

***ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting - Budget Hearing
August 25, 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 19 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
 Shannon Hutton, Board Vice-President
 Toby Harrison
 Karen Clem

1. Mrs. Malone opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Malone 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. Serena Owsley, CSFO for Athens City Schools, presented the proposed Fiscal Year Budget for 2026.
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. Mr. Townsend 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 - July 10, 2025
 2. Approval of Minutes - August 1, 2025
 3. Personnel
 4. ACS Financial Procedures Manual Update
 5. Field Trip Approval - AHS Girls Basketball Team - Overnight
 6. Field Trip Approval - AHS Cross Country Team - Overnight
 7. Field Trip Approval - AHS TRAIL Club - Out-of-State
 8. TEAMS Contract Approvals
 1. Jessica Long, 1 year Preliminary Contract
 2. Brooke Stanley, 1 year Preliminary Contract
 3. Sadi Bess Shannon, 1 year Advanced Contract
 4. Madeline Carlton, 1 year Advanced Contract
 5. Alexandra Smith, 1 year Preliminary Contract
 6. Emi Dutton, 2 year Advanced Contract (Amended)
 9. Reassignment Classification of System-Wide Instructional Aides - Special Ed
 - B. Personnel Items Approved:
 - A. Resignation
 1. Laura Aquila - 3rd Grade Teacher at CES
 2. Matthew Gibson - ESL Teacher at AMS
 3. Myra Quillen - System-Wide Instructional Aide at AMS

4. Anthony Taylor - System-Wide Instructional Aide at AHS
5. Anna "Gracie" Thompson - System-Wide Instructional Aide at CES
6. Marilyn Tubbs - Custodian at ARS

B. Employment

1. Peggy "Taylor" Allen - System-Wide Instructional Aide - Special Ed at JNES - retroactive to August 13, 2025
2. Alea Davis - System-Wide Instructional Aide - Special Ed at AES - Start Date of September 2, 2025
3. Jessica Long - Math Teacher at ARS - retroactive to August 11, 2025
4. Lauren McCafferty - System-Wide Instructional Aide - Special Ed at CES - start date of September 2, 2025
5. James Michael - System-Wide Instructional Aide-Special Ed at AIS - retroactive to August 7, 2025
6. Natalie Murphy - System-Wide Instructional Aide - Special Ed - retroactive to August 13, 2025
7. Carleen Scott - System-Wide Instructional Aide-Special Ed - retroactive to August 6, 2025
8. Andrew Shelton - History Teacher at AHS - retroactive to August 7, 2025.

C. Transfers

1. System-Wide Instructional Aides to System-Wide Instructional Aides - Special Ed
 1. Iris Glasper – AHS
 2. Natalie Murphy – AHS
 3. Arica Alexander – AHS
 4. Ashley Lovelace – AHS
 5. Debbie Kolarcik – AMS
 6. Anjillyn Ray – AMS
 7. Jessica Hill – AMS
 8. Kayleen Howard – AMS
 9. Isaiah Unger- AMS
 10. Rei Roberson – AIS
 11. Paige Fuqua – AIS
 12. Morgan Whitehead – AIS
 13. Rebecca Mealer – BES
 14. Andreyra Harris – BES
 15. Sierra Holden – BES
 16. Jaide Apperson – CES
 17. Kendall Boyett – JNES
 18. Jessica Wallace – AES
 19. Amanda Roberts – AES
 20. Olivia Rodriguez – AES
 21. Michelle Stewart – AES
 22. Heather Swart – AES EN
 23. Crystal Hewlett – AES EN
 24. Amanda Holladay – AES EN
 25. Becky Christopher – AES EN

D. Termination

1. Mark Little - System-Wide Instructional Aide, Special Ed at AHS

E. Canceled Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Tanya Griffin - EL Contracted Teacher at CES for June

F. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Kaleigh Jones - Robotics Contractor at ARS

2. Peter Lucker - STEAM Specialist at ARS
3. Laura Smith - Nurse for Latchkey at JNE
4. Beth McKinney - Technology Assistance for ACS
5. Marilyn Tubbs - Custodian Services at ARS
6. K'yani Star Houston - Latchkey at AIS
7. Wendy Davis - Latchkey Services at AIS
8. KaraBeth Crumbley - Latchkey Services at AIS
9. Kandie Newsom - Latchkey Services at AIS
10. Julie LaRue - Safe/Care/Flex at AHS
11. Brian Puckett - Strength and Conditioning for ACS Athletics
12. Phillip Jarmon - MCS Training Facilitator
13. Football Announcers
 - a. Drew Carter
 - b. John Romine
 - c. John Romine Jr.
14. Bus Nurses / MA Substitute
 - a. Laura Smith
 - b. Lori Vaughan
 - c. Makenzey Gross
 - d. Whitney McDuff
 - e. Leslee Gaston
 - f. Shawna Wallace
 - g. Kelley Anderson
15. Champagne Morris - SPED Aide at CES
16. Sydney Jones - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at CES - 25-26 SY

8. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President