

***ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Final Budget Hearing and School Board Meeting
September 1, 2026
4:30 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 9 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

Absent: Toby Harrison

1. Mr. Townsend opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mrs. Hutton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Clem moved that the board approve the agenda. Mrs. Hutton 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 asked if anyone had any questions about the proposed 2027-2031 Capital Plan. No questions were raised, and Mrs. Patton asked for approval of the 2027-2031 Capital Plan. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the Capital Plan. Mr. Townsend seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes.
6. Mrs. Serena Owsley, CSFO for Athens City Schools, asked if anyone had any questions about the proposed Fiscal Year Budget for 2027. After clarifying the updated B1, Mrs. Patton asked for approval of the FY 2027 Budget. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the Capital Plan. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes.
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. Clem 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 27, 2026
2. Field Trip Request – CES First Grade – Out-of-State
3. Contract Approval – Morell Engineering – Demo of Football Bleachers at ARS
4. Contract Revision – The Stepping Stones Group
5. Personnel

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Employment

1. Morgan Locke – System-Wide SPED Instructional Assistant placed at JNES

B. Resignation

1. Brad Alex Jackson – System-Wide SPED Instructional Aide at AMS

C. Temporary, Part-Time Employment

1. Tahjeria Murphy – Latchkey Worker at JNES

D. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. Wes Brock – EPA, OSHA 10, and BOC Certifications at CO

8. Mrs. Malone recommended that the Board approve item number 10 on the Agenda – Employment. This was the employment of Lane Romine as a System-Wide Special Education Instructional Assistant placed at Julian Newman Elementary School. The Superintendent has disclosed a family relationship with the recommended employee and has recused herself from the recommendation and Board action regarding this employment matter.

Mrs. Hutton made the motion to approve the employment. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, with all four members voting yes.

9. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Clem.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President