

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
September 20, 2021

President Tim Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the High School commons with the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken, Jessica Frahm and Steve Janke were excused, all other Board members were present, establishing a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Andrea Sheridan, Elementary Principal Joy Redmann, Maple Grove Principal, Robin Hanson, Reporter, Casey Krautkramer, Tony Renning, District Legal Counsel and several staff and community members. HS/MS Principal Juli Gauerke-Peter was excused.

Tamey Zenner made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2021 Regular Board meeting Voice vote. Motion carried.

No comments from visitors.

The Principals recognized the staff for all the preparation for a successful Grandparents day and Homecoming week. Special thanks to Tannelle Hartmann for preparation of the meal for them and to Justin Block and Jamie Handschke for getting Maple Grove ready for the school year.

The Board received a copy of the August 17, 2021 Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board to review.

Principal Mrs. Redmann thanked all staff for their preparation in starting off the school year successfully and that the Elementary school received a \$1,500 Healthy Classrooms grant. She also thanked Jenney Lipinski for her landscaping skills and the YES group for the outdoor signs.

Principal Mrs. Hanson thanked everyone making the open house successful and Mr. Jeff Mastin for his support over the past three months. She also thanked the Veterans Post for sponsoring a trip for the 5th graders to the Highgrounds in Neillsville.

Superintendent Ms. Sheridan reported for Principal Gauerke-Peter on the MS/HS activities including testing, Fitness Center, Homecoming week and thanked the custodians for their hard work getting the schools ready and Jenny Lipenski for her landscaping.

Superintendent, Andrea Sheridan reviewed her 100 day entry plan goals and the status of her communication role with students, staff, and community members. She will be attending the WASDA Professional Leadership conference this week.

The Board was reminded of the upcoming WASB Region 5 meeting. Tim Krueger, Tom Ellenbecker and Kenny Ellenbecker will attend with Superintendent Sheridan on October 13, 2021.

Tom Ellenbecker introduced the parents of Ryan Auner, who wants to donate a memorial bench by the ball diamonds and is asking for Board approval. It was determined that the bench would be installed in spring 2022 working with Jamey Handschke.

Athletic Director Craig Diedrich asked for approval of Shawn Stienke to be added to the football coaching staff as a Varsity Assistant coach.

School Psychologist Allison Kerkman reviewed how the Mental Health Grant in the Marathon County Special Education consortium of six school districts and twelve staff members work. She also stated that Maple Grove would be part of the Athens' grant. She also asked if any Board member would consider being a part of the team.

Superintendent Sheridan asked for Board approval for upcoming out of state field trips. The World Dairy Expo and 8th grade class trip would be two events involved.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to approve bills for payment from check number 65963 to 66150 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Shannon Peel made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve the contract for Shawn Stienke for Varsity Assistant Football coach as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried. 5-0

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecke to approve the upcoming out of state field trips as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Tamey Zenner, 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 public would have a substantial adverse effect upon the person's reputation (You need to incorporate some specificity as to the positions you will be discussing (e.g., principals, directors, etc.).
- b. Considering the potential acquisition of Maple Grove Charter School and related real estate, including potential terms and conditions associated with such.
- c. Conferring with legal counsel for the District who will be rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the School Board with respect to litigation in which the School Board is or is likely to become involved.
- d. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data and financial, medical, social or personal information of specific persons which if discussed in public would have a substantial adverse effect upon the person's reputation (professional staff member leave request, specificity as to the other staff member evaluation information to be discussed (E.G., Principals, Directors, Etc.). Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Tamey Zenner, 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 5-0.

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

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Braun, Recording Secretary