

***ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting – Special Called
May 7, 2026
5:30 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 41 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

Absent: Toby Harrison
Shannon Hutton, Board Vice-President

1. Mrs. Malone opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Clem led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Clem moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all three members voting yes.
4. There was no public input.
5. Mrs. Malone moved that the board approve Item number 7 on the Agenda – Employment. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all three members voting yes.

Mrs. Leslie Sedberry was named the principal for Athens Middle School for the 2026-2027 School Year.

6. Mr. Willie Moore, Executive Principal of Athens High School gave a school update.
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. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with all three members voting yes.

Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – April 23, 2026
2. Field Trip Request – AHS Choir Overnight and Out-of-State
3. Board Policy Updates – GAJA, GAE-R, GAAA, and GAJB
4. Contract Approval – Athens Behavior Therapy, LLC
5. Personnel

B. Personnel Items Approved:

- A. Resignation**
- I. Savannah Boyd - Teacher at BES**

2. Elizabeth Cleghorn - Teacher at BES
3. Kayla Davis - Math Teacher at AMS
4. Cristy Roman - OSR PreK Auxiliary Teacher at AES
5. Orlando Turner - Assistant Principal at AMS
6. Vanessa Lopez - Special Education Teacher at AES

B. Retirement

1. Sherry McEwen - Teacher at AMS

C. Employment

1. Christie Smith - OSR PreK Auxiliary Teacher at JNES for 2026-2027
2. Shana Walton - Teacher at JNES for 2026-2027
3. Klaire White - OSR PreK Auxiliary Aide at JNES for 2026-2027
4. Julie Meals - Counselor (9 month) at AHS for 2026-2027
5. Nikki Makhija - EL Teacher at AMS for 2026-2027
6. Lanise Kirk - System Wide Special Education Instructional Aide at CES for 2026-2027
7. Thad Guthrie - Bus Driver for ACS for 2026-2027
8. David Chittam - Bus Driver for ACS for 2026-2027
9. Bryan Thornton - Bus Driver for ACS for 2026-2027
10. Jonathan Barnett - Counselor (12 months) at AMS for 2026-2027
11. Savannah McDonald - School Nurse at BES for 2026-2027
12. Tara Jones - Teacher at BES for 2026-2027
13. Megan Adams - CNP Worker/Cashier for ACS for 2026-2027 placed at AHS
14. Sonja Truesdell - Teacher at BES for 2026-2027
15. Anna Clay - CNP Worker/Cashier for ACS for 2026-2027 placed at AMS
16. Blake Burttram - Bus Driver for ACS for 2026-2027
17. Christie Shields - CNP Worker/Cashier for ACS for 2026-2027 placed at AMS
18. Michaela "Shea" Kelly - Teacher at JNE for 2026-2027
19. Gracie Jackson - Teacher at AIS for 2026-2027
20. Alena Youngblood - Custodian at CES for 2026-2027
21. Jasmine Dysmas - Theater Teacher at AHS for 2026-2027
22. Elisa McCall - System Wide Special Education Instructional Aide at JNES for 2026-2027
23. Shelby Matier - System Wide Special Education Instructional Aide at AES for 2026-2027
24. Jennifer Harryman - System Wide Special Education Instructional Aide at AES for 2026-2027
25. Shannon Ray - Math Teacher at AMS for 2026-2027

D. Transfer

1. Tamara Bone — Receptionist/CNP Assistant to CNP Assistant for ACS for 2026-2027, effective July 1, 2026
2. Brooke Holt - Teacher at ARS to Teacher at BES for 2026-2027
3. Carla Lawrence - Teacher at AMS to Counselor (9 months) at AMS for 2026-2027
4. Amanda Roberts - System Wide Special Education Aide at AES to JNES for 2026-2027
5. Amanda Holladay - System Wide Special Education Aide at AES to BES for 2026-2027
6. Olivia Rodriguez - System Wide Special Education Aide at AES to JNES for 2026-2027
7. Elizabeth Robinson - Bus Driver for ACS to CNP Worker placed at JNES and ARS

E. Principal / Employee Contracts

1. Nick Looney - Principal at AES
2. Kori Walker - Head Boys Basketball Coach 2026-2027
3. Capri Tucker - Head Girls Basketball Coach 2026-2027
4. Eddie Murphree - Facilities Assistant 2026-2027
5. Whitley Berryhill - Head Girls Volleyball Coach 2026-2027
6. Chuck Smith - Head Softball Coach 2026-2027
7. Mike Murphree - Head Baseball Coach 2026-2027

F. Temporary, Part-Time Employment

1. Yulia Weston - Art Teacher at BES for 2026-2027
2. Leatha Ogden - Interventionist at CES for 2026-2027
3. Amber Evans - Latchkey Teacher at CES for 2026-2027
4. Haley Hays - Permanent Substitute at JNES for 2026-2027

5. Amanda Vice - Permanent Substitute at CES for 2026-2027
6. Yartizel Flores - Latchkey Teacher at JNES for 2026-2027
7. Jill Davis - Special Education Teacher at RenV for 2026-2027
8. Leah Pierce - Art Teacher at CES for 2026-2027
9. Hannah Cera - Music Teacher at CES for 2026-2027

G. Contracted Services and Stipends

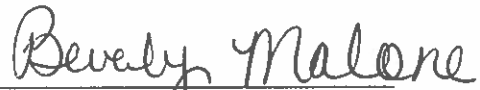
1. Allison Vega - 2026 Summer Learning Camp Aide at AES
2. Vickie Carr - 2026 Summer Learning Camp Office Aide at AES
3. Vickie Carr - Summer Registrar at AES
4. Morgan McGrady - Summer Registrar at JNES
5. Kinder Camp Teacher at JNES
 - a. Laura Leigh Terry
 - b. Lori Hobbs
 - c. Teisha Elkins-Prier
 - d. Eloisa Wright
 - e. Katie Lewis
6. Shannon White - ESY SLP Services at AES for 2026-2027
7. Leslee Gaston - ESY Teacher and Services at AES for May until July of 2026
8. Cassie White - Kinder Camp Organizer at JNES 2026
9. Paige Fuqua - 2026 Summer Learning Camp Aide at AES
10. Pat Umphrey - Transition Coordinator at ARS for 2026-2027
11. LaTiegra Ford - Transition Coordinator at AHS for 2026-2027

8. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Clem.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President