

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 23, 2024
5:00 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
 Toby Harrison

1. Mrs. Malone opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Hutton 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. Malone asked for a nomination for the 2024 AASB Delegate Selection. Mrs. Shannon Hutton was nominated as the delegate, and Mrs. Beverly Malone was nominated as the alternate. Mr. Townsend moved that the board approve the nominations. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes. Mrs. Hutton abstained from the vote.
6. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS, gave an update on current projects within the system:

Athletic Facility / Under Stadium Work

Concessions - Done and being used...few punch list items remaining

Locker rooms - Flooring completed

Units need to be finished, condensate lines run, power, start-up

Cheer cubbies arrived

Hanging toilet portions should be done on Wednesday

Fire alarm devices need to be moved for visual

Rec - Approximately 90% of the above ceiling is complete

Setting the last two HVAC units today

Scheduling final with State this week

Architect - McKee & Associates

Contractor: Premier Structures

Athens High - Auditorium

All the rigging is up and operational

Load testing this week to set the limits

Once tested, lights and curtains can be installed

Before hanging curtains, painting and resurfacing the floor will take place.

Final mid-October

Architect: GMC
Contractor: Boyett Construction

AMS - Exterior Panels

Completed
Architect - Chapman Sisson

Julian Newman

Down to the last of the CMU work in C....should finish up by the end of the week.
Trusses are complete to C
Roof - we'll have approximately 60% of the building dried in by the end of the week
This will allow for more above-ceiling work to take place
Completion summer of 2025
Architect - McKee & Associates
Contractor - Lee Buildings

AIS - Addition

Gym / Storm Shelter:
● The wall is being removed
● Must be cleaned to ensure all the cold joints have been removed
Classroom wing:
● Above ceiling work, approximately 70%
● Missing 3 HVAC units.... should arrive mid-October
● Roof completed
● Brick completed
● Windows installed
Completion Dec 24 / Jan 25
Architect - Brown Odell Architects
Contractor - Limestone Building Group

Band Tower

Spiral staircase - should arrive mid October.

AHS - Eagle

Eagle is ready to ship

Summer work

Brookhill, James Cowart, ARS Main - Security Vestibules

All work is complete

On the consent agenda is the money we saved but put back into the project with additional security measures

ARS - Clinton Street Auditorium HVAC

Bid for the HVAC project is on the agenda...with the Board's approval, we will begin this project.

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. Clem 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 – August 22, 2024
2. Paid Payables – August 2024
3. Financial Statements – August 2024
4. Personnel
5. Board Policy Addition - GBG - Teacher's Bill of Rights
6. Ordering Two School Buses
7. Bid Contingency Money
8. Contract Approval - Lawnscares, LLC
9. Contract Approval - IXL Learning
10. Contract Approval - HVAC Bid for Clinton Street Auditorium
11. Contract Approval - McTighe & Associates Consulting
12. Textbook Approval - AP Textbook
13. TEAMS Contract Approval- Lauren Kyle
14. Facility Use Request - Athens Baton Company
15. Facility Use Request - The Family of Tribes
16. Field Trip Approvals for Athens City Schools
17. Field Trip Request - Out-of-State - CES 1st Grade
18. Field Trip Request - Out-of-State - ARS
19. Field Trip Request - Out-of-State - BES
20. Field Trip Request - Overnight - AHS Varsity Volleyball
21. Field Trip Request - Overnight - AHS Girls Basketball
22. Field Trip Request - AHS National Science Honor Society - Overnight
23. Field Trip Request - AHS Band - Overnight and Out-of-State

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Kyleigh Jones - Latchkey Teacher at JNES
2. Britney Carter - School Counselor at ARS
3. Paige McKissack - SPED Teacher at AMS

B. Employment

1. Nakita Marshall - CNP Manager at CES
2. Champagne Morris - Bus Driver for ACS
3. Kristina (Tina) Jones - Reading Interventionist at AES
4. Allynda Davis - Reading Interventionist at CES
5. Autumn Rowe - School Counselor at ARS

C. Contracted Services Cancellation

1. James Crowder - Summer Curriculum Planning
2. Daylee Downs - Summer Curriculum Planning
3. Lorraine Duncan - Summer Curriculum Planning
4. Tanya Hill - Summer Curriculum Planning
5. Steven Lavender - Summer Curriculum Planning
6. Jennifer Tunstill - Summer Curriculum Planning
7. Jessica Veysey - Summer Curriculum Planning
8. Angelica Vega - Summer Curriculum Planning
9. Savannah Resendiz - Summer Curriculum Planning
10. Beth Anderson - PLTW PD
11. Savannah Resendiz - LETRS Extension Units 3-4
12. Caroline Medlen - LETRS Extension
13. Maurita Nicole Stewart - Contracted Instructional Aide - CES
14. Amanda Speegle - Bus Medical Assistant
15. Ethan Melendrez - Band Camp Instructor
16. Margie Michelle Tyrie - Contracted Instructional Aide - AMS

D. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Wendy Carden - Nurse for Kinder Camp at BES
2. Hannah Draughan - Volleyball Kids Camp - AHS
3. Heather Miller - Math and General Teaching Instruction - RenV

4. Ty Heery - Contract Tech Support - ACS
5. Danny Holt - Bus Driver Training - ACS
6. Leslee Gaston - Teacher of Visually Impaired Consult - ACS
7. Mike Bishop - Contracted Services - ACS
8. Jill Davis - Contracted SPED Teacher - RenV
9. Olivia Batchelor - LETRS Training 1-4 - ARS
10. Professional Development
 - a. Lazaro Ramos
 - b. Ana Rosales
 - c. Lesley Carter
 - d. Melissa Moore
 - e. Jim Horn
 - f. Mike Young
 - g. Tasia Farmer
 - h. Austen Dorning
 - i. Charity Rogers
 - j. Kipp Cain
 - k. Jessica Byrd
11. LETRS Training Units 5-8 - CES
 - a. Deana Aumalis
 - b. Breeanna Fuller
 - c. Nancy Hipolito
 - d. Daphne Scott
12. LETRS Training Units 5-8 - BES
 - a. Sharlene Fitzgerald
 - b. Jada McHalfey
 - c. Kerri Beth Owens
13. LETRS Training Units 1-4 - CES
 - a. Madison Brown
 - b. Sydney Ballew
 - c. Rachel Knox
14. LETRS Training Units 1-4 - BES
 - a. Darby Blalock
 - b. Savannah Boyd
 - c. Emma Holland
 - d. Tammy Strahl
15. LETRS Training Units 1-4 - AES
 - a. Alison Cornelius
 - b. Olivia McCurry
 - c. Chloe Neal
 - d. Jessica Veysey
16. Professional Development
 - a. Estaphany Ruano
 - b. Christy Hillard
 - c. Tawana Watkins
 - d. Tiffinee Haney
 - e. Kaitlyn Cornelius
 - f. Lori Hobbs
 - g. Breeanna Fuller
 - h. Heather Patterson
 - i. Jackie Richardson
 - j. Molly Lauderback
 - k. Margaret Pope
 - l. Heather Stude

- m. Anna Wysock
 - n. Stacy Morrell
 - o. Cassidy Goff
 - p. Nicole Collins
 - q. Kara Crumbley
 - r. Shane Leopard
 - s. Madeline Hobbs
 - t. Jada McHalfey
 - u. Veronica Burls
 - v. Tammy Strahl
 - w. Lisa Gill
 - x. Jennifer Tunstill
 - y. Tiffany Wilbourn
 - z. Kay Marsh
17. Football Announcer / Jumbotron Worker
- a. Drew Carter
 - b. John Romine Sr.
 - c. John Romine Jr.
 - d. Nash Gilbert
18. LETRS Training Units 1-4 - JNES
- a. Brook White
 - b. Sarah Powell
 - c. Maggie Kisakye
19. LETRS Training Units 5-8 - AES
- a. Keita Gladney
 - b. Heather Stude
 - c. Angelica Vega
20. After-School Tutoring - AES
- a. Leslee Gaston
 - b. Tawana Watkins
 - c. Megan Hughes
 - d. Madison Wells
21. Megan Evett (Corrected Contract) - After School Ballet Instruction - BES
22. Andrew Melendrez - Band Camp Instructor

12. The Superintendent's Report is attached to the minutes.

13. No Executive Session was needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Clem.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President



**Superintendent's Report
September 23, 2024
Board Meeting**

ATTENDANCE REPORT

School	April 2024	September 2024
iAcademy @ AES	363 + 71	392 +77
FAME Academy @ BES	342 + 18	359 + 18
SPARK Academy @ CES	315 + 18	309 + 18
HEART Academy @ JNES	354 + 35	373 + 36
Athens Intermediate	603	638
Athens Middle	921	925
Athens High	1213	1263
Athens Renaissance	753	599
Renaissance Virtual	N/A	345
Total:	5,006	5,352

SCHOOLS REPORT

SPARK Academy - Cowart Elementary School

- August Spanish-speaking Family Night - over 35 families attended
- September 19 - Fun Run with Booster. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. Several family members came out to support our children as they walked and ran together.
- 4 teachers received AMSTI science foundations training this month. This helps the school continue to deliver high quality STEM instruction to our students.
- Hannah Buchanan selected as the 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year.

Athens Intermediate School:

- Data ACAP individual meetings- Our Admin/IP team are meeting with content area teachers and discussing their ACAP results from last spring.
- Fall iReady Math and Reading diagnostic completed. 18% scored on a 4th grade level in math. Doubled from our fall math diagnostic form last year!
- Attendance Challenge: "Race is On"- Challenges students to come to school. This challenge is for each homeroom. 4th and 5th winner will receive extra recess time with an admin.

- Students of the Week Recognized- Student of the Week focuses on our Quality Character traits in our Portrait of a Graduate. Each week we send out a schedule that has a homeroom to choose a boy and girl of the week that encompasses quality character, work ethic, and good attendance.
- Started a Band Program this Year- This has helped with the overall behavior of our students. Students have something to look forward to that they are excited about. Also, it provides a strong foundation for students who want to pursue band in middle school.

Athens High School:

- This month has been a busy one for the students and Faculty of AHS. Clubs have all started up and gotten busy meeting and preparing for various events.
- First, we would like to congratulate two of our Faculty members, who both added to their families this month. Coach Whitley Berryhill on the birth of her son and Mr. Jared Laxson on the birth of his son! We love seeing our Athens family grow!
- Our Staff Flu Clinic was held this month on September 18 and our Health Heroes Flu Clinic for students was on September 19.
- AHS juniors and seniors got to take a college tour field trip on September 14 and had a great time gathering information about various colleges.
- School Picture Day was on September 12 and went great. The AHS yearbook staff did a great job in helping to make things run smoothly.
- The 2023-2024 AHS Yearbooks arrived and have the students and faculty excited. The yearbook staff once again did a beautiful job creating and designing this past year's yearbook.
- Over the course of this month, our teachers have put in lots of hard work participating in several professional development training sessions during their planning blocks. They have been training on several things including analyzing PreAct data so that they are better equipped to help students be as prepared as possible for the upcoming ACT.
- Congratulations to Mr. Brogan Gross and Miss Emma Tarokh who were voted as Mr. & Miss AHS for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Starting the week of September 23, Homecoming will be in full swing with several activities planned including a Black light Pep Rally, a Homecoming Parade, and a Homecoming Dance after the game. The Teachers and students alike all love this week and have a great time participating in all the fun events and dress up days.
- The AHS 2024 Homecoming Parade will be Friday, September 27 and will begin at the high school at 2pm. We hope everyone can come and support our students as they have been working hard to prepare their class floats.
- The AHS Homecoming Court this year will be the following: Congratulations to these students.
Senior attendants: Bailey Higgins escorted by Cayden Smith. Chloe Malone escorted by Nash Gilbert. & Andrea Reith escorted by Angel Gallardo-Curiel
Junior attendants: Melanie Cruz escorted by Logan Davis & Addison Walker escorted by Gavin Swint.
Sophomore attendants: Sophie Lovell escorted by Holden Whitaker & Anna Vinson escorted by Maddux Anderson.
Freshman attendants: Cali Scott escorted by Trip Coblenz & Adriyonna Young escorted by Kendall Gill.
- The first opportunity for students to take the ACT and PreACT will be on October 1. Athens High School will have an E-Learning day for all non-testing students.
- Our AHS Golden Eagle Marching Band has been loved by all who attend the football games this season. They make our school proud with their hard work and dedication to entertaining the crowds and helping to ensure an exciting atmosphere throughout all of our games. They will have their first two competitions of the season on Saturday, September 21, at the Madison City Stadium and Saturday, September 28, at the Gadsden City Stadium.

- Our AHS Cheerleaders and Dance team have also been vital in bringing support and spirit to all of our Golden Eagle Fans. We are so appreciative of their hard work.
- Athletes from several of our different athletic programs and the Bands leadership team have also been participating in helping bring school spirit to all of our Athens City Schools. Every week they participate in our Eagle Buddies program where they travel to different ACS elementary schools to meet with students, sell school spirit items and perform pep rallies. The athletes and elementary students both really enjoy this activity and look forward to it every week.
- Our AHS dance team just returned from a trip to Walt Disney World where they attended a dance workshop and learned a variety of different skills and techniques that they are excited to bring back home and implement into their dance program.

Athletics

Football

The Athens High School Football team is having an outstanding season so far! We currently have a 3-0 season and a 1-0 record in the region! The team is also participating in a docuseries by WAFF 48 called "Beyond the Lights". It premiered on August 22 and a new episode comes out every Thursday night at 7:30p.m. The series follows the team through the course of the 2024 season. It has been a great opportunity for the community to have a "behind the lights" look at what it takes to be a Golden Eagle.

Volleyball

Volleyball is in high gear. Right now, the team is 2-0 in area play. The coaches and players continue to learn and make changes for each game. September home matches are Muscle Shoals (24th), and Buckhorn/Grissom (26). The annual Janet Latham Volleyball Tournament is coming up on Saturday, October 5.

Cross Country

As of this point, XC has run in three meets. In the Pepsi Challenge, AHS had a runner place in the top 15. In other races, seven runners set personal records (PR) with four of those reaching their PR more than once. They will be traveling to Georgia this weekend to take part in one of the biggest meets in the southeast.

Swim

There are lots of new faces on the swim team this season. Even with a young team, the athletes are competing well and are working toward making cut times for Sectional and State Meets. This year AHSAA State Swim Meet is in Huntsville at the aquatic center.