

*ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING  
April 19, 2018  
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 54 members of the public. Sarah Pavik-Hernandez from Athens News Courier was present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Russell Johnson, President called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. in the central office board room.

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

1. Mr. Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Manville 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. Mr. Rich McAdams addressed and complemented the board for the wonderful programs that Athens City Schools offers the students and for the success of Athens Renaissance School. He asked for the support of Athens City Schools as he runs for the Alabama State Board of Education District 8.
5. Mr. Jim Maynard, representing Martin and Cobey, reported the progress of the New Athens High School. Mr. Maynard assured the board members that construction at the new high school is back on schedule after losing 32 days of progress earlier this year.
6. Mrs. Laura Smith, a counselor from Athens High School, recognized Abby Horne as the recipient of the School Superintendents of Alabama and PowerSchool Scholarship. Dr. Holladay and Mr. Russell Johnson presented Abby a Certificate of Excellence for this award.
7. Athens City Schools principals presented a brief report regarding programs and plans for the 2018 – 2019 school year.



8. An Elementary Academy Video highlighting SPARK was shown providing information about our various Academies.
9. Mr. Henry moved that the board approve the consent agenda. Mr. Lucas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – March 16 & 29, 2018
2. Paid Payables – March 2018
3. Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliation – March 2018
4. Personnel
5. Volunteers
6. Non-Resident Student Admissions Applications
7. Facility Use Request
8. LeanStream Software and Services Agreement
9. Resolution for Softball Field Lease
10. Field Trip Request – Athens High School
11. AIS Track Improvements Phase Two

B. Personnel:

1. Retirement:

- a. Karen Davis – Child nutrition worker AHS
- b. Bonnie Downs – Media specialist CE

2. Employment:

- a. Chase Christopher – Temporary maintenance employee ACS
- b. Janine Hollis – Bookkeeper JN
- c. Steven Porter – Band director AHS

3. Transfers:

**a. Fourth grade teachers transferring to AIS**

1. Jennifer Brooks
2. DeOnna Goodloe
3. Rhianna Jarrell
4. Alex Lann
5. Pat Lann
6. Steven Lavender
7. Teresa McDougale
8. Heather Patterson
9. Will Priest
10. Donna Schexnayder
11. Kolecia Simmons



**b. Sixth grade teachers transferring to AMS**

1. Leslie Batts
2. Wanda Burns
3. Chancey Gregg
4. Megan Dillard
5. Paige Evans
6. Wendy Ferguson
7. Nick Looney
8. Brewer Mitchell
9. Laura Moore
10. Melissa Moore

4. Resignations:

- a. Kristin Black – AHS head girls tennis coach
- b. Missy Greenhaw – AHS head boys tennis coach

10. The Superintendent's Report is attached.

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

12. Prior to voting to convene the executive session, Mr. Shane Black, Athens City Board Attorney submitted a Declaration and Opinion in compliance with Section 36-25A-7 of the Code of Alabama (1975). The Declaration and opinion was provided both orally and in writing. A copy of said declaration is attached.

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Manville.



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



Russell Johnson, President



STATE OF ALABAMA )  
COUNTY OF LIMESTONE )

**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 19 day of April, 2018, 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):

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To discuss with the Board's attorney the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation;

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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;

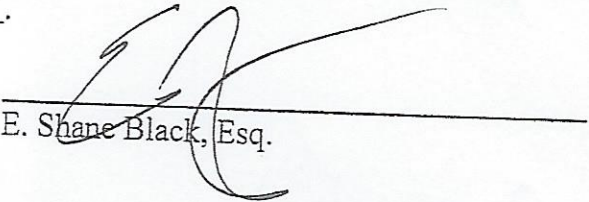
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To meet or confer with a mediator or arbitrator with respect to any litigation or decision concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the Board involving another party, group, or body.

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 19 day of April, 2018.

  
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E. Shane Black, Esq.



**Superintendent's Report  
04-19-2018  
Regular Board Meeting**

○ **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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

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

○ **Athens High School –**

- **Cross Country \$10 for 10 Fund-raiser**  
Dates: May 1 – August 31, 2018  
Location: Community  
Sponsor: Coach Amy Humphries

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

- **Congratulations to the SSA/PowerSchool Student Scholarship recipient Abby Horne.**
- **The AMS Winter Guard finished their season this past Saturday at the championship competition in Bowling Green, KY. This was the first year for AMS to have a winter guard. They brought home two first place finishes during the regular season and were silver medalists in their national competition on Saturday as well as Alabama State Champions.**

○ **ATTENDANCE REPORT –**

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| ○ AES - 432  | ○ AIS - 543  |
| ○ BES - 344  | ○ AMS - 519  |
| ○ CES - 368  | ○ AHS - 984  |
| ○ JNES - 356 | ○ ARS - 1001 |

- **ENROLLMENT – Students currently enrolled –4,547**

**Athens City Schools  
April 2018  
Schools Report**

**ATHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –**

- April 6 Special Olympics/Water Festival Field Trip – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- April 12 Academy Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.



- April 13 Team Care Tailgate Lunch
- April 13 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field trip – Let's Pretend Hospital 9:30 a.m.
- April 16 Cherrydale candy bar fundraiser sale begins
- April 18 Progress reports go home
- April 19 1<sup>st</sup> Grade musical performance 2:00 p.m.
- April 20 Instructional cards due in AES office
- April 25 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade field trip – McWane Center – Birmingham, AL
- April 27 Kona Ice Day \$3,\$4,\$5 – Bring your refill cups
- April 30 Performance series testing – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **BROOKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –**

- BES received an Art Dekko Grant for \$7,500 to go towards an extracurricular theater program.
- April 13 1<sup>st</sup> Grade “World’s Best Pajama Party” musical program
- Week of April 16<sup>th</sup> Scantron testing for grades 2-4
- April 20 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip to Cathedral Caverns
- April 24 Fine arts advisory council meeting
- April 25 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field trip to Early Works
- April 26 Brookhill’s Got Talent Show 6 p.m.

### **SPARK ACADEMY AT COWART –**

- April 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade field research Trip to Wallace State Community College
- April 18 Progress reports go home
- April 18 Violin program (start times are: 10:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:30)
- April 19 Kindergarten field research trip to Botanical Gardens
- April 20 Weather make up day
- April 23 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field research trip to Lyons Family Farms
- May 1 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip to Stars and Strikes
- May 8 SPARK showcase night
- May 10 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade will visit AIS
- May 17 Work on Wheels
- May 21 Field Day

### **JULIAN NEWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –**

- April 6 4<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to Groundwater Festival at ASU
- April 10 Kids Check (well screening for all students)
- April 11 PD for Teachers – PLT Assessment
- April 13 1<sup>st</sup> Grade field trip to Let's Pretend Hospital at CCC
- April 13 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Debate, 9:00am
- April 16 Village Pizza Spirit Day
- April 16 PTF, 3:15

- April 16 - 20 Individual Performance Series Testing, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 18 Progress Reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 20 Outdoor Classroom Workday
- April 23 – 27 Performance Series Testing, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 30 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry Sharing, 9:00am
- April 30 DIBELS testing begins
- We are excited to have received a \$1,000 NWF grant to help enhance our garden area!

#### **ATHENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL –**

- April 3 Empower Hour SST
- April 4 AIS Connect AM Kona Ice
- April 5 12:30 Wellness Screenings for employees/PTO meeting 6:00 pm
- April 6 Special Olympics, AVID Class will assist
- April 9 Faculty meeting 3:30-4:15 Training for Performance Series Testing
- April 10 Empower Hour PLT assessment hour 1 training
- April 13 Student lead conference goal check in
- April 16 Special Ed. begins P.S. testing
- April 17 Empower Hour PLT assessment hour 2 training
- April 18 AIS Connect PM
- April 24 Spring performance series testing
- April 25 Spring performance series testing
- April 26 Spring performance series testing
- April 27 Field Day
- April 30 Teacher appreciation week begins (April 30 – May 4)  
AVID field trip to Calhoun

#### **ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL –**

- April 16 - 23 Global Scholar Testing
- April 17 – 20 Registration for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- April 23 AMS spring football practice starts
- April 25 – 29 Washington DC trip for 7<sup>th</sup> graders
- April 28 AMS Band solo and ensemble
- May 2 Progress reports go home
- May 10 Connect Fun Day
- May 18 AMS Awards Day 1-2
- May 22 -23 Final exams – makeups on the 24th

#### **ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL –**



- The AHS Student Council Association won several awards at the Alabama State Student Council Conference in Tuscaloosa. Our SCA was awarded a Gold Outstanding Student Council (only 1 out of 5 in the state), 1st Place for the Leadership Project (Act of Kindness Wall), 1st Place for the Service Project (Swishes Do Come True), 1st Place for our Scrapbook designed by Elizabeth Hobbs, one of the Top donators for the Make a Wish Foundation, and finally a Gold Member School for donating to our state scholarship fund.
- The AHS Boys & Girls Track Teams won 1<sup>st</sup> Place for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Home Meet out of 11 teams.
- Junior Ally Williams won the Golden Eagle Invitational Golf Tournament at Canebrake with an impressive 66. She also shot a winning 2 under par in the Metro Invitational at Hampton Cove.
- The Boys Track Team won the overall Team Championship at the Don Heidorn Invitational Track Meet in Muscle Shoals. The Boys team earned 1<sup>st</sup> place and remained undefeated on the season. The Girls team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place with only ten girls. Individually we had 21 new personal records.
- Stacia Benford signed an Athletic Scholarship with Snead State Junior College to play basketball for the 2018-2019 season!
- 2018-2019 Student Council Association Officers were elected:
  - President: Mary Frances Moore
  - Vice President: Ashlyn Roberts
  - Secretary: Elizabeth Hobbs
  - Treasurer: Marci Hall
- Mrs. Clem's 3<sup>rd</sup> Block Class collected the most pounds of food and supplies for the FCCLA's Animal Food Drive. Of the 150 pounds collected, Mrs. Clem's class collected over 70 pounds.
- Dr. Travis Schrimsher was awarded the 2018 Outstanding Alumnus Achievement Award in Education by Athens State University.
- The AHS Concert Band received Superior Division 1 ratings at the Music Performance Assessment at Huntsville High Wednesday! AHS was one of only four bands that received straight Superior marks all day. Athens Middle School also got straight 1's.