendent's Report is attached.
12. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President



We are excited that Athens Renaissance School, SPARK Academy, and HEART Academy have each been awarded a \$5000 grant from TVA to support classroom projects that expose students to STEM!

Athens Renaissance School students enjoyed learning about Alabama's industries & manufacturing facilities and the different technologies they are using when the Robotics Technology Park Mobile Training Unit visited today.

Our Board goals include improving students' communication skills and addressing student mental health needs. Many Athens High School students are participating in The Greatest Save Teen PSA Program. The teen topic this month is Abduction/Human Trafficking. Their PSA went out across the country! Check it out at teenpsa.org.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

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

Athens City Schools
January 2023

SCHOOLS REPORT

iAcademy @ Athens Elementary School

- Meher Makijha, 3rd grade, won 1st place in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.
- Marisola Pablo will represent Athens Elementary in the upcoming Alabama State Superintendent Visual Art Exhibit this March.
- We had a WONDERFUL start to 2023 in our beautiful new building! We are so appreciative of the Board and the Central Office for all of the work over the last several years to provide us with a wonderful new home away from home! I can't say enough good things about our experience working with Lee Edminson on this project. He has worked tirelessly the last 2 years ensuring the building was finished according to Athens City Schools high standards! Additionally, he has been here every

day since we opened helping troubleshoot issues and making sure our school days run smoothly. We invite all of you to come visit soon!

Our new building dedication ceremony and official ribbon cutting will be held on January 29th at 3pm. We hope you can join us!

Athens Intermediate School

- Athens Intermediate kicked off the new year with our Spelling Bee. Winners are:
1st - Houston Lansford
2nd - Svara Patel
3rd - Nyla Reese
Congratulations to all!
- Our students are looking forward to upcoming field trips to the McWane Center in Birmingham and Cook Museum in Decatur.
- The Alabama Stock Market has three AIS investors! Mrs. Mitchell, Gifted teacher, had three students, Ari, Raylee, and Edy, who participated in the stock market game. They placed 6th in the region.
- 4th graders were treated to The NED Show. They were encouraged to Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best!
- SCA student council collected 703 cans of food for our community.
- Fiona Jiang and Bodhi Crawford had their artwork selected for the State Superintendent's Art Show in Montgomery.
- Journey Crow, Landon Harrington, and Mila Wells had their art selected for recognition by the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild's Art Contest. They will be recognized in February at the 55th annual Young People's Concert at the VBCC.
- We are gearing up for the AIS Talent Show in February so stay tuned!!

Athens Middle School

- 8th grader Carolina Wagner participated in the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest. For the 6th-12th grade division, she came in 2nd place.
- 8th grader Kate Sanders recently participated in the Limestone County Honor Band. Kate plays the flute with the AMS band as well as with the AHS band.
- Yearbook sales will begin on February 1st and go through March 13th. Mrs. Lawrence and her yearbook staff have been working hard to put together another fantastic yearbook.
- Basketball wrapped up its season earlier this month. The teams worked hard all season long and finished the season strong.
- Wrestling will finish their season at the end of January. Recently the team took 2nd place out of 20 teams at the Huntsville High Big Red Rumble. The wrestlers who contributed to the 2nd place finish are Preston Davison, Cameron Martin, Ronnie Pylant, Matthew Raines, Braylong Young, and Halston Barker.

Athens High School

- Second semester is underway which means Graduation 2023 is not far behind.
- The following students auditioned and were selected to participate in the Limestone County Honor Band on January 9th and 10th.

Chris Albritton / Baritone
Jonah Blackwood / Trumpet
Kaylee Branam / Clarinet
Hadley Cain / French Horn
Aaron Glaze / Trumpet
Claudia Henson / Flute
Andrew Melendrez / Tuba
Andrea Reith / Clarinet
Kate Sanders / Flute
Katherine Sontay / Oboe
Rhys Trimm / Tube

- Winter Guard Performances for 2023
 - January 28: Mortimer Jordan HS
 - February 11: Thompson HS
 - February 18: Bob Jones HS
 - February 25: Bob Jones HS
 - March 11: Hoover Invitational
 - March 25-26: WGI in Atlanta
 - April 1: SCGC Championships in Kentucky

SPORTS REPORT

- December 16 – December 31 was filled with athletic events. Each team competed well in their events.
 - Girls basketball participated in the Holiday Invitational in Cleveland, Tennessee, on December 20-21.
 - Boys Basketball team traveled to Scottsboro for the Don Webb Classic on December 21-23.
 - Athens High School hosted the 1st annual Border Wars Basketball Tournament where Alabama teams played against Tennessee teams.
 - Wrestling had tournaments in Cleveland, Nashville, and Franklin, Tennessee, on December 16-17, 21, and 31 respectively.
 - Indoor Track is competing well, with several athletes placing in the last meet. Their next meet is on Monday, January 16, at the Birmingham Crossplex.
 - Since winning the 6A State Championship, both AHS and AMS cheerleaders are now preparing for Nationals in Orlando, Florida, in February.
- Good luck to the basketball, wrestling, track and cheer teams on the rest of their season! The playoffs are almost here.

SPRING SPORTS:

- Spring sports has begun official practices, with opening games/matches in early to mid-February.
- 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

Thank you in advance for your support of ACS athletics. **LET'S GO GOLDEN EAGLES!!!**

2023 Athens High School Tennis Schedule

School	Date	Location	Start Time
James Clemens	Mon - February 6	Home	4:00
Austin	Thurs - February 9	Away	4:00
Hartselle	Mon - February 13	Home	4:00
Bob Jones	Thurs - February 16	Away	3:00
Muscle Shoals	Thurs - February 23	Away	4:00
Decatur	Tues - February 28	Away	4:00
Madison Academy	Tues - March 7	Home	4:00
Athens Bible	Mon - March 13 (girls only)	Home	4:00
Priceville	Thurs - March 16	Home	4:00
Columbia	Fri - March 24	Home	4:00
Lauderdale County	Mon - April 3	Home	4:00
Huntsville	Thurs - April 6	Home	4:00
Boaz	Tues - April 10	Home	4:00
Sectionals	April 17 - 21	TBD	TBD
State Tournament	April 24-25	Mobile	TBD

SECTION MATCH

NON SECTION MATCH

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Outdoor Track Schedule 2023

Varsity Schedule

3/3	2023 Husky March Classic	Trussville, AL
3/11	James Clemens Invitational	Madison, AL
3/17	Guntersville "Friday Night Lights"	Guntersville, AL
3/23	Florence Invite	Florence, AL
3/31-4/1	Mobile Challenge of Champions	Mobile, AL
4/7	Athens Invitational	Athens, AL
4/15	Sparkman Senator Classic	Harvest, AL
4/22	Huntsville Big Cat	Huntsville, AL
4/28-4/29	Sectionals	Fort Payne, AL
5/4-5/6	State Track Meet	Gulf Shores, AL

AMS/JV Schedule

3/6	Senator Jr. High #1	Harvest, AL
3/9	Bob Jones #1	Madison, AL
3/14	Florence JV/AMS	Florence, AL
3/21	Cullman Junior High Invite	Cullman, AL
4/11	Scottsboro	Scottsboro, AL
4/20	Junior High Championship	Arab, AL

**** This schedule is subject to change. Please stay connected through our Remind groups**

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AHS Girls Soccer Schedule 2023

Date	Opponent	Location	JV	Varsity
January 28	Ref Clinic	Jack Allen	TBA	TBA
February 7	Madison Academy	Home		5:00 PM
February 9-11	Southern Shootout	Foley, AL		TBA
February 14	Florence	Home	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
February 16	WCA	Home		5:30 PM
February 17	Elkmont	Home	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
February 21	Mars Hill	Home	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
February 23	Decatur	Away	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
February 23-25	JV Super Cup	Huntsville	TBA	
February 27	Mars Hill	Away	5:00 PM	
March 2	Austin	Home	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
March 6	Tanner	Home		5:00 PM
March 7	Elkmont	Home	5:30 PM	
March 10	Hartselle	Away	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
March 14	East	Home	4:30 PM	6:30 PM
March 17	Mars Hill	Home	5:00 PM	
March 21	Columbia	Away		5:00 PM
March 23	Randolph	Away		5:00 PM
April 3	WCA	Away	5:00 PM	
April 4	Florence	Away	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
April 11	Hazel Green	Home	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
April 13	Randolph	Home		5:00 PM
April 14	WCA	Home	5:00 PM	
April 17	Cullman	Home	5:00 PM	7:00 PM
April 18	Columbia	Home		5:00 PM
April 20	Buckhorn	Home		5:30 PM

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