

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
October 25, 2021

President Tim Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the High School ITLC with the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken, all Board members were present, establishing a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Andrea Sheridan, Elementary Principal Joy Redmann, Maple Grove Principal, Robin Hanson, Middle School/High School Principal Juli Gauerke-Peter, Reporter, Casey Krautkramer, and several staff and community members.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Board meeting Voice vote. Motion carried.

No comments from visitors.

Superintendent, Ms. Sheridan acknowledged School Board Appreciation week, National School Lunch week in October. The Food Service staff received a Proclamation from State Superintendent, Dr. Jill Underly; present was Heather Krueger, Tanille Hartmann and Bernice Hopperdietzel; Kayla Passehl and Tari Williams were not present. Principals Joy Redmann, Robin Hanson and Juli Gauerke-Peter were also recognized for Principal’s Month in October.

Principal Gauerke-Peter congratulated the Cross-Country Team on their venture to the State tournament.

The Board received a copy of the September 16, 2021 Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board to review.

President Krueger, Tom Ellenbecker, Kenny Ellenbecker and Ms. Sheridan reviewed the WASB Region 5 meeting that they attended.

Principal Mrs. Redmann reviewed activities at the elementary school including parent-teacher conference, field trip to the Cranberry Bogs and Highgrounds with the 4th grade students of Maple Grove, Fire Safety education from Mike Thurs, Book Fair and professional development. She also thanked the YES group for all the activities they provide.

Principal Mrs. Hanson shared activities including outdoor learning, field trips to the Merrill School Forest and the Hamburg Veteran’s Post for sponsoring the High Grounds trip. Justin Bloch was honored on National Custodian Day. She thanked the Governance Board for organizing a PTO for Maple Grove and the YES group for their assistance. She also included upcoming dates of events for the school including Hamburg Fire Safety, PTO meeting, chili event and Veteran’s Day Assembly.

Principal Gauerke-Peter reported on the MS/HS activities including testing, NHS- Make a Difference Day, Sponsorship Banners, Veteran’s Day program and Tech-Ed updates with A & B and local business, Musical and professional development.

Superintendent, Andrea Sheridan reviewed her goals and communication systems, including technology, leadership and learning opportunities with local organizations and leaders, including Emergency Response team, Neola training and the Trails Association.

Superintendent Sheridan and Guidance Counselor Dan Nowak reviewed the changes to School Board policies 5460-Graduation Requirements and 5460.01-Diploma Deferral for the Board to approve.

The 2021-2022 Budget Revisions that were made after the September 20, 2021 Annual Meeting were presented by Superintendent Sheridan and Bev Braun.

Superintendent Sheridan asked the Board to consider a Board Retreat at a later date. She was directed to check with Bob Butler to find dates available for him to facilitate the event in 2022.

Tamey Zenner made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve the financial statement as presented by Bev Braun. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve bills for payment from check number 66151 to 66357 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Tamey Zenner made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to accept the Auner Family memorial bench donation as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker, to approve the 2021-2022 budget revision as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to approve the 2021-2022 Certification of the general fund tax levy in the amount of \$2,298,598, with a mil rate of .70. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c), (e), (f) and (g) for the purposes of:

- a. Considering performance evaluations and financial, medical, social or personal information of specific persons which if discussed publicly would have a substantial adverse effect upon the person's reputation, specifically winter coaching contracts.
- b. Considering the potential acquisition of Maple Grove Charter School and related real estate, including potential terms and conditions associated with such.

Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to reconvene to open session to take action as to those matters addressed in closed session. No action was taken. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Tamey Zenner made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve the personal day request as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

No additional action was taken.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Tamey Zenner, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Frahm, Clerk

Beverly Braun, Recording Secretary