

**ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
*Board Meeting*  
*February 21, 2019*  
*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 55 members of the public. Marian Accardi from the Decatur Daily and Sarah Pavik-Hernandez from Athens News Courier were present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Russell Johnson -President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the central office board room.

**ROLL CALL:** Members Present: Scott Henry  
Jennifer Manville  
Dr. W.L. Holladay, III, Superintendent  
Tim Green  
Beverly Malone, Vice President  
Shannon Hutton  
Russell Johnson  
James Lucas

1. Mr. Lucas opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Andrew Looney, visiting Boy Scout, led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mrs. Malone moved that the board approve the agenda. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
4. No one from the public addressed the board.
5. Dr. Travis Schrimsher updated that they have tried Power Hour and they are working on the structure of the hour. They will try two days next week and have organized study group locations.
6. Mrs. Serena Owsley presented on the Athens Elementary Renovation Logistics.
  - Phase 1            Stage 1 - Would include demolition and dirt remediation.  
                         Stage 2 – HVAC System and electrical.  
                         Stage 3 – Ceiling, touch up pain, and fence & canopy.
  - Phase 2 – New lunchroom / New Administration (adding 2<sup>nd</sup> story)
  - Phase 3 – Renovating 2 classroom wings and adding pitched roof.

Discussion followed about the cost of renovations and building a new school. Mrs. Cindy Davis, principal of Athens Elementary spoke on behalf of the school and explained how the school had been loved but needed some attention. Kate Armstrong spoke for the teachers and presented a

Slide show of their vision from 4 years ago and what some of the conditions are that they work with. It was also noted that Athens Elementary was built in 1954.

7. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the consent agenda. Ms. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2019
2. Paid Payables – January 2019
3. Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliation – January 2019
4. Personnel
5. Volunteers
6. Non- Resident Student Admission Applications
7. Field Trip Request - AMS
8. Field Trip Request - AMS AVID
9. Field Trip Request – AHS and AMS Choir
10. Field Trip Request - AHS
11. AHS Handbook Revision – Exemption Procedure Clarification
12. Facility Use Request - AMS
13. Facility Use Request - JNE

B. Personnel Items Approved:

1. Employment:
  - a. Rachel Bobo – AMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
  - b. Felicia Young - AMS CNP
  - c. Chelsea Aderholt – AMS System- Wide Aide
  - d. April Marsh – Secondary Teacher
2. Resignation:
  - a. Brewer Mitchell – AMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
  - b. Colten Sherrill – System Wide Aide AMS
  - c. Nancy McBay – AHS Varsity Cheer Coach and Cheer Coordinator
3. Leave of Absence:
  - a. Orlando Turner - AIS

7. The Superintendent's Report is attached.

8. Dr. Holladay during the Superintendent's Report recognized Mrs. Gia Russell since February is Career and Technical Education Month. Mrs. Russell updated the Board on the opportunities students have at Athens High School in those areas and allowed the following students to speak to the Board Members about what they are doing at AHS.

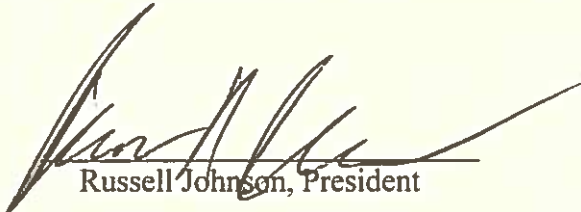
- Elizabeth Elgin – She has developed along with other students in the computer science class an APP for AHS to help students navigate the new school. She explained the features that they have added and the process that they followed to get this available to the students
- Madison Bravo – Ben Morgan is helping her and they are working with the Baseball Coach, Chuck Smith to equip the baseball players with transmitters for secure signals to the players.
- Shanekea Wallace brought Kannon Biggs, Nyia Little, Kaitlyn and Audra to talk about setting up First Metro Bank in the new school. They explained the training process and what they offer and do each day to promote and run the bank.

7. Mrs. Malone moved that the board go into executive session. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

8. Mr. Henry moved that the board return to regular session. Ms. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on motion by Mr. Lucas.

  
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W.L. "Trey" Holladay, III, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

  
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Russell Johnson, President



**Superintendent's Report  
2-21-19  
Regular Board Meeting**

○ **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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G. Ezell	M. O'Rear	T. Norris	Special Reports
B. Patton	C. Hamilton	G. Russell	Principals
A. Williams	M. Barkley	M. Bishop	
J. Lynn	S. Owsley	R. Carter	

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● **APPROVED THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL(S) REQUEST:**

- 2019 AHS Football Schedule
- February 27, 2019  
AVID Enrichment Trip  
Group: 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades (30 students)  
Location: Decatur, AL  
Event: Romeo & Juliet Play  
Sponsor: Beth Horn
- March 6, 2019  
Group: Special Education (25 students)  
Location: DMV Decatur, AL  
Event: Driver's Permit Test  
Sponsor: Ashley Symonds
- March 14, 2019  
Group: Special Education (21 students)  
Location: Calhoun Community College  
Event: Tour Calhoun and take Accuplacer Test  
Sponsor: Ashley Symonds
- March 7 – 9, 2019  
Group: Choir (2 students)  
Location: Samford University  
Event: All-State Choir Festival  
Sponsor: Erica Hand
- April 5, 2019  
Group: AVID 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades (approximately 50)  
Location: Athens State University  
Event: Writing Workshop  
Sponsor: Beth Horn

- April 18, 2019  
Group: HOSA (32 students)  
Location: Hudson Alpha, Huntsville, AL  
Event: Visit/Tour Hudson Alpha Institute and participate in a DNA Sequencing activity and tour of the Genome Sequencing Center and Laboratory.  
Sponsor: Missy Greenhaw
- Track Cheesecake Sales  
Dates: February 22 – March 1, 2019  
Location: Outside Sales  
Sponsor: Shane Smothers
- SCA Golden Sweatshirt Sale  
Dates: February 25 – March 8, 2019  
Location: AHS & Outside Sales  
Sponsor: Karen Clem & Nicole Taylor
- AHS Band Kona Ice  
Dates: Spring 2019 – End of summer 2019 (TBD)  
Location: Outside Sales  
Sponsor: Steven Porter
- Choir CG3 Battery Fundraising  
Dates: March 4 – 29, 2019  
Location: Outside Sales  
Sponsor: Erica Hand
- Senior Class Ford Drive  
Date: April 27, 2019  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Andrew Risner & Ramona Malone
- Band Rada Cutlery  
Date: March & April 2019  
Location: Outside & Catalog Sales  
Sponsor: Steven Porter
- Band Simply Sheet Sales  
Dates: March 1 – 31, 2019  
Location: Outside Sales  
Sponsor: Steven Porter
- FBLA St. Patrick's Day Grams  
Dates: March 1 – 8, 2019  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Brandi Foster & Lori Jones

- Cheer Cookie Dough & Popcorn Fundraiser  
 Dates: April 10 – 24, 2019  
 Location: AHS  
 Sponsor: Nancy McBay
  
- March 5, 2019  
 Group: AIS Morgan and Griffin’s Class  
 Space and Rocket Center Huntsville  
 Sponsor: Mix 96.9 (contest entered by parent all expenses paid)

**NOTIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL SYSTEM EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS**

- FBLA “We’ve Got Your Back” Collection of New/Gently Used Backpacks, Personal Hygiene Items for Donation to Limestone County DHR or Children in Foster Care  
 April 2019  
 Participating: FBLA Members  
 Sponsors: Kristin Black, Brandi Foster, Lori Jones, & Shaneka Wallace
  
- SCA Life South Blood Drive  
 April 9, 2019, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 Participating: SCA Hosting  
 Sponsor: Nicole Taylor

**ATTENDANCE REPORT –**

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| • AES - 374  | • AIS - 618  |
| • BES - 270  | • AMS - 839  |
| • CES - 295  | • AHS - 1027 |
| • JNES - 298 | • ARS - 507  |

- ENROLLMENT – Students currently enrolled – 4,228

**Athens City Schools  
February 2019**

**Schools Report**

**BROOKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –**

- Celebrated the 100th Day of School on Mon. Feb. 11th
- FAME Academy Candy Fundraiser runs through Wednesday February 20th
- Winter Book Fair will take place the week of February 25th
- PTF Candyland Literacy Night will be Tues. Feb. 26th from 5:30-7:00. PTF meeting at 6:00 pm
- Green Eggs & Ham Day- Fri. March 1st

**ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL –**

- AMS Art Winner - Lauren Thomas, 8th grade, has won second place in the State Superintendent Show with her "Cotton Blossoms" Painting in the 7/8 Grade Division. It has been chosen as a "Bicentennial Winner" and will be on display at the State Capital for the next year.
- AMS Art Winner - Stella Whitt, 6th grade, has won second place in the State Superintendent Show with her "Untitled" Painting in the Judges Choice Division. It has been chosen as a "Bicentennial Winner" as well, and will be on display at the State Capital for the next year.

**ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL –**

- January 23, 2019, the doors opened at the new Athens High School welcoming students to the first school day in their new building.
  - Last week Athens High School was rank by Niche.com in the top 10% of high schools in Alabama.
  - Registration for 2019-2020 is underway.
  - Jesse Hernandez made 2<sup>nd</sup> chair oboe at Auburn University Honor Band.
  - The following AHS art students placed in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Art Competition:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Natalie White
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Brenda Marcial
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Aysa Taylor
- Their art will be on display at the High Cotton Arts TRAIL Student Studio for February in celebration of Black History Month.
- Ashely Parnell placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Photography in the 2019 Superintendent's Visual Art Exhibit and Bicentennial Celebration. Her photograph titled *Wasteland* will be on display at the Old

Supreme Court Library of the Alabama State Capital through February 22. Artwork by Anna Hargrove, Sarah Kerr, Aysa Taylor, Natalie White, and Justin Wyatt, will also be on display.

- Ethan Rinke signed as a walk-on with the The University of Tennessee on Signing Day.
- Indoor Track had three Top 10 finishes at State.
  - Logan Smothers placed in the Top 4 in 400 meter run and Top 8 in 60 meter run.
  - Elijah Frankel placed in the Top 10 in the 1600 meter run.Earlier in February Elijah Frankel, Chase Irland, and Hamilton Pressnell all set personal records.
- Varsity Girls Basketball advanced to sub-regionals this year.
- Wrestling had great results at 6A Super Sectionals in Bessemer to qualify for State.
  - Deacon Cowart placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 138.
  - Matthew Craig placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at 126.
  - Alex Rivera placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at 285.
  - Kole Birdsong placed 8<sup>th</sup> at 145.
  - Logan Farmer placed 4<sup>th</sup> at 160.
- Athens Varsity Winter Guard won first place at the Hoover Winter Odyssey.
- AHS Competition Cheer took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation in the high school division at UCA Nationals.
- Tech School Tours for Freshmen were conducted.
- Students got to experience Power Hour for the first time February 13.



**Athens Varsity Football 2019**

August 23	Sparkman (Jamboree)	Away	7:00
August 30	GARDENDALE	Home	7:00
September 6	HARTSELLE	Home	7:00
September 13	Decatur	Away	7:00
September 20	HAZEL GREEN ( HC)	Home	7:00
September 27	East Limestone	Away	7:00
October 4	CULLMAN	Home	7:00
October 11	Columbia	Away	7:00
October 18	Muscle Shoals	Away	7:00
October 25	LEE-HUNTSVILLE	Home	7:00
October 31 (Thu)	Austin	Away	7:00

**Athens JV Football 2019**

September 2	BUCKHORN	Home	11:30
September 9	Hartselle	Away	6:00
September 16	DECATUR	Home	6:30
September 23	Hazel Green	Away	6:30
September 30	EAST LIMESTONE	Home	6:30
October 7	Cullman	Away	6:30
October 14	COLUMBIA	Home	6:30
*October 21	MUSCLE SHOALS	Home	6:30*

**Athens 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Football 2019**

September 2	BUCKHORN	Home	10:00
September 9	OPEN		
September 16	AUSTIN	Home	5:00
September 23	Hazel Green	Away	5:00
September 30	HUNTSVILLE	Home	5:00
October 7	Cullman	Away	5:00
October 14	FLORENCE	Home	5:00
*October 21	MUSCLE SHOALS	Home	6:30*

***\*9<sup>th</sup> & JV will join together to play Muscle Shoals 10/21\****

**2.14.2019**

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