

***ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting
August 13, 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 33 members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Malone – Board President called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Toby Harrison Beth Patton, Superintendent Anthony Townsend Shannon Hutton, Board Vice-President
Absent:	Karen Clem

1. Mr. Townsend opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mr. Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes.
4. There was no public input.
5. Mrs. Patton presented some special recognitions.

Linda Moore, Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA) 2025-2026 Athletic Director of the Year

We are proud to celebrate Mrs. Linda Moore, Athens High School and Athens Middle School Athletic Director, who was recently named Alabama High School Athletic Directors & Coaches Association (AHSADCA) 2025–2026 Athletic Director of the Year! I had the privilege of attending the Coaches Championship Awards Banquet in Montgomery, where Mrs. Moore was recognized and celebrated for this awesome accomplishment! It was a special moment to see her dedication and leadership honored at the statewide level. This honor recognizes Mrs. Moore's outstanding leadership, dedication to student-athletes, and commitment to excellence in athletics. Mrs. Moore has served as Athletic Director for Athens High School and Athens Middle School since 2020. As a Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) and Registered International Athletic Administrator (RIAA), she oversees athletic programs for students in grades 7–12 and works tirelessly to provide opportunities for our student-athletes to grow, achieve, and succeed both on and off the field. This honor is the latest in a distinguished list for Mrs. Moore! In 2022, she received the Making a Difference Award from the AHSAA and AHSADCA, recognizing individuals who go above and beyond their roles to positively impact their schools and communities. In 2024, she was named the AHSAA District 8 Athletic Director of the Year. Through her leadership, passion, and service, Mrs. Moore continues to strengthen the tradition of excellence that makes Athens Golden Eagles Athletics so special. Congratulations to you, Mrs. Moore!

Athens-Limestone Retired Educators – Celebrating a Legacy of Service

We are proud to recognize the incredible retired educators of the Athens-Limestone Education Retirees Association (ALERA) and celebrate their continued impact on our schools and community! These dedicated educators spent their careers teaching, mentoring, and inspiring generations of students, and their service continues well beyond the classroom. Their wisdom, generosity, and lifelong commitment to education are making a remarkable difference throughout Athens and Limestone County.

Our Athens-Limestone Retired Educators were honored at the 2025-2026 Alabama Education Retirees Association (AERA) State Conference, earning two distinguished awards!

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- **Statewide Community Service Award** - the most prestigious honor presented to local unit associations from across the state
- **Community Service Award for Outstanding Achievement, Category III**

Selected from 76 associations across the state, ALERA was celebrated for its exceptional community service. Members have generously volunteered their time and resources to support nonprofits, civic organizations, health agencies, schools, and other organizations and community programs.

Efforts include:

- Donating non-perishable items to the Community Table Food Bank
- Collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Participating in the Hospice Chili Challenge
- Supporting students experiencing homelessness with funding & gift cards
- Mentoring students in reading
- Purchasing children's books for school libraries and the Athens-Limestone Resource Center
- Providing a \$1,500 scholarship to a high school senior pursuing a career in education.

The estimated total value of their volunteer service and contributions during the past year was an outstanding \$185,882.07, a powerful reflection of the time, generosity, and dedication these retired educators continue to invest in our community.

Congratulations on these well-deserved statewide honors, and thank you for continuing to serve, inspire, and make a lasting difference in the lives of others. There are 96 active ALERA members, with 24 from ACS. We are so thrilled to have some members here with us tonight!

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

SUMMER

AIS - Road/parking
Completed

AMS - Bleachers / Gym Floor
Completed - letting the contractor work off the punch list this week. Students use on Monday
Floor repair due to an HVAC leak will take place on or before fall break

AHS - Sidewalks
Completed

BES - Parking in front
Completed

BES - Reading well (backfill)
Completed

BES - Intercom
All the non-talk-back speakers, exterior horns, and wire were pulled. Still waiting on some parts.

CES - HVAC / Windows
Completed
Phase II - Engineer contract on the board agenda

AIS - Controls
So, at the last meeting, I told you this work would not affect the AC. Well, it did. Isaac and TRANE worked through getting units up and running.

AIS - Courtyard
Completed

Baseball - flooding around the field house

Completed

AES - Sidewalk Pre-K to drop off & parking lot

Completed

AES - Playground: add additional edging and mulch to the entire fenced-in area

Completed

Stadium - South End Paving

Completed

Ren V - Remove pavers and sod

Completed

Ren V - Stripe parking lot

Completed

ARS

Started drilling soil borings this week and working with the Architect and ARS on room sizes, moving things around in the sq/ftg we have. Working with Engineers on power requirements (robotics, serving), etc.

While all the above was taking place the custodians have been stripping and waxing floors though-out the district and Maintenance has built walls, built rooms, had concrete poured on the North end of the HS, added flooring, new fence around the stadium, installed LED lighting, updated HVAC units with new and worked on plenty of the old and many more unseen items.

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. 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 – July 20, 2026
2. Paid Payables – July 2026
3. Financial Statements – July 31, 20226
4. Field Trip Request – AHS SCA – Overnight and Out-of-State
5. Field Trip Request – AHS & AMS Choir – Overnight and Out-of-State
6. Field Trip Request – AHS Volleyball - Overnight
7. TEAMS Contracts for 2026-2027
8. Reimbursement of Sick Days – AES
9. Reimbursement of Sick Days – AMS
10. Non-Resident Student Admissions Applications
11. Contract Approval – RSP & Associates – Enrollment Analysis for ACS
12. Contract Approval – Lawnscares, LLC
13. Contract Approval – Mims Engineering, Inc – CES
14. 226-2027 ACS Athletic Handbook Approval
15. 2026-2027 Student-Parent Handbook Revisions
16. Personnel

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Melanie Kate Warren - OSR Auxiliary Teacher at AES - effective July 28, 2026
2. Linda Biggs - Teacher at AMS
3. Tyler Parker - AHS Band Director and Fine Arts Director for ACS

B. Personnel Correction

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1. Gelia Redmill - Clerical Aide at JNES - Corrected to reflect employment term of 9-month position as posted

C. Canceled Contract and Letters of Appointment

1. Norma Malone - Math Teacher Training at AMS
2. Scott McCormick - MCS Training

D. Leave of Absence

1. Connie Easter - SPED Instructional Assistant at AMS

E. Employment

1. Maria Romero - System-Wide CNP Worker/Cashier placed at AHS - start date August 3, 2026
2. Sydney Hall - PE Teacher at AIS - start date July 30, 2026
3. Erica Griffin - Library Media Specialist at AIS - start date July 27, 2026
4. Emily Thomas - OSR PreK Auxiliary Teacher at JNES
5. Karen Petty - EL Teacher at AIS/BES - start date July 30, 2026
6. Whitley Word - OSR PreK Auxiliary Teacher at AES - start date August 3, 2026
7. Jennifer Craig - System-Wide SPED Instructional Aide placed at AES - start date August 3, 2026
8. Toi Townsend - Itinerant Special Education Teacher for ACS - start date July 30, 2026
9. Yoselin Garcia Medina - System-Wide SPED Instructional Aide placed at AES - start date August 3, 2026
10. Priscilla Gillespie - System-Wide Instructional Aide placed at AHS
11. Maura Mazza - Special Education Teacher at AES with a start date of August 11, 2026
12. Gregory Willard - Elective Teacher at AMS

F. Transfer

1. Crystal Hewlett - System-Wide SPED Instructional Aide at AES to BES for the 2026-2027 SY

G. Temporary, Part-Time Employment

1. Maverick Tynes - Maintenance Summer Help ACS
2. Quanesha Rose - Latchkey Worker BES 2026-2027
3. Rachael Knox - K-2 Aux Teacher CES
4. Newton Johnsey - Part-Time Maintenance ACS
5. Mason Hodges - Part-Time Maintenance ACS
6. Tanya Griffin- EL Teacher at BES 2026-2027
7. Kaitlyn Boyett - Latchkey Teacher CES 2026-2027
8. Bobby Aron Cole - Teacher at AIS for 2026
9. Taylor Allen - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at JNES
10. Kyleigh Jones - Latchkey Worker JNES 2026-2027
11. Lorraine Duncan - LOA Teacher 1st Semester at BES
12. Drew Carter - Athletic Game Announcer 2026-2027
13. Ben Romine - Football Game Announcer 2026
14. Lauryn Carr - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at JNES
15. Lauryn Carr - Latchkey Worker JNES 2026-2027
16. Ron Oakley - Counselor at AIS (temporary)
17. Ande Jackson - Digital Board Operator - ACS Athletic Venues

H. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Math Teacher Training - AMS

- a. Tiffany Richardson
- b. Kathryn Bragwell
- 2. Darci Hays - Curriculum Support 2026 AMS
- 3. Crystal Hewlett - SPED Aide at BES
- 4. Anna Copham - Professional Development Day AMS
- 5. Megan Juristo - Training at CO
- 6. Nick Looney - Summer Admin Work at AES
- 7. Joshua Goodwin - MTSS Extra Training at AMS
- 8. Gelia Redmill - Clerical Aide Summer Hours at JNES
- 9. Suzanne Enoch - Substitute Medical Bus Aide AHS
- 10. Kara Beth Crumbley - LETRS Training Units 1-4 AIS

8. An Executive Session was not needed

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Hutton.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President