

**ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**September 21, 2017**  
**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 38 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: Russell Johnson, President  
James Lucas  
Scott Henry  
Dr. W.L. Holladay, III, Superintendent  
Tim Green  
Shannon Hutton  
Beverly Malone, Vice President  
Jennifer Manville

1. Mr. Johnson opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Hutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Malone moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Henry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
4. No one from the public addressed the board.
5. Dr. Chris Hamilton on behalf of Dr. Trey Holladay and Athens City School board recognized Emma Tarokh, a fifth grade student from Athens Intermediate School, for being named 2017 Alabama State Games Female Athlete of the Year. Also, recognized was Allynda Davis, a speech language pathologist for Athens City Schools. Allynda passed the National Exam and is now a Certified Academic Language Therapist.
6. Athletic Director Darin Aderholt and Seawell McKee presented a long-range plan for athletic facilities.
7. Mr. Green moved that the board approve the Capital Plan for 2017-2018. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
8. Mr. Henry moved that the board vote for Mrs. Jennifer Manville as AASB District 8 candidate. Mr. Lucas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

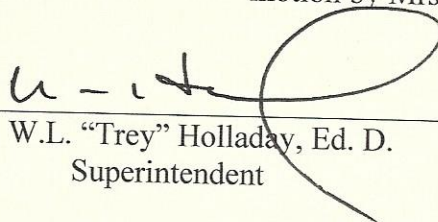
9. Mrs. Malone moved that the board enter into executive session. Mrs. Manville seconded the motion.
10. Prior to voting to convene the executive session, Mr. Shane Black, Athens City Board Attorney submitted a Declaration and Opinion in compliance with Section 36-25A-7 of the Code of Alabama (1975). The Declaration and opinion was provided both orally and in writing. A said declaration is attached.
11. Mr. Henry moved that the board return to regular session. Mrs. Malone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
12. Mr. Henry 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 – September 5<sup>th</sup> & August 17, 2017
    2. Paid Payables – August 2017
    3. Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliation – August 2017
    4. Personnel
    5. Volunteers
    6. Non-Resident Student Admissions Application
    7. Field Trip Request – Athens High School
    8. Resolution Amendment of Contract for Purchase of Real Property along Pryor Street
    9. Resolution Amendment to QZAB Funds
  - B. Personnel
    1. Retirement:
      - a. Mike Wiman – Bus Driver
    2. Resignation:
      - a. Jennifer Kennedy – Robotics team coach AIS
      - b. Erin Martin – Part-Time nurse/bus duty AMS
    3. Employment:
      - a. Marcus Baker – Bus driver ACS
      - b. Kristin Heery – Accounting specialist for ACS
      - c. Emerald Smith – Latchkey teacher AE
      - d. Lori Vaughan – Part-Time RN/Bus Duty AMS
    4. Leave Without Pay – Kim Gresham bus driver ACS



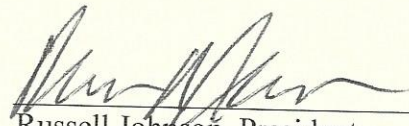
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13. The Superintendent's Report is attached.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Malone.



W.L. "Trey" Holladay, 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 21 day of September, 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;

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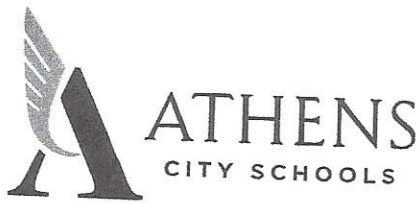
To meet or confer with a mediator or arbitrator with respect to any litigation or decision concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the Board involving another party, group, or body.

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 21 day of Sept, 2017.

  
E. Shane Black, Esq.



**Superintendent's Report**  
**09/21/17**  
**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 –**

- PTO Buick Drive by School  
Dates: November 3, 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; November 4, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Location: AHS North Parking Lot  
Sponsor: PTO President Mrs. Misty Wilson
- Boys & Girls Basketball Youth Basketball Tournaments  
Dates: TBA  
Location: AHS  
Sponsors: Coach Stace Tedford and Coach Eddie Murphree
- FBLA March of Dimes Blue Jeans for Babies T-shirts  
Dates: September 2017  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Mrs. Brandi Foster
- Boys Basketball Coupon Books  
Dates: September 22 – October 15, 2017  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Coach Stace Tedford
- Girls Basketball T-shirt Sales  
Dates: September 22 – TBD  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Coach Eddie Murphree
- Girls Basketball 10 for 10  
Dates: September 22 – October 2, 2017  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Coach Eddie Murphree
- SCA Belk Charity Drive  
Dates: September 23 – November 5, 2017  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Mrs. Karen Clem

- FBLA Hats on for Houston Tickets  
 Dates: September 22 – 28, 2017  
 Location: Athens City Schools  
 Sponsors: Mrs. Brandi Foster and Ms. Shaneka Wallace
- Swim Team Chick-fil-A Team Night  
 Dates: October TBD  
 Location: Chick-fil-A, Athens  
 Sponsor: Coach Anna Underwood
- Swim Team Village Pizza Team Night  
 Dates: October TBD  
 Location: Village Pizza, Athens  
 Sponsor: Coach Anna Underwood
- TSA Talent Show  
 Dates: October 2017  
 Location: AHS  
 Sponsor: Mr. Michael May and Mr. Andrew Risner
- Softball Online Team Shop  
 Dates: October 1 through November 2017  
 Location: AHS  
 Sponsor: Coach Thad Prater
- Baseball Christmas Wreath Fundraiser  
 Dates: October 2 – November 2, 2017  
 Location: Community  
 Sponsor: Coach Chuck Smith
- Baseball Team Shop for Players/Parents  
 Dates: October 2 – October 16, 2017  
 Location: AHS  
 Sponsor: Coach Chuck Smith
- FBLA March of Dimes Fundraiser (various activities)  
 Date: October 2 – October 31, 2017  
 Location: AHS  
 Sponsor: Mrs. Lori Jones, Mrs. Kristin Black, Mrs. Brandi Foster, and Ms. Shaneka Wallace
- SCA Children's Hospital "Fun"draiser Games & Activities  
 Date: November 3, 2017  
 Location: AHS Stadium  
 Sponsor: Mrs. Karen Clem
- Junior Class 6<sup>th</sup> Man T-shirts  
 Date: November 2017 – December 2017  
 Location: AHS  
 Sponsor: Mr. Andrew Risner
- Junior Class Sweatshirts



Date: November 2017 – January 2018

Location: AHS

Sponsor: Mr. Andrew Risner

- Dance Team Dance Camp  
Dates: November 27 – November 30, 2017  
Location: AHS or AMS  
Sponsor: Coach Kristie Murphree
- Junior Class Boston Butts  
Dates: January – February 2018  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Mr. Andrew Risner
- Junior Class Car Wash Express Tickets  
Dates: March – April 218  
Location: AHS  
Sponsor: Mr. Andrew Risner
- Athletic Schedules: AHS Baseball 2017 – 2018
- Athletic Schedule: AHS Softball 2017 – 2018
- Athletic Schedule: AHS Wrestling 2017 – 2018
- February – April, 2018  
Group: AHS Baseball travel to season games
- September 30, 2017  
Group: AHS Scholars Bowl Team  
Event: Scholars Bowl Competition, Cullman, AL  
Attending: Mrs. Angela Wagner and 6-20 students
- October 24 – 28, 2017, TBD  
Group: AHS students TBD  
Event: Storytelling Festival, Athens, AL  
Attending: Mrs. Gia Russell and students
- October 27, 2017  
Group: HOSA  
Event: Assisting at Foundation of Aging Fun Fest at Limestone County Event Center  
Attending: Mrs. Missy Greenhaw, Mrs. Dana Reynolds, and 14 HOSA senior students
- **NOTIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL SYSTEM EVENTS/CELEBRATIONS**
- Athens Intermediate School student Emma Tarokh was named 2017 Alabama State Games Female Athlete of the Year.
- Athens City Schools was awarded a Community Service Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Tim Melson, Alabama State Senator District 1.

- ATTENDANCE REPORT –
  - AES - 422
  - BES - 324
  - CES - 365
  - JNES - 352
  - AIS - 539
  - AMS - 509
  - AHS - 989
  - ARS - 1,018
- ENROLLMENT – Students currently enrolled – 4,518

**Athens City Schools  
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Schools Report**

**ATHENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –**

- September 01 Dress Up Theme – Hawaiian  
Early Dismissal for AHS Pep Rally on the Square – 2:15 p.m.
- September 04 Athens High School vs. Sparkman (Away game) 7:00 p.m.
- September 05 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – No school  
AES Fun Run Campaign Begins – Students will collect donations through September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- September 06 Boy Scout Representative to visit classrooms.  
Progress Reports will be sent home.
- September 07 AHS Spirit Ribbons for sale – 50 cents
- September 08 Dress Up Theme – Superhero  
KONA Ice Day – Students may bring money to purchase after lunch.
- September 12 Athens High School vs. Hartselle (Home game) 7:00 p.m.  
Title I Meeting for Parents and Teachers – 5:30 p.m.  
Athens Elementary PTO Meeting/ “Open House”  
PTO Meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the Activity Building  
Ms. Davis will dismiss to classrooms after a brief meeting.  
KONA Ice will be here for “Open House”.
- September 14 AES Night at Chick-fil-A – Save your receipt and send it to school.
- September 15 Dress Up Theme – Wear Clothes Inside Out  
Athens High School vs. Muscle Shoals (Away game) 7:00 p.m.
- September 18 Fun Run Donations Due
- September 21 AES Employee Flu Shots – 8:00-11:00  
AHS Spirit Ribbon Sale – 50 cents
- September 22 Dress Up Theme – 80’s and 90’s  
AES Student Flu Shots w/parent consent  
“After School Bash” – 2:45 p.m.–5:00 Details will be sent home later.
- September 29 Athens High School vs. Florence (Home game) 7:00 p.m.  
Dress Up Theme – Country  
Athens Elementary Fun Run – Students will run during their PE class during the school day.  
Athens High School vs. East Limestone (Away game) 7:00 p.m.



### **BROOKHILL ELEMENTARY –**

- Dekko Grant- \$14,000
- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama Grant- \$10,000
- Brookhill celebrated Grandparents Week the week of September 11-15th. BES retired faculty and staff came out to assist our students who did not have grandparents in attendance.

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

- September 5 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- September 6 Boys Scouts came to speak to the students
- September 6 Connect Groups met
- September 6 Progress Reports went home
- September 7 Dressed like superheroes to support Childhood Cancer Awareness
- September 8 Fall pictures were made
- September 12-14 Grandparents Days
- September 14 Curriculum Planning during grade level meetings
- September 19 Village Pizza Spirit Night, 3-9
- September 20 Connect Groups will meet
- September 21 - 22 Flu shots for staff & students respectively
- September 25 1<sup>st</sup> grade Field Trip to Tate Farms
- September 26 Fun Run Fundraiser Kick-off
- September 26 PTF / Open House, 6:00
- September 28 Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6

AHS Football Players and Cheerleaders have been on our campus several times encouraging our students in many ways.

### **ATHENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL –**

- September 19 5:00pm – 9:00pm Chick-fil-A night for AIS
- September 20 Progress Reports
- September 21 6:30 Athens City Board of Education Meeting
- September 29 October 6 – Fall Book Fair, Ask Mrs. Pressnell how you can help.
- October 9 – 13 Fall Break
- October 18 Report Cards
- October 20 8:00am 6<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Roll  
2:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Roll
- October 24 5:00pm – 9:00pm Chick-Fil-A night for AIS
- October 25 NO SCHOOL Professional Learning Day for teachers
- October 27 Fall Tailgate for students at 2:15pm
- November 1 Make – Up Pictures
- November 1 4:00pm – 8:00pm Joe's Pizza Night – Tell them you are there for AIS
- November 7 Girls Empower Hour 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- November 8 Progress Reports

- November 10      No School in honor of Veteran's Day
- November 17      3:30pm – 5:00pm Fall Bash
- November 21      5:00pm – 9:00pm Chick-Fil-A night
- November 22– 24   Thanksgiving Break
- November 29      Progress Reports

### **ATHENS MIDDLE SCHOOL –**

- September 20      Progress Reports Go Home
- September 21      AMS Football team plays Hartselle Away
- September 21      AMS Volleyball Plays West Limestone & Ardmore away
- September 22      Flu Shots for students
- September 23      AMS Volleyball plays Cedar Ridge away
- September 25      AMS has a reschedule Football game against Cedar Ridge @home
- September 25      AMS Volleyball plays Elkmont & Ardmore away
- September 26      AMS Volleyball plays Hartselle & Decatur Heritage
- September 26      Flu shots for staff
- September 28      AMS Homecoming Football game against Brookhaven
- October 2          Picture Day at AMS
- October 3          AMS Football against Muscle Shoals away
- October 5          AMS Football against Lauderdale County away
- October 6          Last day of 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks
- Fall Break October 9-13

### **ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL –**

- Athens High School senior, Olivia Stephens attended FBLA National Conference this summer in Anaheim, CA, representing Alabama FBLA and AHS as FBLA State Secretary. She was accompanied by her advisor, Lori Jones. In California, Olivia participated in a variety of leadership activities to prepare her for her term as secretary.
- AHS was recognized by Niche 2018 for being one of the Best Public High Schools in Alabama.
- The artwork of the following AHS students was selected and is on display at the Huntsville Museum of Art in the Children's Community Gallery through October 1st; Erin Sulcer, Ashlee Roberts, Alex Vergara, Mary Frances Moore, Baylee Earp, January Harrison, Jessica Hudson, Marci Hall, Kate Higginbotham, Kolton Romine, Sarah Grace Bottcher, Olivia Butler, Jalyn Kirby, Maddie McMeans, and Kourtnee Allen.
- The Art Department submitted art for the Childhood Cancer Awareness Superhero Day and entered the Comic Book Art Contest. Best Overall: Alice Vicente, Veronica Valladarez, Ann Robison, Destiney Dameron, and Lindsey Patterson. First Place: Bailey Burkett. Second Place: Georgia Chandler. Third Place: Aysa Taylor.