

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
January 17, 2022

President Tim Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the high school library 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, Casey Kruautkramer, Reporter and several staff and community members.

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

Principal Joy Redmann acknowledged Allison Kirkman for a great job done on her presentation for the inservice presentation she gave and Beth Heier for her aide work. Principales Juli Gauerke-Peter and Robin Hanson thanked the staff for their additional help with in-house subbing..

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

Principal Mrs. Redmann presented a powerpoint on the “Check N’ Connect” grant she received for the elementary. She reported on activities in her building including making everyone welcomed, student testing and continued professional development.

Principal Mrs. Hanson shared activities including the spelling bee, FastBridge training, a student teacher joining Maple Grove for a couple of months and working in education about Maple Syrup to the students.

Principal Gauerke-Peter updated the Board on the tech Ed projects, including Fab Lab and Fast Forward grants and professional development.

Superintendent, Andrea Sheridan reviewed her goals to engage groups and leaders in future planning for the School District. She updated the Board on the website enhancements, District surveys, safety needs, including Neola policies, Emergency Response Plan and professional learning.

President Krueger reviewed the proposed resolutions that the WASB membership will present at the convention.

The School Board Retreat survey results were reviewed and the Board selected topics to be discussed at a later Board retreat, including the following: Board orientation, communication, Facility needs and employee handbooks. A date for the retreat will be set at the next meeting.

Ms. Sheridan presented information regarding the open enrollment space determination for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board agreed to option 1, to accept all applicants who apply. Utilizing existing State criteria for non-acceptance (e.g. The district does not have the program or services listed in the student IEP)

Ms. Sheridan presented the “Re-Entry” Plan for Winter 2022, supporting all staff and students on an individual basis for COVID Safety Protocols.

The Board was asked to accept the resignation of Elise Farris, effective at the end of the school year as presented.

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

Tamey Zenner made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve bills for payment from check number 66619 to 66742 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to approve open enrollment space determination (Option 1) as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to accept the COVID Safety Protocols as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Ken Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shaonon Peel to accept the resignation of Elise Farris as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Tamey Zenner made a motion, second by Steve Janke to adjourn to closed session as follows: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), to consider the potential acquisition of Maple Grove Charter School and related real estate, including potential terms and conditions associated with such.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), to confer with legal counsel for the District who will be providing advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the School Board with respect to litigation in which the District is currently involved.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c), to consider employment or performance evaluation data concerning the District Administrator. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Steve Janke, 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.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Frahm, Clerk

Beverly Braun, Recording Secretary