

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting
June 11, 2026
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 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
 Karen Clem
 Shannon Hutton, Board Vice-President
 Toby Harrison

1. Mr. Harrison 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. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS, gave an update on current projects within the system:

SUMMER

AIS - Road / parking

Bid 3/12

Contractor - Grayson Carter

Base Bid w/ Alternates - \$472,754.96

Roadway patching is completed on the car line, main loop road and remaining patching is complete up to the binder layer

New roadway widening has started w/ undercut and backfill taking place

Groundwater / run-off has slowed progress on new road...we will use part of the contingency to add several tons of rock to bridge the soils

AMS - Bleachers / Gym Floor

Bid 3/10

Contractor - EMW

Base Bid \$699,000

All bleachers have been removed

Floor has been removed

Old exhaust fans removed and new drywall installed to cover holes

Demo of the ceiling grid completed on one mezzanine, two vestibules

Floor tile in vestibules abated

Moisture test on the floor next week

Cleaning / painting of the upper structure to start Monday

AHS - Sidewalks

Moss Concrete will install +/- 800 ln / ft of sidewalk on the North end for better access from the parking lot to the Auditorium / Gym

Moving the irrigation started yesterday

Weather permitting we hope to start next week

BES - Parking in front

Bid 3/10

Contractor - Hawkins Groundworks

Base Bid - \$110,765

- Demo is complete

Some grading has taken place, but the site they are hauling dirt to has been too wet to get in

BES - Intercom

Released the contractor last week to order the material and get it going

Remaining with VALCOM

CES - HVAC / Windows

Bid 2/26

Contractor - Boyett Construction

Base Bid w/ Alternates - \$1,238,496

Set the first HVAC unit today

Set four of the classroom windows

17 of the classrooms have new ceiling grid / tiles

Demo of the remaining classroom ceiling started today

Remaining ceiling grid / tiles will begin tomorrow

AIS - Controls

TRANE started the HVAC controls today

AIS - Courtyard

Pouring concrete tomorrow morning

Baseball - flooding around field house

Waiting for it to dry up

AES - Sidewalk

Completed

ARS (New)

Working with architects

Working on a few more smaller projects to complete the summer...

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 – May 21, 2026
2. Paid Payables – May 2026
3. Financial Statements – May 31, 2026
4. Field Trip Approvals for ACS
5. Field Trip Request - AHS JROTC - Overnight
6. Field Trip Request - AHS Band - Overnight
7. Field Trip Request - AHS Band - Out-of-State
8. Facility Use Request - AMS North Parking Lot - Ellagant Entertainment Group
9. Facility Use Request - Athens High School - Anne Movie LLC
10. Contract Revision - TEAMS Contract for ACS
11. Volunteers - 2026-2027 Band Parent Volunteers
12. Non-Resident Student Admissions Application
13. Coaching Assignments for the 2026-2027 School Year
14. Job Description and Salary Schedule Approval - Bus Driver/Transportation Department Assistant
15. TEAMS Contract Renewals
16. Personnel

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Daniel Womble — Teacher at AMS and TEAMS Contract Cancellation
2. Makayley Pugh - Teacher at AHS and TEAMS Contract Cancellation
3. Alexandria Peterson - 12 Month Registrar at ARS

4. Noemi Santana -Donato - EL Teacher at AHS

B. Canceled Contract and Letters of Appointment

1. Amanda Vice - Permanent Substitute at CES 2026-2027
2. Darci Hays - May AL Teacher Mentor Additional Teacher at AMS
3. Shalyn Croone - 2026 Summer Learning Camp Aide
4. Brook White - May LETRS Training Units 5-8
5. Keziah McCarley - New Teacher Curriculum Building for RenV
6. Justin Smith - May AL Teacher Mentor at AHS
7. Dorothy Hamlett - May AL Teacher Mentor at AHS
8. John Drew Hubbard - Technology Support 27 hours per week

C. Employment

1. Assatu Wissch - Teacher at AMS
2. Lindsey Coffman - Math Teacher at AMS
3. Subrina Williams - Foreign Language Teacher at AMS
4. Darci Hays - Assistant Principal at AMS
5. Gregory Gray - Assistant Principal at AMS
6. Connie Easter - System-Wide Special Education Instructional Aide at AMS
7. Caleb Tonini - Assistant Band Director for ACS
8. Julie Coats - 3rd Grade Teacher at AES
9. Amanda Hernandez-Ross - Library Media Specialist at AES
10. Brooksie Smith - System-Wide Special Education Instructional Aide at AES
11. Sara Davis - OSR PreK Auxiliary Teacher at AES
12. Amanda Vice - System-Wide Instructional Aide at CES
13. Kaylyn Richardson - Kindergarten Teacher at CES
14. Bethany Schumacher - Bookkeeper at AIS
15. Emma Brooks - 5th Grade Teacher at AIS
16. Joslyn Francois-Hart - ARI Reading Specialist at ARS
17. Davis Smallwood - History Teacher at AHS
18. Vanessa Thompson - FACS Teacher at AHS
19. Robert "Mitch" Russell - Instructional Aide at AHS
20. Ryan Reid - Bus Driver for ACS
21. Phillip Jarmon - Bus Driver for ACS
22. Tyler Rinke - 4th Grade Teacher at AIS
23. Cara Jane Brister - 5th Grade Teacher at AIS
24. Leslie Royer - Science Teacher at AHS
25. Joseph Hill - Math Teacher at AHS
26. Krystal Pippin - Kindergarten Teacher at BES
27. Abraham Szilagyi - Technology Technician for ACS
28. Suzanne Enoch - System-Wide Special Education Instructional Aide placed at AHS
29. Shannon Rainey - ELA Teacher at AMS
30. Naomi Jones - System-Wide Special Education Instructional Aide placed at CES
31. Mary Tonini - 4th Grade Teacher at AIS
32. Jennifer Morton - CNP Worker/Cashier to CNP Manager at AHS
33. Megan Garcia - Receptionist for Athens City Schools

D. Transfer

1. Molly Lauderback - 4th Grade Teacher at AIS to 3rd Grade Teacher at JNES
2. Melissa Moore - 6th Grade Teacher at AMS to 5th Grade Teacher at AIS
3. Josh Fuqua - Dean of Students at AMS to Dean of Students at AHS
4. Keziah McCarley - Teacher RenV/ARS to Instructional Partner at AMS

E. Temporary, Part-Time Employment

1. Kendall Gill - Landscaping/Pressure Washing Part-Time
2. Jonathan Thomas - Landscaping/Pressure Washing Part-Time
3. Mary Beth Young - Contract Worker ARS 2026-2027
4. Jonah Blackwood - Music Writer AHS Band Summer 2026
5. Jonah Blackwood - Band Camp Staff Summer 2026
6. Alex Killen - Band Camp Instruction Summer 2026
7. Clarissa Wright - Summer Technology Support Part-Time

8. Beth McKinney - Summer Technology Support
9. Tucker Lynn - Summer Technology Support Part-Time
10. Peter Lucker - STEAM Specialist ARS 2026-2027
11. Zamir Cain - Summer Technology Support Part-Time
12. Debra James - Sub Tech School Bus Driver 2026-2027
13. Debra James - Sub Bus Driver and Bus Aide 2026-2027
14. Danny Holt - Sub Bus Driver and Bus Aide 2026-2027
15. Barry Phillips - Sub Bus Driver and Bus Aide 2026-2027
16. Harold Rogers - Bus Driver Trainer 2026-2027
17. Russ McNutt - Sub Bus Driver and Bus Aide 2026-2027
18. Leah Oakley - Copy Assistant at BES 2026-2027
19. Emma Bissell - Choreographer for AHS Band Summer 2026
20. Cari Danner - AHS Permanent Sub 2026-2027
21. Jennifer Nicholson - AHS Permanent Sub 2026-2027
22. Sandra Dugger - Sub Bus Driver and Bus Aide 2026-2027
23. Danny Holt - Bus Driver Trainer 2026-2027
24. Rachel Adornetto - Band Camp Instruction 2026
25. Judy Palmer - Registrar Training ARS July-September 2026
26. John Drew Hubbard - Technology Support 37 hours per week

F. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Scott McCormick - AP Summer Hours at AIS 26-27
2. Shana Walton - COMP Training AMS
3. Susie Holmes - Registrar Summer Hours BES
4. Latchkey BES 2026-2027
 - a. Melitta Malone
 - b. Erin Vassar
5. Erin Vassar - Latchkey Co-Director BES
6. Marjorie Onder - Payroll Extra Duties for Growth
7. Bethany McElyea - RenV Bookkeeper and Internal Auditor
8. Dimika Cummings - Title IX Coordinator for ACS
9. Leslie Sedberry - June Admin Work at AMS
10. Athletic Handbook Updates AHS
 - a. Tasia Farmer
 - b. Caprice Tucker
 - c. Mary Elizabeth Key
 - d. Alexandra Taylor
 - e. Michael Pettey
 - f. Paige Hicks
11. Training LLCA
 - a. Alexis Statton
 - b. Anita Buckles
12. Mallory Ray - Summer 2026 Instructional Retreat AES
13. Denise Pettey - Summer 2026 Instructional Retreat AHS
14. Darci Hays - Summer 2026 Instructional Retreat AMS
15. COMP Training
 - a. Samantha Bailey
 - b. Vanessa Brown
 - c. Anita Buckles
 - d. Hope Cagle
 - e. Fiorella Carr
 - f. Julie Coats
 - g. Anna Copham
 - h. Erica Griffin
 - i. Taylor Gallemore
 - j. Tiffinee Hancy
 - k. Gracie Jackson
 - l. Nicholas Kelley
 - m. Jeff Mathheus
 - n. Olivia McCurry
 - o. Allie McMullins

16. Bus Drivers Craft Academy 2026-2027
 - a. Harold Rogers
 - b. Roger Belcher
17. Kelly Mathheus - Summer 2026 Instructional Partner ARS
18. Allie Ezell - Summer 2026 Instructional Partner AIS
19. Keziah McCarley - Summer 2026 Instructional Partner AMS
20. A+ College Ready Training
 - a. Lesley Carter
 - b. James Crowder
 - c. Carey Graves
 - d. Tanya Hill
 - e. Mary Elizabeth Key
 - f. Whitney King
 - g. Ally Malone
 - h. Jordan Matthews
 - i. Joseph Sapp
 - j. Sydney Zachary
21. COMP Training
 - a. Krystal Pippin
 - b. Jenay Plott
 - c. Olivia Rizzo
 - d. Joseph Sapp
 - e. Andrew Shelton
 - f. Tiffany Shultz
 - g. Alexandra Smith
 - h. Cheney Suggs
 - i. Mollie Vick
 - j. Madison Wells
22. Anna Wysock - Summer 2026 Reading Specialist JNES
23. Daphne Scott - Summer 2026 Reading Specialist CES
24. Kerri Beth Owens - Summer 2026 Reading Specialist BES
25. Morgan Beggs - Summer 2026 Reading Specialist AES
26. Gia Russell - Principal Mentoring AHS
27. Jessica Burtram - Curriculum Training and Online Course Development ARS
28. Jared Laxson - Admin Duties at AHS
29. K Community Day Teachers / Greeters
 - a. Tamra Laxson
 - b. Karen Beason
 - c. Holly Scarbel
 - d. Kaylyn Richardson
 - e. Nancy Hipolito
 - f. Stacey Hart
 - g. Hannah Pettry
 - h. Kaitlyn Boyett

7. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve Item Number 10 on the Agenda – Budget Amendments #2. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all five members voting yes.
8. Mrs. Malone moved that the board approve the Resolution Concerning a New Athens Renaissance School Building and Campus. Mrs. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all five members voting yes. (A copy of the resolution is attached to the minutes)
9. Mrs. Malone announced the Election of School Board Officers. By acclamation, Mrs. Clem nominated Mrs. Beverly Malone as board president for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes.

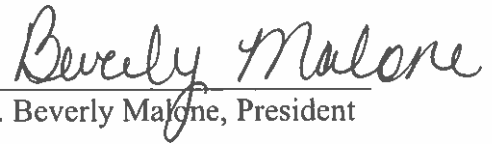
Mrs. Beverly Malone nominated Mrs. Shannon Hutton as vice president for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes.

10. An Executive Session was not required.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President



A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A NEW ATHENS RENAISSANCE SCHOOL BUILDING AND CAMPUS

WHEREAS, the Athens City Board of Education (the “Board”) finds that there is a significant need for a new Athens Renaissance School building and campus, and that this would be in the best interest of the students of the Athens City Schools;

WHEREAS, the construction of a new Athens Renaissance School building and campus is expected to have an approximate cost of Twenty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to finance a portion of those construction costs, in the amount of Eighteen Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$18,000,000.00), through the issuance of general obligation warrants, with the understanding that the same will be paid from sales and property tax receipts of the City that are otherwise directed by the City to the support of Athens City Schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION, while in session on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., that the Board requests that the Athens City Council, on behalf of the City of Athens, Alabama, sell and issue general obligation warrants secured by the full faith and credit of the City, for the purpose of the construction of a new Athens Renaissance School building and campus, in the amount of Eighteen Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$18,000,000.00).

ADOPTED this the 11 day of June, 2026



BEVERLY MALONE

PRESIDENT

ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION