ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 18, 2021

6:30 P.M. Central Office Board Room

This meeting was conducted in full compliance with Alabama Code 13A-14-2 commonly referred to as the "Alabama Open Meeting Law". Present were approximately 20 members of the public. Mr. JR Tidwell was present from the News Courier.

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Malone– Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and turned the meeting over to Jennifer Manville to conduct for the night.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Jennifer Manville, Board Vice-President

James Lucas

Beverly Malone, Board President Beth Patton, Superintendent

Scott Henry Shannon Hutton

- 1. Mr. Lucas opened the meeting with prayer.
- 2. Mrs. Malone led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Mrs. Malone moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 4. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS gave an update on current projects within the system:

Athens Middle - Roof

Started pressure washing on November 3rd / completed on Nov 12th

Started primer on Nov 8th around pipes, roof curbs, roof edge, etc....

Started first layer (three total) of base on Nov 11th

Issues

We have stopped work on the first layer of base....observed water droplets / bubbles after application...we met with the manufacture, installer, consultant to come up with a plan to resolve. A portion of the area effected was cut out and sent to lab for analysis...SWA will take a sample tomorrow for an independent result as well...we will determine what the next step is after we get the test results back...

Material for the old ROTC building will be arriving by the end of Nov...30 days better than expected...if the delivery date stays on schedule and weather cooperates we can get some of the work done over the Christmas break.

Clinton Street - Gym HVAC

Project bid Nov 11th...low bidder Pettus Mech

With board approval we will start the submittal / contract process

Stadium - Bleacher Coating

Project bid on Nov 16th

With Board approval we will begin getting contracts and submittals

I talked with the low bidder about the price and the schedule...they assured me they were okay with the bid amount and schedule....
Just a reminder this work is similar to roofing...the product and application is weather dependent....

Stadium - Track

Work will follow the repairs of the stadium

Athens Elementary - New Building

Issues we are working through;

Bar Joist - current delivery April - delay will impact Kitchen

We are tracking many items for delivery; HVAC equipment, electrical components as well as finishes; paint, hard tile, ceiling tiles, etc...

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spoils to address if needed.

Foundation pours - 484.5 cu/yards of concrete...complete with areas A, B,C and part of D...will be pouring D (storm shelter) foundations Monday

Slab on Grade (SOG)
Area C (Kitchen) - First pour of 78 yards completed on Nov 5th
Area A (left or South wing) - Second pour 160 yards completed on Nov 10th
Area A (remaining) - This will be our third slab pour on Friday (Nov 19th) 7000sq/ft
Current Totals for SOG pours 238.5 cu/yards poured
We have set a goal to be poured out before Christmas...

The only slowdown will be when we start foundations in D wing (storm shelter)...due to the size of the footings and the additional inspections that will have to be made...

Current schedule is tracking Sept 19th 2022 for Substantial Completion
We are within 2wks of completing foundations...had a few minor soils issues
At this time the only questionable soils are under the topsoil stockpile in the NW corner of the property...we are savings foundation

We have set a good pace and hope to continue as we move forward...

- 5. Mrs. Patton recognized Mr. Jennifer Kennedy from SPARK Academy as a State Finalist for the PAEMST Award.
- 6. Mrs. Malone moved that the board approve Item #9 on the agenda (Employment of Temporary Lawn Maintenance). Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 1 abstain, Mrs. Shannon Hutton abstained due to family connection.
- 7. Upon recommendation, Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the items set forth in the consent agenda. Mr. Lucas seconded the motion.
 - A. Consent Items Approved:
 - 1. Approval of Minutes October 21, 2021
 - 2. Paid Payables September 2021
 - 3. Paid Payables October 2021
 - 4. Financial Statements September 2021
 - 5. Financial Statements October 2021
 - 6. Personnel
 - 7. Volunteers
 - 8. Field Trip AHS & AMS Overnight and Out-of-State
 - 9. 2021 -2022 Textbook Committee
 - 10. Board Policy Revision- GBRB
 - 11. Facility Use Request Athens Limestone Chamber of Commerce
 - 12. Bid Approval Clinton Street Campus Gym HVAC
 - 13. Sick Leave Bank Committee
 - 14. Resolution Awarding a Contract Relating to Bleacher Modifications to Athens High School Stadium
 - B. Personnel Items Approved:
 - A. Employment
 - 1. April Tucker Secondary Math at ARS
 - 2. Minerva Timberlake CNP Cashier/Worker System Wide
 - 3. Alexandria McMullins Bus Driver for ACS
 - B. Resignation
 - 1.Kristin Black Computer Science Teacher at AHS

C. Transfer

1.Regina Montgomery - EL Teacher at AIS to PE Teacher at BES

D. Leave of Absence

1.Julianna Woolard

2. Karen Rodriguez

3. Madison Wells

E. Retirement

1.Kelly Crutcher - School Counselor at AIS

F. Contracted Services

1.Regina Lewis - Custodial Services

2.Scott McCormick - Teacher

3. Ana Rosales - AVID School Coordinator (8/21 - 12/21)

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5.Stacy Willoughby - AVID School Coordinator (8/21 - 12/21)

6.Stacy Willoughby - AVIS School Coordinator (1/22 - 5/22)

7.McKenna Craig - Student Latchkey Worker

8. Anne Lovvorn - Student Latchkey Worker

9. Andrew Harris Carter - AHS Basketball Announcer

10.Afterschool Tutoring – AMS

11. Ashley Steward - Interventionist (Resource Teacher)

12.Delonda Willis - Student Aide Support AIS

13. Nicole Taylor - Club Sponsor AHS

- 8. The Superintendent's Report is attached.
- 9. Mrs. Patton made the recommendation to enter an executive. The reason for the executive session was to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence or mental health of individuals. And, to discuss with their attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated of the body pursues a proposed course of action.
- 10. Mr. Lucas moved that the board enter into Executive Session. Mrs. Malone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- 11. Upon conclusion of the executive session Mr. Henry moved that the board return to regular session. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Malone.

Mrs. Beth Patton Superintendent

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Beverly Malone, President

DECLARATION AND OPINION

My name is E. Shane Black. I am over the age of nineteen (19), and I make this Declaration and Opinion based upon my own personal knowledge, information and belief. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Alabama and am the Attorney for the Athens City Board of Education. I am offering this Declaration and Opinion in compliance with Section 36-25A-7 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975).

| 36-25A-7 of the <i>Code</i> | on. I am offering this Declaration and Opinion in compliance with Section of Alabama (1975). |
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| On the _/\ge\subseteq Education, there has following purpose(s): | day of <u>Nov</u> , <u>Jod</u> , at a meeting of the Athens City Board of been or will be made a motion calling for an executive session for the |
| | To discuss with the Board's attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation; |
| | To discuss with the Board's attorney controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated or imminently likely to be litigated if the Board pursues a proposed course of action; |
| * | To meet or confer with a mediator or arbitrator with respect to any litigation or decision concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the Board involving another party, group, or body. |
| Opinion for the purposition applicable to the plare opinion be reflected in deliberation begins and litigation based upon | g to convene the executive session, I am offering this Declaration and ose of stating that Section 36-25A-7 of the <i>Code of Alabama</i> (1975) is med discussion, and I hereby request that this written Declaration and in the minutes for said meeting. I have further advised the Board that if any nong them regarding what action to take relating to pending or threatened the advice of counsel, the executive session shall be concluded and the onducted in the open portion of the meeting or the deliberation shall cease. |
| This Declarati privilege. | on and Opinion shall not constitute a waiver of the attorney-client |
| Dated this | day of Nov , 2001 . |
| | E. Shane Black, Esq. |



Superintendent's Report November 18, 2021 Board Meeting

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Beth Patton, Superintendent

Willie Moore was selected as the District 8 Principal of the Year! Mr. Moore was selected as the District 8 Principal of Year by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals.

2021 Teacher of the Year Awards

Melitta Andris FAME at Brookhill
Veronica Burls SPARK at Cowart
Valencia Coppell Athens High School
Melanie Daniel iAcademy at Athens Elementary
Emilee Daws Athens Renaissance School
Melissa Moore Athens Middle School
Jackie Richardson HEART at Julian Newman
Daphne Scott Athens Intermediate School

Veronica Burls – Elementary Teacher of the Year Emilee Daws – Secondary Teacher of the Year



ATTENDANCE REPORT

| School | March 2021 | April 2021 | May 2021 | June 2021 | September 2021 | October 2021 | November 2021 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| iAcademy @ AES | 375 | 378 | 380 | 380 | 376 (55) | 393 | 394 |
| FAME Academy @ BES | 299 | 303 | 305 | 294 | 362 (18) | 369 | 368 |
| SPARK Academy @ CES | 296 | 297 | 295 | 263 | 313 (18) | 317 | 323 |
| HEART Academy @ JNES | 342 | 343 | 342 | 342 | 351 (38) | 354 | 358 |
| Athens Intermediate | 578 | 574 | 575 | 574 | 576 | 588 | 583 |
| Athens Middle | 960 | 962 | 963 | 958 | 981 | 988 | 988 |
| Athens High | 1105 | 1104 | 1102 | 1099 | 1124 | 1115 | 1114 |
| Athens Renaissance | 606 | 602 | 601 | 561 | 656 | 656 | 651 |
| Total | 4,561 | 4,563 | 4,563 | 4,471 | 4,739 | 4,780 | 4,779 |

Athens City Schools November 2021

SCHOOLS REPORT

SPARK Academy @ Cowart Elementary

• Spark was awarded a Blue Cross/Blue Shield grant of \$10,000 for an obstacle course.

ATHENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- Congratulations to AIS Teacher of the Year, Daphne Scott. Ms. Scott teaches 4th grade.
- AIS 5th grade enjoyed a trip to the Associated Growers Co-op Inc. on Monday, Oct. 25.
 They learned about the history of cotton, weigh stations and toured the warehouse seeing cotton exhibits.
- Our Cherrydale Cookie Dough sale was a huge success! Our profit was over \$16,000.00!!
- We congratulate our students on such an awesome sale!
- AIS Fall Scholastic Book Fair was the first week of October. It was a wonderful success
 also with over \$4,000 being raised to support our library. Mrs. Pressnell does an
 awesome job supporting our students and teachers!
- We celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 25-29 with themed days and informative videos for our students.
- On Wednesday, November 3, 5th grade students and staff will celebrate academic growth and positive character choices.
- Thursday, November 18, AIS 4th grade will take a trip to the VBCC for Schoolhouse Rock Learning through music.

We are looking forward to Thanksgiving!

ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The AMS Library recently wrapped up its fall Scholastic Book Fair. It was a great turnout and the money raised will go towards continuing to improve the library.
- SCA is having a canned food drive. This is their first community service project of the year. Homerooms will compete to see who can bring in the most items.
- AMS had two representatives on the AHS volleyball team that competed in the State tournament.
- AMS had three representatives on the AHS girls cross country team that recently ran in the State championships.
- The AMS Competition Cheer team received a bid to the State competition. This will take
 place in Birmingham in December, and they are hoping to perform well and receive a bid
 to Nationals.
- Basketball is off to a great start and has had great support from the AMS cheerleaders, dance team, student section and fans. We are looking forward to a fantastic season!

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

- The AHS Marching Band received all superior ratings at the Pride of Hayden Marching Festival October 16, 2021.
- The AHS Marching Band competed in the Hoover Invitational Marching Band Festival at the Hoover Met Stadium along with 25 bands. The band scored straight superior ratings in all categories and third place overall in Classification 2A. The high score in their class was 91.5; AHS scored 90.
- SCA planned the Veterans Day assembly. SCA, Band, Choir, JROTC, and SCA all had a hand in organizing the program.
- SCA held a blood drive November 4th collecting 85 pints of blood.
- AHS Career Tech Students of the Month were:

Engineering Academy: Heather Schnobrich

Finance Academy: Zachary Moore

 Red Ribbon Week: 103 students pledged to be drug free. The following students won the Red Ribbon Week drawings.

> Emily Bridgeforth / 9th Jocelyn Vicente / 9th Katy Raby / 10th Emma Cox / 10th

Esmeralda Lagunas / 11th Lilla Chandler / 11th Cassandre Dodd / 12th Brynn South / 12th

- SCA placed in all projects that were submitted at the SASC conference at Arlington High School in TN. They received:
 - 3rd place community service fundraising: Granting a Make a Wish
 - 3rd place academic incentive: Elite Eagle
 - 1st place community service- outreach: Full Tummy Project
 - 1st place citizenship & patriotism: Veterans Day Assembly
 - 1st place homecoming: Bonfire

Athletics

Cheer

Varsity traditional won 1st place
JV game day 3rd
Varsity game day 5th
Athens Middle School finished 1st at regionals
All teams will receive a bid to compete at State.

Volleyball

6a Area runner-up 6a North regional runner-up 6a State final 8

Cross Country

Boys finished 4th at sectionals as well as a bid to State. Girls finished 3rd at sectionals as well as a bid to State.

Basketball

Girls will begin their season November 5th & 6th at Hazel Green tournament. Boys will begin their season November 11th at Decatur.

Eleven athletes signed athletic scholarships on November 10th:

Baseball

Tucker Stockman - Southern Mississippi Cooper Cochran - University of Tennessee at Martin Braeden Harrison - Wallace State Community College in Hanceville Connor Beck - Bevill State Community College in Fayette Sam Sandy - Bevill State Community College in Fayette

Softball

Brynn South - Motlow State Community College in Tennessee Anna Carder - University of Southern Illinois Katie Simon - Auburn University in Montgomery Emily Simon - Auburn University in Montgomery Golf

Carter Pettey - University of Tennessee Southern

Track & Field

Kylie Rinke - University of Alabama in Huntsville

2021-2022 ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Austin/Sparkman/Athens -11/15 @ Austin High James Clemens - 11/23 @James Clemens Hewitt Duals - 11/24 @ Hewitt Trussville Huntsville/Ft. Payne- 11/30 V/JV/MS @ Huntsville 5pm Hartselle/Decatur - 12/2 Home 5pm Huntsville Inv. 12/3-4 @ Huntsville Jasper/Gardendale - 12/7 @ Jasper Hazel Green/Madison County - 12/9 @ Hazel Green Bradley Central Tournament - 12-17/18 @Cleveland, TN Independence Tournament - Dec. 30 @Thompson St., TN Region Duals - January 3rd @ Home Father Ryan Toun. - January 7-8th @Nashville, TN East. Lime./James Clemens - 1/11 @Home Rd 16 State duals 1/13 @ Arab Arab Invitational 1/14-15 @Arab Wilson/Austin/Athens 1/17 @ Home Hartselle 1/18 @ Hartselle Bob Jones 1/20 @ Home NAEW Youth Tourn. 1/22 @ Home

Super Sectional Tournament February 11-12 AHSAA State Wrestling Tournament February 17-19