

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting
May 8, 2025
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 69 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. Mr. Townsend opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Ms. Kathryn Kiel and Ms. Madelyn Taylor 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. The School Board recognized the Athens High School Student Council Association on receiving multiple awards and recognitions, the Athens High School Technology Student Association on their stellar performance at the TSA State Conference in Montgomery, and the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Teams for a great season and some State Championships. Finally, Mrs. Amanda Gudmundsson was recognized for being Alabama Teacher of the Year Finalist, District VIII Secondary Teacher of the year, Athens City Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year, and Athens High School Teacher of the Year.
6. 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 – April 17, 2025
2. Personnel
3. Addendum to ARS 2025-2026 Curriculum Catalog
4. Resolution Concerning the Cybersecurity Support Specialist Salary Schedule
5. Contract Approval – Ethernet Service for Julian Newman
6. Contract Approval – AIS Network Expansion and Managed Services
7. Facility Use Request – Keep Athens-Limestone Beautiful
8. Facility Use Request – Grace House Church
9. Facility Use Request – Donnie Darby
10. Field Trip Approvals for Athens City Schools
11. Field Trip Request – AHS JROTC – Out-Of-State – Chattanooga, TN

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Lisa Fullington - Science Teacher at AMS
2. Beth Horn - Science Teacher at AMS
3. James Horn - Social Studies Teacher at AMS
4. Jaycie Taylor - Science Teacher at AHS

B. Employment

1. Margaret Baker - Speech Language Pathologist for ACS
2. Claire Boone - 2nd Grade Teacher at JNES
3. Jennifer Creasy - 2nd Grade Teacher at BES
4. Haley Everett - CNP Worker/Cashier at AIS
5. Aaron Freeman - Music Teacher at AES
6. Melissa Godwin - Elective Teacher at AHS
7. Ansley Graviat - ELA Teacher at AHS
8. Taylor Gunn - SPED Teacher for the Eagles Nest PreK at AES
9. K'iyana Houston - CNP Worker/Cashier at CES
10. Tara Jones - Long Term Sub at BES
11. Nicholas Kelley - CTE Teacher at AHS
12. Vinessa Lopez - SPED Teacher at AES
13. Autumn Miles - Kindergarten Teacher at AES
14. Chelsea Payne - 2nd Grade Teacher at JNES
15. Michael Pettey - School Counselor (9 months) at AHS
16. Jacquelyn Pettus - SPED Teacher at AHS
17. Natasha Reeves - Elementary Teacher at CES
18. Darla Russell - CNP Worker/Cashier at AMS
19. Juvelyn Smith - CNP Worker/Cashier at AHS
20. Brooke Stanley - Science Teacher at AHS
21. Alexis Statton - 5th Grade Teacher at AIS
22. Whitney Taylor - ELA Teacher at ARS
23. Terwana Weatherspoon - Family and Consumer Science Teacher at AHS
24. Joel Little - Custodian (9 months) at ARS
25. Debbie Kolarcik - System Wide Instructional Aide at AMS
26. Charles Lahmon - History Teacher at AMS
27. Santi Hill - ELA Teacher at AMS
28. Chase Crowson - SPED Teacher at AMS
29. Charlie Wallace - SPED Teacher at AMS
30. Jennifer Rosso - Art Teacher at AMS
31. Courtney Williams - SPED Teacher at AMS
32. Anita Buckles - 1st Grade Teacher at AES

C. Retirement

1. Sheila Wilson - Custodian (12 months) at BES

D. Leave of Absence

1. Eryn Mitchell - Gifted Specialist for ACS
2. Alexandra Ezell - 5th Grade Teacher at AIS

E. Transfer

1. Lisa Brown - CNP Worker/Cashier at AES to CNP Worker/Cashier at BES
2. Madison Brown - 2nd Grade Teacher at CES to 2nd Grade Teacher at BES
3. Jessica Burttram - IP at ARS to Elementary Reading Specialist at ARS
4. Bridget Clevenger - 5th Grade Teacher at AIS to Math Interventionist at AIS
5. Jada Durden - 2nd Grade Teacher at CES to 2nd Grade Teacher at JNES
6. Shaneka Harris - CTE Teacher at AHS to CTE Teacher at RenV
7. Rossie Kyle - CNP Worker/Cashier at BES to Custodian (12 months) at BES
8. Kelly Mathheus - ELA Teacher at ARS to Instructional Partner (4-12) at ARS
9. Kerri Beth Owens - Interventionist at BES to Elementary Reading Specialist at BES
10. Deborah Popour - 4th Grade Teacher at AIS to 2nd Grade Teacher at BES

11. Joseph Sapp - Family Consumer Science Teacher at AHS to ELA Teacher at AHS
12. Daphne Scott - IP at CES to Reading Specialist at CES
13. Sandra Shoulders - CNP Worker/Cashier at AHS to CNP Worker/Cashier at BES
14. Jennifer Tunstill - 2nd Grade Teacher at BES to Interventionist at BES
15. Anna Wysock - IP at JNES to Reading Specialist at JNES
16. Tiffany Wilburn - IP at AES to 4th Grade Teacher at AIS
17. Kate Davis - 2nd Grade Teacher at AES to Title I Interventionist at AES
18. Angela Sullivan - Title I Interventionist at AES to Elementary Reading Specialist at AES

F. Nonrenewal / Employment

1. Jared Paschall – Nonrenewal of Probationary Principal Contract and Employment as District Coordinator for ACS

G. Cancel Contract / Contracted Services

1. Beth Horn - TEAMS Contract
2. Lisa Fullington - TEAMS Contract
3. Amy Williams - Principal Contract

H. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Scott McCormick - Administrative Extra Days
2. Kathryn Davis - Summer Learning Camp - CES
3. Jeff Barbre - Carpentry Work
4. Lisa Ivey - Summer Driver's Ed - RenV and ARS
5. Morgan McGrady - Training with Current Registrar - JNE
6. Angela Scarborough - Summer Learning Camp EL Teacher
7. Brookhill Kindergarten Camp

- a. Darby Blalock
- b. Savannah Boyd
- c. Sara Welcher
- d. Kelley Wilbanks
- e. Tanya Griffin
- f. Jessica Rea
- g. Payton Aderholt
- h. Erin Vassar
- i. Melitta Malone
- j. Jennifer Tunstill

8. AHS Summer School Teachers

- a. Emily McDaniel
- b. Paige Hicks
- c. Jordan Matthews
- d. Sonia Young
- e. Bryan Styles

9. Latchkey at Brookhill Elementary - SY 2025-2026

- a. Quanesha Rose
- b. Payton Aderholt
- c. Erin Vassar

10. Summer Learning Camp Subs

- a. Audrey (Brooke) Jones
- b. Diana Cole
- c. Maggie Kisakye

11. Summer Learning Camp Aides

- a. Jimia Bailey
- b. Kinsley Carter
- c. Shalyn Croone
- d. Meredith Hicks
- e. Caroline Russell
- f. Madelyn Tanksley

12. Yulia Weston - Art Teacher at BES for 2025-2026

7. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President