

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2017
5:30 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 51 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 5:30 p.m. in the central office board room.

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

1. Mr. Lucas opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Aidan Trout from Boy Scout Troop 240 led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mr. Henry 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. On behalf of the Athens City School Board Dr. Chris Hamilton recognized Shaw Sandy and Sam Bennett for finishing as one of the top two teams in the country and Canada for Fishing University's "Make Me A Star High School Challenge". These students participated in a 3 month social media fishing challenge to earn college scholarships.
6. Tandy Norris recognized students from SPARK and Athens Intermediate School for their research projects that led to USDA Recognition.
7. Mr. Henry moved that the board approve the 2018 -2019 School Calendar. Mrs. Malone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
8. Mr. Lucas moved that the board approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Malone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2017
2. Paid Payables – October & November 2017

3. Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliation – October & November 2017
4. Personnel
5. Volunteers
6. GAJB Board Policy Revision
7. Cancellation of Out-of-District Application
8. Field Trip Request – Athens Middle School
9. Career Preparedness Waiver 2018
10. New AHS Budget Resolution
11. Facility Use Request – AHS & AMS
12. Brookhill & AIS Walking Track Proposals
13. Playground Equipment Proposal for Athens Intermediate School

B. Personnel:

1. Retirement:

- a. Amy Havely physical education teacher JN

2. Resignation:

- a. Doris Wray CNP worker AIS

3. Transfer:

- a. Allison Pigg from music teacher at BH and AE to music teacher AIS

4. Cancellation of Contract:

- a. Andra Youngblood latchkey teacher JN

5. Employment:

- a. Katherine Belvin music teacher for BH and AE
- b. Whitney Jordan physical education teacher JN
- c. Eloisa Wright latchkey teacher JN

9. The Superintendent's Report is attached.

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

11. 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.

12. Mr. Lucas moved that the board return to regular session. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

13. Mr. Lucas moved that the board approve the superintendent's recommendation to place student A at Athens High School second semester. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
14. Mr. Green moved that the board approve the Resolution Approving A Memorandum Of Understanding With Canebrake Club, LLC. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was five yes and two abstain.

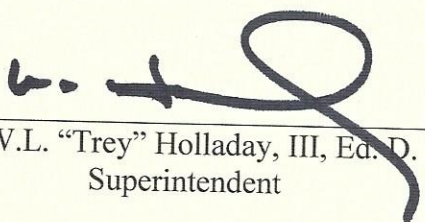
YES

Mr. Lucas
Mr. Green
Mrs. Malone
Mr. Henry
Mr. Johnson

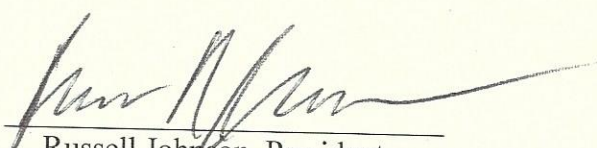
ABSTAIN

Mrs. Manville
Mrs. Hutton

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Malone.



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 12th day of December, 2017, 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.

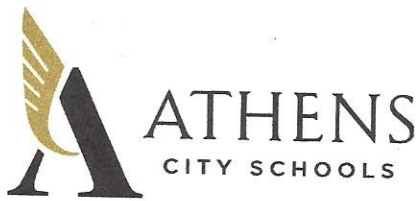
Prior to voting to convene the executive session, I am offering this Declaration and Opinion for the purpose of stating that Section 36-25A-7 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975) is applicable to the planned discussion, and I hereby request that this written Declaration and Opinion be reflected in the minutes 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 12th day of December, 2017.



E. Shane Black, Esq.



Superintendent's Report
12/12/17
Regular Board Meeting

○ **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

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	

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

○ **Athens High School –**

- Girls Golf 2018 Schedule
- Soccer 2018 Schedule
- Boys & Girls Soccer Zaxby's Spirit Night
Dates: December 2017 – March 2018 (2-3 nights)
Location: Zaxby's Restaurant
Sponsors: Coaches Ron Oakley and Chelsea Hurst
- Band ACB Metals Recycling Project Fundraiser
Dates: TBD (January – May 2018)
Location: Outside school
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix
- Band Chic-fil-A Cookie Pack Sales Fundraiser
Dates: January 2018
Location: Outside sales
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix
- SCA Full Tummy Project
Dates: January 15 – February 28, 2018
Location: AHS
Sponsor: Mrs. Karen Clem
- Band Spirit Night at Zaxby's Fundraiser
Dates: 3 Nights TBA (January, February, April 2018, 5-8 p.m.)
Location: Zaxby's Restaurant
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix

- Homegoing
Date: January 29, 2018
Location: AHS Gym
Sponsor: Karen Clem
- Band Candy Bar Sales Fundraiser
Dates: January – May 2018
Location: Outside of school
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix
- Band Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser
Dates: January – February 2018
Location: Outside sales
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix
- Boys & Girls Soccer “10 for 10” Fundraiser
Dates: February 1 – February 15, 2018
Location: Community
Sponsors: Coaches Ron Oakley and Chelsea Hurst
- FBLA & Business Marketing Students Attending Predators Leadership Night
Dates: February 15, 2018
Location: Nashville, TN
Sponsors: Mrs. Brandi Foster and Mrs. Lori Jones
- Band Mixed Designs Fundraiser
Dates: February – April 2018
Locations: Outside and Internet Sales
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix
- Senior Class Student/Faculty Basketball Game
Dates: February 26-27, 2018
Location: AHS Gyms
Sponsor: Ms. Ramona Malone
- SCA SASC Executive Board Planning Session
Dates: March 23 – 25, 2018
Location: Charleston, SC
Sponsor: Mrs. Karen Clem
- Band Fresh Flower Baskets Fundraiser
Dates: April 1 – May 10, 2018
Location: Outside Sales
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix

- January 20, 2018
Group: Winter Guard
Event: Compete in SCGC Circuit Contest, Hoover High School
Attending: Mr. Ryan Nix and 9 winter guard members
- February 24, 2018
Group: Winter Guard
Event: Compete in SCGC Circuit Contest, Bob Jones High School
Attending: Mr. Ryan Nix and 9 winter guard members
- March 17, 2018
Group: Winter Guard
Event: Compete in SCGC Circuit Contest, Sparkman High School
Attending: Mr. Ryan Nix and 9 winter guard members
- **NOTIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL SYSTEM EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS**
 - Athens City Schools was awarded a grant for FY2018 - Alabama Middle School Computer Initiative Competitive Grant to fund computer programming to middle school (Grades 6-8) students in the amount of \$9,545.
 - Congratulations to Tiffany Wilbourn's 5th grade classroom. They were selected as one of four classrooms for a Free Field Trip to the US Space & Rocket Center.
- **ATTENDANCE REPORT -**

○ AES - 421 (Includes Pre K)	○ AMS - 508
○ BES - 334	○ AHS - 985
○ CES - 373	○ ARS - 1076
○ JNES - 357	
○ AIS - 545	
- **ENROLLMENT -** Students currently enrolled - 4,599

**Athens City Schools
December 2017
Schools Report**

ATHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -

- December 06 Computer Science Hour of Code
- December 07 AES Spelling Bee - 8:15 a.m.
- December 07 Athens-Limestone County Christmas Parade - 6:00 p.m.
- December 08 SOAR Field Trip - Dollar Tree and Athens High School
- December 14 AES Kindergarten Christmas Program & Sing Along - 1:00 p.m.
- December 15 Computer Science Reward for Contest Goal Achievers (1-4)
- December 18 Accelerated Reader Ice Cream Parlor- Students who have reached

- their AR goal will participate after their lunch.
- December 20 End 2nd Nine Week Grading Period
- December 20 Christmas Parties in the Rooms – 1:45 p.m.

BROOKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –

- Kindergarten Christmas program is this Friday Dec. 8th
- BES Spelling Bee- Wed. Dec. 13th
- Congratulations to Ms. Alex Lann for being named Outstanding 2017 Athens State Alumnus of the Year

SPARK ACADEMY AT COWART -

- SPARK Student Showcase was held on November 2nd. We had great parent attendance for the event.
- To strengthen our community involvement our annual canned food drive brought in 833 cans to donate to the Salvation Army.
- We have started the SPARK Reading Community. Guests come into the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays to read with the students during their scheduled library times with Mrs. Downs. In addition to our guest readers, we have PTO volunteers coming in on these days to help in the workroom with various things to assist teachers.
- December 5 - SPARK Spirit night at AHS Basketball game
- December 5 - PTO Meeting at 6:30
- December 8 - 3rd & 4th Grade Spelling Bee in auditorium at 9:30
- December 19 - Polar Express Day (wear pajamas)
- December 20 - Classroom parties beginning at 1:45

JULIAN NEWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –

- December 11 Community Advisory Academy Meeting, 6:00
- December 15 Spelling Bee, 8:30
- December 18 PTF Meeting, Pizza & Projects (Student Showcase)
Pizza - 5:00-6:00
PTF - 6:00-6:15
Projects - 6:15
- January 12 Awards Assembly for 2nd 9 weeks

ATHENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL –

- December 5 – Empower Hour – Assisting teachers with Priority Standards, Big Ideas, and EQ
- December 8 – PTO Christmas Luncheon for Staff
- December 8 – AVID Fun Friday with M. Moore and L. Viers
- December 11 – Faculty Christmas Party at Dana Pressnell's at 4:00pm
- December 11 – Garbage to Garden Lunch Recycling Kicks Off
- December 12 – Empower Hour – Reflection on 1st semester and organizing materials

- December 12 – Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm
- December 13 – AIS Connect PM/ PM Activity Schedule
- December 15 – Classroom Winter Parties at 1:30pm
- December 15 – AVID Class guest speaker
- December 19 – No Empower Hour
- December 20 – Last day of 1st Semester

ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL –

- 1st Semester Exams are as follows:
Dec. 18 for Blocks 1,3, & 5
Dec. 19 for Blocks 2, 4, & 6
- Basketball games:
Dec. 11, 12, 14, 16, & 18 Jan. 4, 5, & 11 is Tournament
Tournaments Dec. 16 and starting December 26th-30th and Jan. 11th is Tournament
- Wrestling
Dec. 16 Sparkman
Jan. 6 Huntsville
Jan. 20 Jasper
Jan. 23 Hartselle
Jan. 27 Columbia

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL –

- The following CTE programs were reviewed by the Alabama State Department of Education for Business and Industry Certification:
Health Science
Foods, Dietetics, and Wellness
Education and Training
Each program was recertified for five years. There were no citations.
- Senior Girls Basketball player Alexis Woods signed a basketball scholarship with The University of Alabama-Huntsville.
- AHS Cross Country Teams qualified for State. The girls finished 18th overall in the state for the season. Cierra Eisenhardt, Maddie Tibbetts, and Aliana Lopez set personal records. Guy Greenhaw and Chase Irland raced individually and came in the Top 25 in the State at 23rd and 24th overall, both setting personal records. Elijah Frankel also ran a personal best.
- Jacob McNairy signed to play baseball at The University of Alabama!
- Kobie Melton signed to swim for the University of Arkansas.
- Coach Eddie Murphree had his 300th basketball win.
- Juniors Sam Bennett and Shaw Sandy qualified to fish in a competition to win college tuition on live TV December 7 – 10. They have competed against 1,532 other high school teams from across the USA and Canada to make it to the top.
- In football, the AHS Golden Eagles made it to the first round of play-offs.
- AHS hosted the Veterans Day Assembly and a Retired Employees Luncheon this month.
- The National Honor Society inducted 52 students this month.

- The TSA had their 2nd annual Talent Show with 7 acts.
- Christian Malone (grade 12), Julia Pitts (grade 10), and Casey Mayo (grade 12 at ARS) each were accepted into the 2018 All State Choir Conference. The All State competition selects the top students in the state to participate. This is the first time that Athens City has participated in this endeavor, and we had six students to audition this year. In March the students will participate in a three-day clinic, conducted by several of the nation's most respected directors that will culminate in a performance of eight pieces.
- Georgia Chandler was the overall winner of the Mayor's Youth Commission Art contest for the High School Division. Her work will be on display at City Hall in the Youth Corner through December. Kensley Baldwin was also selected to be displayed at City Hall.
- Twenty-nine AHS Business Marketing Academy students attended the Tennessee Titans Learning Lab at Nissan Stadium in Nashville, TN. Students were introduced to a variety of different career opportunities available throughout the sports industry. They also toured the stadium and spoke with several Titans executives.
- Recently some of our students participated in the State Swim Meet at Auburn University. Kobie Melton won Gold in two events. She won the 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke. Kobie set a new state record in the 100 Backstroke. Connor Hill place 4th in the 100 Breaststroke and 8th in the 100 Butterfly. Members of the Girls 200 Freestyle Relay team that participated were: Madelyn Farmer, Grace Martin, Emma Preston, Kobie Melton, Kayla Younkin (alt.)