

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - March 18, 2021
2. Financial Statements - March 2021
3. Paid Payables - March 2021
4. Personnel
5. Non-Resident Student Admissions
6. Field Trip Request
7. Athens Stadium Gold Seat Transfer
8. Facility Use Request - Will Hancy Foundation
9. Resolution Concerning the Old Library, the Old Recreational Center, and Certain Undeveloped Property along Bullington Road
10. Instructional Resources Committee
11. Contract Approval - ALabs K12, LLC

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Employment

1. Tracy Meadows - Custodian BES
2. Hunter Tedford - Temporary Lawn Maintenance
3. William Lawrence - Temporary Lawn Maintenance
4. Janaya Malone - Latchkey Teacher at BES
5. Mark Miller - Custodian at CES
6. Emi Dutton - Math Teacher at AHS
7. Jake Collins - Temporary Lawn Maintenance

B. Resignation

1. Rachel Whitt - Teacher at AES
2. Kandy Smith - STI Receptionist at AIS

C. Transfer

1. Jennifer Farmer - EL Teacher at AES to Title I Teacher at CES
2. Bobby Norman - Custodian at CES to Custodian at AHS

D. Retirement

1. Cindy Pressnell - CNP Manager at BES
2. Kris Murphy - Title I Teacher at CES
3. Susan Woodroof - Library Specialist at AES
4. Lou Davidson - Custodian at BES
5. Joellen Caldwell - CNP
6. Pam Morgan - 5th Grade Teacher at AIS
7. Anna Tominack - Special Education Teacher AMS

E. Leave of Absence

1. Kasey Starnes
2. Savannah Resendiz
3. Hannah Buchanan

F. Contracted Services

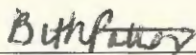
1. Kate Armstrong
2. Tony Bailey
3. Kipp Cain
4. Susan Killen
5. Anna Underwood
6. Kay Marsh
7. Tiffany Wilbourn
8. Diane Trout - Blended Teacher
9. Danny Anderson
10. Capriee Tucker

G. Discontinue Contracted Services

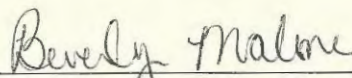
1. Leslie Jennings - Remote Teacher

8. Mrs. Patton made the recommendation to enter an executive session. The reason for executive session was to discuss the general reputation and character, physical condition, professional competence or mental health of individuals or subject to the limitations set out in the Open Meetings Law, to discuss the job performance of certain public employees.
9. Prior to voting to convene the executive session, Mr. Shane Black, Athens City Board Attorney submitted a Declaration and Opinion in compliance with § 36-25A-7 of the *Code of Alabama*. The Declaration and opinion was provided both orally and in writing. A copy of the declaration is attached to these minutes.
10. Mr. Henry 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. Lucas moved that the board return to regular session. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
12. Mr. Johnson read the recommendation provided by Mrs. Patton that Leslie Harbison's employment with Athens City Schools be terminated.
13. Mrs. Manville moved that the board approve the recommendation from Mrs. Patton. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
14. Superintendent's Report is attached.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Malone.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent


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).

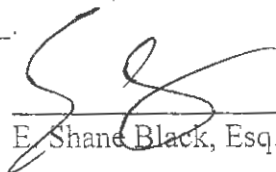
On the 15th day of April, 2021, at a meeting of the Athens City Board of Education, there has been or will be made a motion calling for an executive session for the following purpose(s):

- 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.

Prior to voting to convene the executive session, I am offering this Declaration and Opinion for the purpose of stating that Section 36-25A-7 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975) is applicable to the planned discussion, and I hereby request that this written Declaration and Opinion be reflected in the minutes for said meeting. I have further advised the Board that if any deliberation begins among them regarding what action to take relating to pending or threatened litigation based upon the advice of counsel, the executive session shall be concluded and the deliberation shall be conducted in the open portion of the meeting or the deliberation shall cease.

This Declaration and Opinion shall not constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege.

Dated this 15 day of April, 2021.



E. Shane Black, Esq.



Superintendent's Report

April 15, 2021

Board Meeting

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Beth Patton, Superintendent

Athens City Schools will continue the mask requirement for students and staff until the end of the school year. We are working hard to finish the school year safe and strong!

Curriculum and Instruction, Garner Ezell

- Mrs. Melanie Barkley and Mrs. Gia Russell will co-chair a **Secondary Curriculum Review Committee** for Athens City Schools. The committee will begin its work this spring and will focus on advanced courses and Career and Technical Education (CTE).
- Athens City Schools' Instructional Partners participated in a day of professional learning on April 9 that focused on the importance of a **Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum**.
- Athens City Schools will be hosting the first **ACS Job Fair** this spring on April 22. Mrs. Melanie Barkley and Dr. Nelson Brown are coordinating this event.

Exceptional Services, Jessica Lynn

- This school year we have had 5 grants awarded by the ALSDE Special Education High Cost and ASSIST funds, totaling \$63,000, to assist with meeting the needs of students considered to have high needs.
- We are in the Comprehensive Monitoring process at this time. Data collected has shown many areas of strength, as well as, some areas for improvement. Our Special Education team is using this data to develop an improvement plan to ensure we meet the exceptional needs of each student.

Melanie Barkley

The ACS Job Fair will be held Thurs., April 22 from 5-7 [in the Athens High School Gymnasium](#). We're recruiting in all areas for certified ~~positions & support staff~~. All levels of experience considered. Potential Employees are encouraged to bring your resume & speak with administrators/or department heads. Visit our website at [//acs-k12.org/jobfair](https://acs-k12.org/jobfair)

Student Services , Mike O'Rear

Current Numbers for Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022
AES 36, BES 39, CES 27, JNES 53



ATTENDANCE REPORT

School	November 2020	December 2020	January 2021	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021
iAcademy @ AES	369	370	375	370	375	378
FAME Academy @ BES	293	292	294	299	299	303
SPARK Academy @ CES	295	296	298	299	296	297
HEART Academy @ JNES	337	336	335	340	342	343
Athens Intermediate	569	568	570	577	578	574
Athens Middle	956	953	950	952	960	962
Athens High	1112	1108	1110	1101	1105	1104
Athens Renaissance	614	610	621	612	606	602
Total	4,545	4,533	4,553	4,550	4,561	4,563

Athens City Schools
April 2021

SCHOOLS REPORT

FAME Academy @ Brookhill Elementary

- Nothing Bundt Cakes PTF Fundraiser going on now until April 26th
- 1st Grade Birmingham Zoo Virtual Visit to kickoff their Animal Behavior PBL Unit
- ACAP Testing- Week of April 19th
- Teacher Appreciation Week- Week of May 3rd
- Marco's Spirit- Tuesday, May 4th

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL

- One hundred percent of this year's Senior Health Science Internship students passed the Certified Patient Care Technician Test. They are:

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| 1. Ella Katherine Black | 10. Elli Jarrett |
| 2. Sydney Byington | 11. Jayden Jones |
| 3. Lillie Carter | 12. Lucy McCurry |
| 4. Jake Collins | 13. Talyiah McDonald |
| 5. Ashley Contreras | 14. Becca McMurtrey |
| 6. Avery Dumas | 15. Kaleigh Miller |
| 7. Colby Ennis | 16. Ashley Parnell |
| 8. Zach Harries | 17. Emily Strain |
| 9. Emma Holland | 18. Mazie Swan |

- Of the FCCLA members who participated in virtual STAR events, Nelson Railos competed in the Repurpose and Redesign Event and earned 5th place in the State. Sydney Holloway and Leslie Santos completed the Entrepreneurship Event as a team and placed 2nd in the State.
- AHS Winter Guard won 1st place in their State competition.
- Alex Killen and Jesse Hernandez represented Athens High School at the University of North Alabama Honor Band. Jesse received the Director's Choice Award.
- AHS Band hosted the Limestone County Honor Band which is comprised of approximately 70 students.
- Elisabeth Elgin is the State School Board District 8 winner in the Alabama Governor's App Challenge. The name of Elisabeth's app is "Examilton" based off Broadway's *Hamilton*.
- AHS Band and Visual Arts are working together to host a courtyard spring concert entitled "A Night at the Movies" and an art show in the AHS Gallery on the evening of May 7. The art show works will feature Visual Arts students from both semesters and AP Studio Art students.
- Class officers for school year 2021 – 2022 were elected.
 - Class of 2022 officers are: President: Marilyn Swint
 - Vice President: Mary Claire Besh
 - Secretary: Marie Hutton
 - Treasurer: Tucker Stockman
 - Class of 2023 officers are: President: Alondra Zagal
 - Vice President: Jackson Walker
 - Secretary: Britton Vaughan
 - Treasurer: Molly Alexander
 - Class of 2024 officers are: President: Ella Harbin
 - Vice President: Katrina Wiggins
 - Secretary: Catherine Johnstone
 - Treasurer: Caroline Mallette

- **Athens High School Athletic Report**

Spring sports are at their peak. All teams are doing a great job at this point in the season. Outdoor Track and Field has medaled in many events. The 4x100 girls relay team is currently ranked #2 in Class 6A. Many track athletes will participate in the AHSAA Sectional tournament in Fort Payne on Friday, April 23 - Saturday, April 24.

AHS Varsity Softball is on a winning streak. The Golden Eagles are ranked #1 in Class 6A.

Girls Varsity Soccer recently won their Area Championship and will host round 1 of the playoffs beginning Thursday, April 22.

Athens High School Remaining Spring 2021 Athletic Schedule

April 12	Monday	James Clemens Invite	Canebrake	Girls Golf	8:00 AM
April 12	Monday	Sparkman	Sparkman	Freshmen Baseball	4:30/6:30
April 12	Monday	Austin	Austin	Varsity/JV Baseball	4:30/6:30
April 12	Monday	Danville	Home	Varsity Softball	5:00
April 12	Monday	Westminster	Home	Boys Soccer	5:00/6:30
April 13	Tuesday	Clements	Home	JV Girls/Boys Soccer	4:30/6:30
April 13	Tuesday	Sparkman	Home	Freshmen Baseball	4:30/6:30
April 13	Tuesday	Buckhorn	Buckhorn	Varsity/JV Softball	4:30/6:30
April 14	Wednesday	Scottsboro Invitational	Goose Pond Colony	Girls golf	1:00
April 14	Wednesday	Sectionals	Point Mallard	Tennis	TBA
April 15	Thursday	Florence	Florence	Girls Soccer	5:00/7:00
April 15	Thursday	Elkmont	Athens	Varsity/JV Softball	4:30/6:30
April 16	Friday	Buckhorn	Buckhorn	Varsity Baseball	5:00
April 16-17	Fri-Sat	BIG CAT	Huntsville(Milton Frank)	Track & Field(V)	TBA
April 16-17	Fri-Sat	Northwest Bash	Florence	Varsity Softball	TBA
April 17	Saturday	Austin	Austin	Girls Soccer	2:00 AM
April 17	Saturday	Buckhorn	Home	Varsity Baseball	1:00/3:00
April 19	Monday	Golden Eagle Invitational	Canebrake	Girls Golf	8:00 AM
April 19	Monday	Sparkman	Home	Varsity/JV Softball	4:30/6:30
April 20	Tuesday	Lauderdale Co	Lauderdale Co	Varsity/JV Softball	4:30/6:30
April 22	Thursday	Austin	Home	Varsity/JV Softball	4:30/6:30
April 22	Thursday	1st Rd AHSAA Playoffs	TBD	V Girls/Boys Soccer	TBA
April 23-24	Fri-Sat	Sectionals	Ft. Payne	Track & Field(V)	TBA
April 27	Tuesday	Sectionals	Canebrake	Girls Golf	8:00 AM
April 29-May 1	Thurs-Sat	AHSAA State Championship	Gulf Shores	Track & Field(V)	TBA