

**ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
October 19, 2017
6:30 a.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 14 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 6:30 p.m. in the central office board room.

ROLL CALL:

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

1. Mr. Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Malone led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mrs. Manville moved that the board approve the agenda. Mrs. Malone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
4. No one from the public addressed the board.
5. Dr. Holladay recognized the board members who achieved levels in AASB's School Board Member Academy during the 2016 – 17 Academy year, which ended June 30.

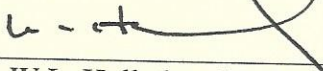
Tim Green	Level 3
Beverly Malone	Master Honor Roll
Scott Henry	Level 3
Russell Johnson	Level 4
James Lucas	Master's Honor Roll Achieved in a Previous Year

Mr. Johnson, on behalf of the Athens City School Board, presented Dr. Holladay with a plaque congratulating him on being named as Alabama/Classworks 2018 District 8 Superintendent of the Year.

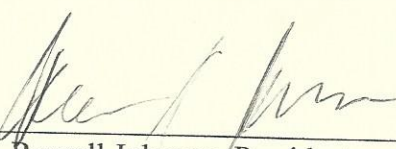
6. Dyslexia Awareness Month is October. Amy Williams presented to the board the Dyslexia Awareness Acton Plan for Athens City Schools.

7. Mrs. Malone moved that the board enter into executive session. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
8. 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 said declaration is attached.
9. Mrs. Malone moved that the board return to regular session. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
10. Mr. Henry moved that the board approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
 - A. Consent Items Approved:
 1. Approval of Minutes – September 21, 2017 & October 5, 2017
 2. Personnel
 3. Volunteers
 4. Field Trip Request – ARS & AHS
 5. Facility Use Request – AHS & AMS
 6. Resolution Ratifying Superintendent's Approval of Contract for Rooftop Unit Replacements at AHS
 - B. Personnel Items Approved:
 1. Resignation:
 - a. Roy Adams – Assistant band director for Athens High School
 2. Certified Teacher Pay:
 - a. Jessa Riddle – Substitute for Katie Harbin at Julian Newman Elementary
11. The Superintendent's Report is attached.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Malone.



W.L. Holladay, III, 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).

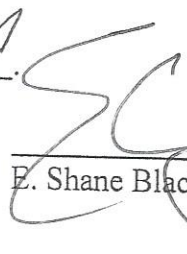
On the 19th day of October, 2017, at a meeting of the Athens City Board of Education, there has been or will be made a motion calling for an executive session for the following purpose(s):

- ☒ 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.

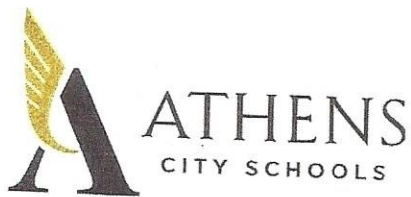
Prior to voting to convene the executive session, I am offering this Declaration and Opinion for the purpose of stating that Section 36-25A-7 of the *Code of Alabama* (1975) is applicable to the planned discussion, and I hereby request that this written Declaration and Opinion be reflected in the minutes 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 19 day of October, 2017.



E. Shane Black, Esq.



Superintendent's Report
10/19/17
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 –**
 - Boys/Girls Soccer Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza
Dates: TBD (October/November)
Location: Marco's Pizza
Sponsors: Coaches Ron Oakley and Chelsea Hurst
 - Boys/Girls Soccer Fan Cloth
Dates: TBD (October/November)
Location: Athens
Sponsors: Coaches Ron Oakley and Chelsea Hurst
 - Freshman Class Chick-fil-A Calendar Fundraiser
Dates: October 20, 2017 – January 31, 2018
Location: Athens
Sponsor: Mr. Justin Smith
 - FCCLA Heart & Home Catalog Sales
Dates: October 23, 2017 – November 10, 2017
Location: Athens
Sponsors: Mrs. Terah Jones and Ms. Delaney Beck
 - Band Poinsettia Sales
Dates: November – December 2017
Location: Athens
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix
 - Band Pecan Sales
Dates: November – December 2017
Location: Athens City Schools
Sponsor: Mr. Ryan Nix

- Baseball Alumni Letter 20 for 10
 Dates: November 1 – November 30, 2017
 Location: Athens
 Sponsor: Coach Chuck Smith
- SCA Kidnap a Class
 Dates: November 13, 2017 – November 17, 2017
 Location: AHS
 Sponsor: Mrs. Karen Clem
- Baseball Spirit Night at Joe's Pizza
 Dates: November 15, 2017
 Location: Joe's Pizza
 Sponsor: Coach Chuck Smith
- Baseball DQ Fundraising Cards
 Dates: January 8 – January 22, 2018
 Location: Athens
 Sponsor: Coach Chuck Smith
- **December 6, 2017**
Group: Education & Training Classes
 Event: We Teach Conference at Athens State University
 Attending: Mrs. Terah Jones and 11-28 students
- **February 24, 2018**
Group: Computer Science
 Event: Capture the Flag Cyber Security Competition at UAB
 Attending: Mrs. Kristin Black and 4 students
- **NOTIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL SYSTEM EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS**
- **Congratulations to the following teachers for being selected as the Athens City School System 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year:**
 AES: Amanda Elgin
 BES: Kelley Riggsby
 SPARK @ Cowart: Erica Hand
 JNE: Amy Havelly
 AIS: Tiffany Wilbourn
 AMS: Nicole Stockman
 AHS: Justin Smith
 ARS: Lorri Haynes

- The Athens City Schools Foundation's 2nd Annual Teacher of the Year Gratitude Banquet is scheduled for November 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of Athens State University. You may register at <http://conta.cc/2xIRYQR>.
- Congratulations to Athens Renaissance teacher Leah Hunt, for being named Valley's Top Teacher.
- ATTENDANCE REPORT –
 - AES - 423
 - BES - 324
 - CES - 371
 - JNES - 353
 - AIS - 539
 - AMS - 511
 - AHS - 992
 - ARS - 1012
- ENROLLMENT – Students currently enrolled – 4,525

Athens City Schools October 2017 Schools Report

ATHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –

- September 29 AES Eagle Dash – Students will run during their PE Classes today.
Snow Cones will be awarded to those who collected \$16-\$25.
Fun Run T-Shirts will be awarded to those who collected \$26-\$40 and turned in their donations by the due date.
- October 02-18 Box Tops for Education Collection Contest – Class collecting the most Box Tops for Education will receive a pizza party.
- October 03 Picture Orders Due
- October 03 Eagle Dash Movie – 1:30 (For students who collected \$60 or more.)
Soft Drinks & Popcorn will be awarded to students who collected less than \$60.
- October 05 1st Grade Field Trip – Gullion Farms – 8:00 a.m.
- October 06 KONA Ice Day – Students may purchase after lunch.
Kindergarten Field Trip – Tate Farms – 8:45 a.m.
Dress-up Theme: Neon
Accelerated Reader Ice Cream Parlor
End 1st Nine Week Grading Period
- October 06 Eagle Dash Pizza Party – 1:30 (for students who collected \$101 or more.)
Special Prizes will be awarded to those who collected \$41-\$60.
- October 09-13 F A L L B R E A K – No school
- October 16-27 Cherrydale Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off
Please read all information in your child's packet before selling.
- October 18 Picture Make-Up Day – For students who were absent on Picture Day, or, a new student who enrolled after Picture Day, or you want to have your picture remade.
- October 18 Report Cards Go Home
- October 19 "Kid Check" Health Screening – Parent information sheets have been sent home.
All students will be screened, unless you opted out.
- October 19 AHS Spirit Ribbon Sale - \$.50
- October 19 SOAR Students – Bowling
- October 23-27 Red Ribbon Week – More information to come.
- October 24 Athens Storytelling Festival – Students in Grades 3 and 4 will be participating.
Buses will arrive at the school at 8:15 to transport the students downtown.
- October 25 Athens City Schools Professional Learning Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

- October 26 Athens High School Pep Rally at Athens Elementary – 2:00 p.m.
- October 27 End Cherrydale Cookie Dough Fundraiser – Please turn in all orders and money by the end of the day.
- October 27 Athens High School Homecoming – Dress-up theme: Blackout
- October 30 AES Canned Food Drive Begins (3 weeks)
- October 31 Halloween Parties in the classrooms at 1:45.

BROOKHILL ELEMENTARY –

Brookhill recognized 10 students, a girl and boy from each grade level for its first ever September Students of the Month. Each student will get a picture and a \$5 gift card to Kreme Delight. We would like to thank Happy Threads for sponsoring our September Students of the Month.

Kindergarten- Marley Shelton & Jameson McIntyre
1st Grade- Kensley Slay & Markeadon Williams
2nd Grade- Ava Mendoza & Will Lansford
3rd Grade- Ruby Hernandez @ Dakota Beadle
4th Grade- Kenidi Orr & Rebaldo Lopez

SPARK ACADEMY AT COWART

- October 23 November 16 - Annual canned food drive
- October 24 Storytelling festival
- October 26 Kindergarten will be attending the Birmingham Zoo
- October 27 – November 3 Book Fair
- November 18 Rivalry Run
- Tuesdays & Thursdays – SPARK Reading Community. Guests come into the library and read with the students during their scheduled library times with Mrs. Downs.

JULIAN NEWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –

- October 4 JNES hosted the very first Instructional Rounds for the District Leadership Team.
- October 6 Students participated in the annual Newman Ninja Warrior Fun Run.
- October 20 Students will be recognized for their accomplishments for the first nine weeks of school.
- October 24 Second grade students will travel to Cathedral Caverns for a field trip. Third and fourth grade students will attend the Storytelling Festival.

ATHENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL –

- October 16 Grades due in INow
- October 17 Empower Hour – Preparing for our next PLT day
- October 18 AIS Connect 8:00AM – AM Activity Schedule
- October 18 Report Cards
- October 18 Seesaw with Mrs. Viers at 3:30pm
- October 18 Kona Ice
- October 19 Mrs. Viers class goes Bowling with the support of Mrs. M. Moore's AVID class
- October 20 8:00am 6th grade Honor Roll
- October 20 9:30am 5th grade Honor Roll

- October 20 Homecoming Football Game – early dismissal at 2:30PM
We will all be on the PM Activity Schedule
- October 23 Red Ribbon Week
- October 24 5:00pm – 9:00pm Chick-fil-A night for AIS
- October 24 Story Telling Festival for all of AIS
- October 25 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning Day for teachers
- October 27 Fall Tailgate for students at 2:15pm PM Activity Schedule
- October 30 AVID District Meeting

ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL –

- 10/20 AMS dismisses at 2:35pm for AHS Homecoming parade
- 10/20 AVID students will be visiting Martin Methodist College
- 10/24 AMS Picture Remake Day
- 10/24 AMS Basketball vs Brookhaven MS @Brookhaven
- 10/26 AMS Basketball vs Oak Park MS @ AHS
- 10/30 AMS Basketball vs Discovery MS @ Discovery MS
- 11/2 AMS Basketball vs Meridianville
- 11/6 AMS Basketball vs East Limestone @ East
- 11/7 AMS Basketball vs Muscle Shoals @AHS
- 11/8 Progress Reports go home
- 11/9 AMS Basketball vs Oak Park @ Oak Park
- 11/13 AMS Basketball vs Hartselle @AHS

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL –

- Mrs. Karen Clem was recognized by the College Board's Advanced Placement and Testing Service for significant contributions made during the 2017 AP Reading.
- Mrs. Lara Malone's third block class was the winner of this year's Stuff the Bus collecting 462 books suitable for grades K-12. As a school, we collected almost 2,000 books.
- SCA hosted their Fall LifeSouth Blood Drive collecting 176 pints of blood, which will save over 500 lives.
- The Mock ACT was administered to 11th grade students.