

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 25, 2024

6:30 P.M. Central Office Board Room

This meeting was conducted in full compliance with § 36-25A-1, et seq. of the *Code of Alabama*, commonly referred to as the “Alabama Open Meetings Law”. Present were approximately 18 members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Malone – Board President called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Anthony Townsend
Beth Patton, Superintendent
Karen Clem
Shannon Hutton, Board Vice-President
Scott Henry

1. Mr. Henry opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mr. Townsend led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the agenda. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with all five members voting yes.
4. There was no public input.
5. Mrs. Patton recognized the School Board Members for their service. January is National School Board Recognition Month and each member was presented with a small gift of appreciation after the meeting.
6. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS, gave an update on current projects within the system:

Stadium - Visitor Bleachers

Half of the bleacher pad is formed and ready to pour
Completion Date: March / April 2024
Architect - McKee & Associates
Contractor - EMW Construction

Athletic Facility / Under Stadium Work

Construction contract is making its way through the process
As soon we receive it, we'll set a pre start with state
Architect - McKee & Associates
Contractor: Premier Structures

Athens High - Auditorium

Tuesday we held the pre-start for the project
Steel shop drawings and field measurements are taking place
Completion Date: May 2024
Architect: GMC
Contractor: Boyett Construction

AMS - Exterior Panels

Received the 98% drawings and specs today
Submit final drawings to State Feb 2nd

Bid late Feb / March upon approval
Start Date: April order material / work to begin on May 27
Architect - Chapman Sisson

Julian Newman

Tuesday we held the pre-start for the project
Contractor is planning to mobilize Monday
Keep the Walker family in your prayers...Robert Walker was the lead designer and passed away Sunday
Completion summer of 2025
Architect - McKee & Associates
Contractor - Lee Buildings

AIS - Addition

Tuesday we held the pre-start for the project
Contractor bringing job trailer in next week setting up silt fence
Completion Dec 24 / Jan 25
Architect - Brown Odell Architects
Contractor - Limestone Building Group

AIS - Cooling Tower

Plan is to start removal of the old fluid cooler on Feb 2nd
New fluid cooler is here on the contractors yard
We do need more seasonable temps
Engineer - Mims Engineering
Contractor - JK Johnson

Band Tower

Revised drawings were submitted to the State for approval
We'll bid as soon as we get the approval

AHS - Eagle

My next step as soon as we receive the PO we'll get the area surveyed / TOPO'eds so the designer can incorporate into the contract documents

Brookhill, James Cowart, ARS Main - Security

Arch contract on the board agenda tonight
Rework front entrances, access control and cameras
Summer Work

Donnell House

HVAC on 2nd floor - HVAC unit installed just waiting on electrical equipment to arrive
30 days out

James Cowart - Monument Sign

PO's have been issued
Have the brick sample to take to school-just waiting on some sunlight

ARS - Clinton Street: Auditorium HVAC

After many discussion regarding how to heat / cool the auditorium we have settled on a design issues were where to put the units, how to get them in place, eliminating the old steam boiler Originally trying to complete for 750k.....with this design 900k...eliminate old steam boiler new units for auditorium and add gas fired boilers for the existing fan coils....aesthetically, this put units inside instead of placing outside and ducting in
Engineer agreement will be on the next Board meeting

Clinton Street - Gym Lobby Roof

Issued a PO, but need better weather

Stadium - State Championship Monuments

We had planned to start last week. Will begin as soon as the weather breaks

ARS - Auditorium Theatrical

Electrician scheduled to be there next week with the sound / lighting contractor coming in the next week

During the winter weather we had just a few issues, nothing major
Going from teens to 60's and rain is having effects on some of the old roofs. We are addressing issues as they arise.

Currently for 2024 we have 16 projects taking place...

7. Upon Superintendent Patton's recommendation of the following items, Mrs. Malone moved that the Board approve the items set forth below in the consent agenda. Mrs. Hutton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with all five members voting yes.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2023
2. Paid Payables – December 2023
3. Financial Statements – December 2023
4. Personnel
5. Volunteers
6. Field Trip Requests for ACS
7. Field Trip – AHS Girls Soccer – Overnight
8. Board Policy Revision – GALE – Travel Expenses for Personnel
9. Board Policy Revision- ILB – The Athens Renaissance School, A Non-Traditional Public Education Framework and the Virtual Program Options
10. Board Policy Revision – JBCB – Athens City Schools Non-Resident Student Admission – Policy
11. 2024-2025 School Calendar Revisions
12. Textbook Committee Recommendation
13. Facility Use Request – Athens Performance, LLC
14. Facility Use Request – Liberty Learning Foundation
15. Facility Use Request – Learn to Read Council
16. Contract Approval – Brown O'Dell and Partner, P.C.

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Theresa Leonard – Custodian (9-month) at AHS
2. Amber Evans – Latchkey Teacher at AIS
3. Kaylee George – Custodian (9-month) at AIS
4. Alice Davis – Latchkey Teacher at CES
5. Galen George – Bus Driver for ACS

B. Employment

1. Jakira Gilbert – Pre-K Lead Teacher at AES
2. Jocelyn Jones – Pre-K Auxiliary Teacher at AES
3. April Sandifer – Custodian (12 months) at AMS
4. Terri Voegelé – ISS Aide at AMS
5. Melanie Williams – Custodian (9 month) at AHS

C. Retirement

1. Kristy Dillard – English Teacher at AHS

D. Leave of Absence

1. Anne-Kathryn Baugh

E. Contracted Services Cancellation

1. Olivia Batchelor – LETRS units 1-4
2. Hannah Mann – LETRS units 1-4

F. Contracted Services

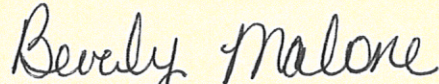
1. After School Tutor – BES
2. After School Tutor – CES
3. After School Tutor – AES
4. Brooke Harrington – Contract Substitute – ARS
5. Angie Willis – ACT Prep Instruction – AHS
6. Kandie Newsom – Latchkey Worker at AIS
7. Courtney Williams – CES Latchkey Worker
8. David Escovedo – Afterschool Krav Maga Instructor at BES

8. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President