

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
AUGUST 15, 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, Kenny Ellenbecker was 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, Middle School/High School Principal Juli Gauerke-Peter, Casey Kruautkramer, Reporter, several staff and community members.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 Regular Board meeting and the July 25, 2022 Special Board meeting minutes. Voice vote. Motion carried.

There were no comments from visitors.

Principal Gauerke-Peter acknowledged Curtis Hanson, new band director and his preparation of the marching band for the Athens Fair.

The Board received the minutes of the July 21, 2022 Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board.

In the superintendent’s report, Ms. Sheridan presented a draft of the 2022-2026 strategic plan for the School District of Athens, explaining how each school and classroom will align with the goals of the plan. The Board will approve the Strategic Plan in fall 2022.

Tucker Diethelm and Kristen Winter were present as candidates for the open school board position. The process began with the candidates introducing themselves and stating why they are interested in this appointment and what they can offer the School District. Each Board member asked both candidates several questions. After discussion the Board cast a ballot of their choice. Bev Braun recorded the votes to be presented under action for an appointment.

Elise Murn, Baird Financial and Beth Steinke presented the 2021-2022 budget revisions for the Board to approve.

Ms. Sheridan, Elise Murn and Beth Steinke presented four different preliminary budgets for 2022-2023 for the Board to review based on how the November referendum questions would be answered and affect the financial status of the School District.

Elise reviewed the questions to be put on the ballot in November for the referendum and a resolution that the Board needs to approve authorizing the referendum resolutions as presented. The resolutions read as follows: 1) Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes 2) Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,525,000 and 3) Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Questions of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes and an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,525,000

Randy Decker and Jamey Handschke reviewed the Village of Athens road project by the Elementary School, stating that with a grant obtained by the Village, it will cost the School District \$30,000 for the project.

Jamey Handschke states that he is getting quotes for the water supply line that needs to be repaired or replaced at Maple Grove. It was the consensus of the Board that he should move forward to complete this project.

Ms. Sheridan and Mary Kaye Adamski presented the Fischer Transportation Bus contract with a 2% increase for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ms. Sheridan presented the COVID re-entry plan for fall of 2022.

The Human Resource report was presented by Ms. Sheridan to hire Bridget Kottke for the Elementary Administrative Assistant position, Craig Diedrich, Adam Ellenbecker, Cameron Diedrich for full and/or part time assistant football coaches; Tom Ellenbecker-Volunteer MS Football coach; Jake Stange-MS assistant football coach; Kathy Luther-Volunteer Volleyball assistant Coach and Kailyn Brooks-MS Volleyball coach.

The Board was informed of the WASB Region 5 meeting that will be held on October 25, 2022. Let Beth Steinke know if you plan to attend by September Board meeting.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to appoint Kristen Winter's to fill the vacant Board position until April 2023. Roll call vote, motion carried.

Bev Braun administered the oath of office to Kristen Winter to serve the Board term ending in April 2023.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to approve bills for payment from check number 67592 to 67693 for August 2022 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to approve the budget revisions for 2021-2022 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve the proposed budgets for 2022-2023 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to approve the Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,525,000. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Questions of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit for Recurring Purposes and an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,525,000. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Steve Janke, to approve the Village of Athens road project as presented by Randy Decker, not to exceed \$30,000. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to move forward with the Maple Grove water supply project as needed. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve the Fischer Transportation Bus contract for 2022-2023 school year with a 2% price increase. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Shanon Peel, to accept the COVID Re-entry Plan for Fall of 2022 as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve the new hires as requested from the Human Resource request including Bridget Kottke, Elementary Administrative Assistant, Craig Diedrich -Assistant Football Coach, Adam Ellenbecker-.5 Assistant Football coach, Cameron Diedrich-.5 Assistant Football coach, Tom Ellenbecker-Volunteer MS Football coach, Jake Stange-MS Assistant Football coach, Kathy Luther-Volunteer Assistant Volleyball coach, Katlyn Brooks-MS Volleyball Coach. Roll call taken, motion carried 5-0, with Tom Ellenbecker abstaining from the vote for himself.

Closed session was not held.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to adjourn. Roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Frahm, Clerk
Beverly Braun, Recording Secretary