

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

“One Town - One Team - One Dream”

January 20, 2020

President Tim Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the High School ITLC, room 122 with the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken, Tom Ellenbecker and Shanon Peel were excused and all other Board members were present, establishing a quorum. Also present were Superintendent Jeff Mastin, HS/MS Principal Juli Gauerke-Peter, Elementary Principal Joy Redmann, Reporter, Casey Krautkramer. Peter Fromm-Wade, Nathan Brost and Cindy Kruger were also in attendance.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019 regular board meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

No comments from visitors.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board December 19, 2019 meeting.

Shanon Peel was excused, so no CESA 9 report was given.

Mrs. Redman reviewed activities at the elementary school, including student learning, community, communication with parents, staff development and facility maintenance work completed. Activities included the Spelling Bee, parent-teacher conference schedule, and child development days.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter reported on activities at the middle/high school level including students, community involvement, communication and staff development. Activities included upcoming events in Academic Decathlon, MS Forensics and registration days. The Athens Area EMS/Fire Crews were recognized during the January 14, 2020 boys basketball game for their ongoing service. Staff continues to attend staff development workshops.

Mr. Mastin updated the Board on discussion with the parochial schools status with the voucher system. He also stated that our website link to order Bluejay apparel is no longer available and that we are looking for other options. Nathan Brost, Technology Support Specialist gave a presentation on “Care my Way” sponsored by Marshfield Clinic. This will allow our staff to have facetime conversations with healthcare staff and check vitals, to help make a diagnosis without leaving the building.

Mr. Mastin presented space recommendations for the Board to consider for the 2020-2021 school year for the Board to approve all open enrollment applications.

The Board reviewed the second reading of policy #164 - Board Members Compensation and Allowable Expenses as recommended for approval.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter and Mr. Mastin reviewed the proposed advisors and coaches pay plan for recommended approval.

Mrs. Redmann, Mrs. Gauerke-Peter and Mr. Mastin explained how the Athens Continuous Improvement Plan facilitated with CESA 9 would help each prospective area with strategic planning, staff culture and the district mission and vision.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Julie Guenther to approve the financial statement as presented by Bev Braun. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve bills for payment from check number 63421 to 63570 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Steve Janke to approve the designated space proposal for accepting all open enrollment applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Voice vote, motion carried.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Steve Janke to approve the second reading of polich # 164 - Board Compensation as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Steve Janke to approve the proposed Advisors and Coaching Pay schedule as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Spring Coaches was tabled.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Steve Janke to accept the retirement letter from Linda Ellenbecker as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Steve Janke to adjourn to Closed Session Under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c),(e),(f) and (g) to consider specific personnel matters; and to consider financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, which if discussed in public would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any such persons, specifically to discuss staffing recommendations for 2020-2021. Roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

Jessica Frahm a motion, second by Julie Guenther to reconvene to open session to take action as to those matters addressed in closed session. No action was taken in closed session.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Steve Janke to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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