

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 26 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
Karen Clem

Absent: Toby Harrison

1. Mr. Townsend 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 four members voting yes.
4. There was no public input on agenda items.
5. Mrs. Patton recognized eight Athens High School students for earning academic honors through the College Board National Recognition Program. These awards are based on GPA as well as performance on PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or AP Exams.
 - Ethan Lawniczak, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award
 - Elvis Vicente Ordonez, First-Generation Recognition Award
 - Kylie Broyles, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award, First-Generation Recognition Award
 - Jack Deemer, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award
 - Coleman Street, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award
 - Gavin Swint, School Recognition Award
 - Maggie Leonard, School Recognition Award
 - Emerson Powless, School Recognition Award, Rural and Small-Town Recognition Award
6. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS, went over the Capital Plan Discussion. The handout is attached to the minutes.
7. Mrs. Serena Owsley, CSFO for Athens City Schools, asked if anyone had any questions about the proposed Capital Plan. No questions were raised, and Mrs. Patton asked for approval of the Capital Plan. Mrs. Clem moved that the board approve the Capital Plan. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes. A copy of the Capital Plan is attached to the minutes.
8. The school board must elect two members to act as delegates during the AASB Delegate Assembly during the Winter AASB Meeting in Montgomery. Mrs. Beverly Malone and Mrs. Shannon Hutton volunteered to be delegates for Athens City Schools on December 4, 2025.

8. 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 four members voting yes.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes - August 28, 2025
2. Paid Payables - August 2025
3. Financial Statements - August 31, 2025
4. Personnel
5. Non-Resident Student Admissions Application
6. Field Trip Approvals for ACS
7. Field Trip Request - AES Kindergarten - Out-of-State
8. Field Trip Request - CES First Grade - Out-of-State
9. Field Trip Request - AHS Rho Kappa - Out-of-State
10. Filed Trip Request - AHS Boys Soccer Team - Overnight
11. Field Trip Request - AHS Girls Volleyball Team - Overnight
12. Contract Approval - School Bus Purchase

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Employment

1. Thomas Caleb "Cale" Abernathy - SAFE/CARE/FLEX Teacher at AHS

B. Resignation

1. Wendy Boshell - Long Term Substitute at BES

C. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Jill Davis - SPED Teacher at RenV for 25-26 SY
2. Jordan Doucet - SAFE/CARE/FLEX at AHS for 25-26SY
3. Julie LaRue - SAFE/CARE/FLEX at AHS for 25-26SY
4. DeWayne Shoulders - SAFE/CARE/FLEX at AHS for 25-26SY

D. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Payton Aderholt - Fame Fun Counselor at BES (9/22/25 - 12/15/25)
2. Vanessa Brown - SPED Teacher -Part-Time at BES 25-26 SY
3. Aria Crittenden - Choreography / Cheer
4. Jill Davis - SPED Contract Teacher at RenV for 25-26 SY
5. Jordan Doucet - Safe/Care/Flex at AHS for 25-26 SY
6. Dana Downs - Kindergarten Teacher - Part-Time at BES
7. Julie LaRue - Safe/Care/Flex at AHS for 25-26 SY
8. DeWayne Shoulders - Safe/Care/Flex at AHS for 25-26 SY
9. MCS Training
 - a. Shannon Humphrey
 - b. LaTiegra Ford
 - c. Charity Rogers
 - d. Keita Gladney
 - e. Olivia Rodriguez
 - f. Mindy Magsig
 - g. Chase Crowson
10. MCS Training
 - a. Vinessa Lopez
 - b. Michael Fraker
 - c. Carrington Calvin
 - d. Kayleen Howard
 - e. Jaide Apperson
 - f. Jessica Moody

g. Isaiah Unger
11. Micki McPherson - Reception Services at Central Office

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

10. 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



Superintendent's Report August 28, 2025 Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE REPORT

School	August 2025	September 2025
Athens Elementary	380 + 72	377 + 72
FAME Academy @ BES	362 + 18	362 + 18
SPARK Academy @ CES	304 + 18	303 + 18
Julian Newman Elementary	417 + 51	417 + 51
Athens Intermediate	685	683
Athens Middle	926	925
Athens High	1296	1287
Athens Renaissance	678	675
Renaissance Virtual	425	446
Total:	5,632	5,634

Athens High School

The **Pride of Athens Golden Eagle Marching Band** is currently preparing for its competition season. This year, the band will travel to compete on October 11 and October 18. Additionally, the band is bringing back the annual Pride of Athens Marching Competition on October 25.

This year's show is titled "*Back in Black*." The band completed all of the drill for the show just this week. Be sure to catch the Golden Eagle Band's performance during pre-game and halftime at our home football games!

Homecoming 2025, held on September 5th, was an amazing success! Activities for the week included Dress Up days, float building, a black light pep rally, a homecoming parade, an alumni tailgate and a homecoming dance. Seniors won the float building contest, Nataia Crayton was crowned Homecoming Queen, and the Golden Eagles defeated Cullman 41-38.

Teacher of the Year has been named for AHS! We're excited to announce that Michael May is our 2025-26 Teacher of the Year! This honor comes just weeks after he was named Alabama Association for Career and Technical Education (ALACTE) Secondary Level Teacher of the Year. Those who cast votes for Mr. May all had the same thing to say about him—"He goes above and beyond for his students every single day"!

National Merit Semi-Finalist Emerson Powless has received the elite status of being named as one of the 16,000 Semifinalists in the 71st annual National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit Semifinalists are selected based on their scores on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), taken during the Junior year of high school. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists represents less than one percent of seniors in the U.S. and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

Aviation Day MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 3! The AviNation American Dream Tour is making a special stop at Athens High School, bringing with it an unforgettable day of opportunities and experiences for our students! Along with the tour, AviNation Magazine will highlight our classes, showcasing how they prepare students for different levels of success in the aviation industry. The event will begin with a special landing right on campus, giving

students a front-row seat to aviation in action. From there, students will hear from universities, aviation companies, and military representatives about the many paths available in the aviation world—including piloting, mechanics, engineering, and air traffic control.

To help students connect even more, there will be breakout sessions where they can ask questions, learn about training and educational programs, and hear real stories from professionals in the field. The aviation industry is growing, and there is a need for skilled workers in all areas. Some jobs only require a high school diploma, while others lead to advanced training or college degrees. This event is designed to spark new ideas and show students that careers in aviation are within reach, no matter where they start.

For Athens High School, this is more than just an event—it's about opening doors to the future. Students will see firsthand how their interests and talents can connect to careers they may have never imagined. Whether it's flying in the sky, maintaining aircraft, or supporting the industry from the ground, this is a chance to discover exciting options and be inspired to dream bigger. Aviation is taking flight at Athens High School, and our students are getting ready to soar!

The Nest The Media Productions Foundation class taught by Dr. Angela Wagner provides an introduction to media production careers and the industry. This class has recently been producing a digitized format for our announcements that the students have titled "The Nest".

SPORTS REPORT

As we reach the midpoint of the Fall season, our student-athletes are competing well across all sports. Their hard work, discipline, and teamwork are showing up in strong performances on the field, court, and course.

Several of our athletes have already received recognition, including nominations for Athlete of the Week, which highlights the outstanding talent and effort being displayed. It also underscores the overall strength of our programs.

Coaches and teams remain focused on continuous preparation and development, with an emphasis on academic balance, sportsmanship, and athletic growth. We are encouraged by the dedication of our athletes and coaching staff and look forward to a strong conclusion to the season.

Kate Sanders – Cross Country - Mile Split Athlete of the Week

Caitlyn Tedford – Flag Football – nominated for the Decatur Daily Athlete of the Week

Jaicey Harty – Flag Football – Week 1 ALFA Player of the Week

Mazee Townsend – Flag Football – Week 2 ALFA Player of the Week

Jaxson Unger – Football – nominated for the Decatur Daily Athlete of the Week and won the WHNT Key Player of the Week

Aayden Baines – Football – Week 2 ALFA Player of the Week

Clarence Jones – Football – Week 1 ALFA Player of the Week

Ka'Miah Walker – Volleyball – AVCA 2025 Girls High School All-America Watch List, AHSAA Region Athlete of the Week

Aubree Lagunas – Volleyball – AVCA 2025 Phenom Watch List

Haeven Wallace, Lauren Godbee, Aubree Lagunas, and Ka'Miah Walker – Volleyball – AL.com 6A Players to Watch

IT'S GREAT TO BE A GOLDEN EAGLE!!!



Capital Plan 2026 - 2030

Past Projects

AES - New Building
BHE - Chiller
BHE - Exterior steps
AMS - Roof
AMS - Canopy
AMS - Exterior upper panels
JCE - Roof
JCE - Monument sign
Athletic Facility - Renovation
Stadium - Concessions / locker rooms
Stadium - Visitor bleachers, home bleacher coating
Stadium - New track
Stadium - Honor Memorial
AIS - 8 classroom addition & gym that is storm shelter
AIS - Cooling Tower
AIS - Boilers
AHS - Auditorium renovations
AHS - Band tower
AHS - Eagle
JNE - New Building
Security - New security entrances ARS Main, BHE & JCE

Capital Plan 2026 - 2030

Capital Planning Committee

Beth Patton - Superintendent

Serena Owsley- Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Superintendent

Lee Edminson- Facility Manager

Anthony Townsend- Board Member

Garner Ezell- Curriculum Director

Nelson Brown- Director of Virtual Schools/RENV Principal

Crystal McNeal - Brookhill Principal

Jared Paschall- Security Coordinator

Linda Moore- Athletic Director

Beth McElyea- Accounting Manager

Capital Plan 2026 - 2030

Project Name	Budget	Classification	Funding Year	Funding Source	Description
Athens Intermediate	\$1,500,000	Roofing Only	2025	A & T Funds	Roof Replacement
Renaissance Virtual	\$100,00	HVAC	2026	Local Funds	Replace Boiler RenV
Athens City Board Of Education	\$300,000	HVAC	2026	Local Funds	Upgrade controls AIS/ICE
Athens Intermediate	\$750,000	Land Improvement	2026	State Capital	Rework car line add parking
James L Cowart Elementary	\$1,200,000	HVAC Only	2026	Local Funds	Replace CR HVAC units, windows, ceiling / grid
Athens Middle	\$175,000	Land Improvement	2026	State Capital	Resurface, stripe pavement

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Brookhill Elementary	\$200,000	Land Improvement	2027	Local Funds	Parking in front
Central Office	\$125,00	Renovations	2027	Local Funds	Repair/refurbish exterior
Athens Renaissance	\$18,000,000	New School	2027	Funding Source Unknown	New ARS
0 Brookhill Elementary	\$15,000,000	Addition	2027	Funding Source Unknown	10 CR Addition w/ gym SS
1 Athens Intermediate	\$350,000	HVAC Only	2027	Local Funds	Replace cafe / kitchen HVAC
2 Athens Intermediate	\$450,000	Land Improvement	2027	Funding Source Unknown	Phase II parking lot
3 Brookhill Elementary	\$150,000	Electrical Only	2027	State Capital	LED Lighting Classroom
4 Athens City BOE	\$2,000,000	Land Acquisition	2027	Local Funds	Purchase land
5 Athens City BOE	\$31,000,000	New School	2027	Funding Source Unknown	New School
6 Athens Middle	\$1,200,000	Renovation	2027	Funding Source Unknown	Gym floor, bleachers, motors

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17 Athens High School	\$750,000	Renovations	2028	Funding Source Unknown	Upper panels at stadium
18 Athens High School	\$750,000	Land Improvement	2028	Funding Source Unknown	Parking / queuing
19 James Cowart	\$350,000	HVAC Only	2028	Funding Source Unknown	Replace RTU's
20 Athens Middle	\$150,000	Electrical Only	2028	Local Funds	LED Lighting classroom
21 Julian Newman Elementary	\$250,000	HVAC Only	2028	Funding Source Unknown	Phase II parking lot
22 Athens Intermediate	\$250,000	Land Improvement	2028	State Capital	Playground / site prep
23 Athens City BOE	\$1,500,000	Building Replacement	2028	Funding Source Unknown	New bus garage
24 Athens Middle School	\$150,000	HVAC Only	2028	State Capitol	Replace RTUs South side
25 Athens Middle School	\$2,000,000	HVAC Only	2028	Funding Source Unknown	HVAC gym, kitchen, lockers
26 Athens Intermediate	\$250,000	HVAC Only	2028	Funding Source Unknown	Gym Units

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7 Athens Intermediate	\$250,000	Land Improvement	2029	Funding Source Unknown	Phase II Additional Parking
8 Athens High School	\$2,500,000	New Building	2029	Funding Source Unknown	Wrestling building
9 Athens BOE	\$3,000,000	New Building	2029	Funding Source Unknown	IT bldg / storage / land
0 Athens BOE	\$7,000,000	New Building	2029	Funding Source Unknown	New School
1 Athens High School	\$450,000	Electrical Only	2029	Funding Source Unknown	Install LED lights at Stadium
2 Athens High School	\$450,000	Electrical Only	2029	Funding Source Unknown	Install LED lights at BB/SB
3 Athens Middle School	\$800,000	Building Replacement	2029	Funding Source Unknown	Replace lower panels
4 Athens Middle School	\$80,000	Renovations	2029	Funding Source Unknown	New grid / ceiling tiles
5 Athens Renaissance School	\$2,500,000	Land Improvements	2029	Funding Source Unknown	Demo N / S bldgs & stadium

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6 Athens Middle School	\$1,500,000	Land Improvement	2030	Funding Source Unknown	MS softball, lighting, lockers
7 Athens BOE	\$16,000,000	New School	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Land and new school
8 Athens High School	\$130,000	Renovations	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Football Sound System
9 Athens High School	\$450,000	Renovations	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Football JumboTron
10 Athens High School	\$1,500,000	Renovations	2030	Funding Source Unknown	New pressbox
11 Athens Middle School	\$7,000,000	Addition	2030	Funding Source Unknown	New wing
12 Athens Renaissance School	\$700,000	HVACOnly	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Replace fan coil units
13 Athens Middle School	\$1,500,000	New Building	2030	Funding Source Unknown	AMS baseball locker room
14 Athens BOE	\$450,000	Renovations	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Security at various schools

Project Name	Budget	Classification	Funding Year	Funding Source	Description
5 Athens High School	\$750,000	Land Improvements	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Tennis Courts
6 Athens Elementary School	\$210,000	Land Improvements	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Add parking North end
7 Athens Renaissance School	\$3,200,000	Renovation	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Renovate North Bldg
8 Brookhill Elementary	\$750,000	Land Improvements	2030	Funding Source Unknown	Additional parking
\$130,070,000.00					