ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION October 27, 2022 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 34 members of the public.

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Beverly Malone, Board President

Beth Patton, Superintendent

Scott Henry Shannon Hutton Anthony Townsend

Absent:

Jennifer Manville, Board Vice-President

- 1. Mrs. Malone opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2. Mrs. Hutton led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Mr. Henry moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4 members voting yes).
- 4. There was no public input.
- 5. Mrs. Patton presented 3 proclamations: School Bus Safety Week, National Principals Month, and Dyslexia Awareness Month.
- 6. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS gave an update on current projects within the system:

James Cowart - Roof

About 35% left to tear off on the North end The south end is covered

Had our first rain test...

They are going to work on getting gutters next week installed

Clinton Street - Gym HVAC

Waiting on main electrical panel guts...pushed to the first week of Nov The fence contractor has set poles and started with the chain link today Insulation contractor to start next week...

A gas meter is set and currently on 50 PSI test
The painter will be onsite Monday to finish up inside

Rec Center - Weight Room HVAC

Unit is 22 - 24 weeks out

Stadium - Track

The final track surface crew arrived and has started the prep work to begin installing

Athens Elementary - New Building

Paving...the final wearing course was started today...probably take until Monday

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Flooring - down to the last hallway, all classrooms are completed, offices completed, the gym floor is complete....down to sensory and library last thing we do

Waxing - A wing classrooms are complete heading toward B

Sod has started around the building

Still planning to receive classroom furniture Nov 7th and office and library on Nov 14th

Start the move on Nov 10th and keep going until we get everything in place

Doors are all installed - missing glass and key cores supposedly coming in 2wks

Punch list on A next week

Putting in the last of the ceiling tiles

Hanging blinds

Setting kitchen equipment

Installing the remaining fire alarm devices

Cameras and access control installed

Issues:

Signal booster

Athens High - Auditorium

With Board approval, we'll start the design

Julian Newman

Meeting Nov 2nd for a kick-off meeting with the Architect and Engineers

- 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. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with all four members voting yes.
 - A. Consent Items Approved:
 - 1. Approval of Minutes September 29, 2022
 - 2. Personnel
 - 3. Volunteers
 - 4. Non-Resident Student Admissions
 - 5. Facility Use Request AAU Wrestling Tournament
 - 6. Facility Use Request Will Haney Foundation
 - 7. Field Trip Request ARS Dauphin Island Overnight
 - 8. Field Trip Request AHS marching Band Overnight and Out-of-State
 - 9. Field Trip Request AHS Cheer Overnight and Out-of-State
 - 10. Field Trip Request AMS Cheer Overnight and Out-of-State
 - 11. Board Policy Revision- GAJD Political Activity
 - 12. Board Policy Proposed Additions and Revisions
 - Board Policy New JGDA School Provided or Sponsored Mental Health Services
 - 14. Board Policy KM School-Related Foundations
 - Contract Approval Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC for AHS Auditorium
 - 16. Sick Leave Bank Committee
 - 17. Instructional Resources
 - B. Personnel Items Approved:
 - A. Resignation
 - 1. Jessica Ortiz Teacher at CES
 - 2 .Klaire White System-Wide Instructional Aide at AES
 - 3. Jennifer McCain Library Media Specialist at AHS
 - 4. Melanie Delap Accounting and HR Manager
 - 5. Jessica Bahena System-Wide Instructional Aide at CES

- B. Employment
 - 1. Jessica Barlow Registrar at AMS
 - 2. Klaire White Pre-K Auxiliary Teacher at CES
 - 3. Roger Belcher School Bus Driver for ACS
 - 4. Amanda Holladay System-Wide Instructional Aide at AES
- C. Transfer
 - 1. Kristee Murphree Media Specialist at BES to Media Specialist at AHS
- D. Leave of Absence
 - 1. Chloe Johnson
- E. Retirement
 - 1. Tracy Crow Registrar at AMS
- F. Cancellation of Supplemental Contract
 - 1. Sara Booco Gifted Services for the 2022-2023 School Year
- G. Contracted Services
 - 1. Shannon Coppell Coach for Baseball Kids Camp
 - 2. Baseball Kids Camp Coaches
 - 3. Melanie Barkley Contracted CTO Training
 - 4. Madelyn Holmes Cheer Coach
 - 5. Kris Murphy Intervention
 - 6. Lucretia Woodroof Intervention
 - 7. Teacher Mentor Program AES
 - 8. Teacher Mentor Program BES
 - 9. Teacher Mentor Program CES
 - 10. Teacher Mentor Program JNES
 - 11. Teacher Mentor Program AIS
 - 12. Teacher Mentor Program AMS
 - 13. Teacher Mentor Program AHS
 - 14. Teacher Mentor Program- ARS
- 8. Superintendent's Report is attached.
- 9. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.

Mrs. Beth Patton Superintendent

Beverly Malone, President



Superintendent's Report October 27, 2022 Board Meeting

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Garner Ezell, Curriculum and Instruction

- Athens City Schools administered the PreACT to all 10 th grade students during October. This assessment predicts student performance on the ACT test and offers career-interest information to help students and parents make informed decisions and plan for the future.
- Athens City Schools administered the ACT WorkKeys to all 12 th grade students during October. These assessments measure the cognitive and non-cognitive skills needed for success in the workplace. Students take the Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents tests. Based on the scores attained on the three assessments, students may be eligible to earn a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Certificate.
- Athens City Schools applied and was selected to be a part of the Alabama Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) Cohort I. The ACS Instructional Leadership Team participated in a MTSS Kick-off session for Cohort I districts on October 6. The MTSS framework of research-based strategies is designed to meet the individual needs and strengths of every child.
- District math teams met during October to continue their work on a K-12 Numeracy Plan.
- District ELA teams met during October to continue their work on a K-12 Literacy Plan.
- Athens City Schools hosted an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Roadshow on October 25. During the morning, professional learning sessions provided area school leaders and teachers an opportunity to learn more about AVID. AVID strategies are research-based best practices that increase rigor, engagement, and higher-order thinking. In the afternoon, participants visited Athens Intermediate School to see AVID in action in the classroom.



ATTENDANCE REPORT

School	August 2022	October 2022	
iAcademy @ AES	336+65	339+69	
FAME Academy @ BES	349+18	346+18	
SPARK Academy @ CES	314+18	314+18	
HEART Academy @ JNES	333+38	334+37	
Athens Intermediate	587	584	
Athens Middle	952	949	
Athens High	1164	1166	
Athens Renaissance	658	641	
Total	4,832	4,815	

Athens City Schools October 2022

SCHOOLS REPORT

SPARK @ Cowart Elementary School

- September 10, 2022 Make A Way Foundation volunteers along with special education teacher Allie Barnes and partner in education volunteer Lori Baker, installed a space themed sensory path in the hallway outside of the cafeteria. Make A Way Foundation also donated the path at the beginning of the school year for students who have sensory needs to have a brief brain break and return to classroom learning.
- For Hispanic Heritage Month, the school focus was on South America. During counseling classes, students learned simple facts about the continent including animals that are indigenous to South America but call North America home as well. We focused on the llama and learned several interesting facts about llamas. Just for fun, our students listened to a read-aloud of the children's book Llama Llama Red Pajama. Since Spanish is the predominant language spoken in South America, the book was read in both Spanish and English. During morning announcements, a different Spanish word for each week was introduced to the student body and one of our 3rd grade bilingual students read portions of the morning announcements in Spanish daily. The culminating event for our month-long celebration took place on Monday, October 3rd. We declared the day "Llama Llama Wear Your Pajamas Day," and all students were allowed to wear their pajamas to school, and the Step by Step Farm brought two llamas to the school in the afternoon for our students to see and learn more about.
- October 4-7 Grandparents and other special guests were invited to read with our students during their library time at "A Grand Reading Time" in the library.

Athens High School

September 2022

- Athens High School announced that three of our Golden Eagles recently received the National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA) through the College Board National Recognition Program. Congratulations to Tess Higginbotham (Senior), James Leonard (Junior), and Jillian Manville (Senior) on your academic achievement in school and outstanding exam performance! This academic accolade can be included on college and scholarship applications and helps awardees stand out during the college admission process.
- The Lunchroom Staff received a score of 99 last Thursday by the Limestone County Health Department!
- The CTE Students of the Month for August are:

Finance Academy: Pratt Johnsey Education Academy: Emma Vanderpool

- SCA held its Club Fair last week.
- Freshmen and Sophomores attended a presentation in the APAC entitled "Scared Straight".
- The AHS Marching Band marched in the Trinity Parade on September 3.

October 2022

- Mrs. Sonia Young was voted AHS Teacher of the Year.
- Troy Rogers and Claudia Henson were voted Mr. & Miss AHS.
- Our AHS Homecoming Court for 2022:

Homecoming Queen:

Jordyn Bailey

Senior Attendants:

Langley Redmill

Ella Reid

Junior Attendants:

Jordan Cullison

Catherine Johnstone

Sophomore Attendants:

Chloe Malone

Bailee Velotta

Freshmen Attendants:

Brennah Cronin

Naziya Malone

- AHS Scholars' Bowl Team traveled to Montgomery to film the APT Alabama Scholars' Bowl
 Tournament to be aired this fall. AHS made it to the semifinals. Two players from each of the final
 four teams also participated in the All-Stars Round. The North All-Stars Team won, which included
 two of our Golden Eagles, Hiott Luten and Charlie Martin.
- AHS Golden Eagle Band received all superiors and the Sonny Tolbert Award at the Covered Bridge Marching Festival in Oneonta.
- The AHS Golden Eagle Band participated in Scottsboro's Where the Mountains Meet the Lakes
 Marching Festival. They received all Superior ratings, Best in Class Majorettes, Color Guard, and
 Soloist/Duet along with the highest score of the day for Color Guard and Majorettes. They also
 received the second highest band score of the day and Most Entertaining Show of the competition.

- Athens Choirs held a Musical Preview in the AHS Courtyard and performed at the Constitution Day Celebration hosted by the John Wade Keyes Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Athens State University.
- The PreACT was administered to 10th grade students and ACT WorkKeys to seniors on October 5.
- SCA hosted its annual blood drive and had 78 donors.
- Jillian Manville was awarded a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- Senior Christina Jones was named Distinguished Young Woman of Limestone County. She was awarded \$700 in scholarships.
- Senior Asa Savoie was selected as one of 16,000 semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He will have the opportunity to compete for National Merit Scholarships.
- During College Application Week, our counselors assisted seniors in the application process with 98% of our seniors completing and submitting at least one application for admission.
- Homecoming activities have been underway planning the Bonfire, Black Light Pep Rally, Homecoming Parade, and Dance.
- The Cyberbullying through Social Media assembly featured speaker Attorney Patrick Carver was well received by both students and faculty who attended. The intent was to give a legal understanding of what happens when a person is involved and participates in the negative side of social media.
- Wrestling held its annual Father/Daughter Dance this month.
- Eleven JROTC cadets attended a CTE Joint Leadership Development conference at the Von Braun.

• September Eagle Elites:

9th: Keily Figueroa

10th: Cassidy Pemberton

11th: Katrina Wiggins

12th: Jordyn Bailey

AHS CTE Students of Month for October:

Health Science: Chloe Jackson

JROTC:

Tahjee' Jackson

SPORTS REPORT

And just like that, Fall sports are almost over...

- Volleyball ended its season in the second round of the Super Regional playoffs at the VBC on Wednesday, October 19. The Golden Eagles were defeated by #1 Mountain Brook High School. Coach Berryhill and the team are looking forward to getting back to the regionals next season.
- Football will end its season on Friday, October 28 @ Russellville High School.
- Cross Country is going strong as it's nearing the close of another season. The team competed in the Northwest Alabama Championships in Oakville and did a fantastic job with several athletes placing in the rankings. Sectionals will be held on Thursday, October 27 at Palmer Park in Huntsville. The State track meet is Saturday, November 5, in Oakville.
- Swim is in the heat of their season as well. Many swimmers have already qualified for sectionals, with hopes of making the cut for STATE. Swim Sectionals are November 18-19 at the Huntsville Aquatic Center. The state meet is at Auburn University, December 2-3.
- Winter sports are gearing up to begin to play in November. We look forward to a successful season for all!

Thank you in advance for your support of the 2022-2023 sports season.

LET'S GO GOLDEN EAGLES!!!