

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
March 16, 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, Steve Janke was excused and all other Board members were present, establishing a quorum. Also present were HS/MS Principal Juli Gauerke-Peter, Elementary Principal Joy Redmann, Reporter, Casey Krautkramer and several staff and community members were also in attendance. Superintendent Jeff Mastin was present through a telephone conference.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2020 regular board meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

No comments from visitors.

Mrs. Redmann acknowledged the bus drivers were recognized during bus drivers appreciation week by the elementary school. Craig Diedrich was recognized for his referee experience during games. Jessica Frahm shared that Forward Bank made a donation of \$5,000 to fill a request from Kory Rottschiet for calculators needed in his classroom. We received a thank you from the Veterans for our support for them with our Veterans Day program. Sarah Kyes was introduced as our intern middle school guidance counselor working with Dan Nowak for the remainder of the year.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board February 20, 2020 meeting.

Shanon Peel reviewed the CESA 9 meeting she attended earlier this month.

President Krueger reported on the Medford Legislative meeting held in Medford that he and Kenny Ellenbecker, Steve Janke, Jessica Frahm and Mr. Mastin attended.

Mrs. Redmann reviewed activities at the elementary school, including staff assisting Trinity school when they had a gas leak. She also reported on school improvement and staff development.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter reported on activities at the middle/high school level including students, community involvement, communication and staff development. She included the most recent cancellations that have been posted.

Mrs. Redmann and Mrs. Gauerke-Peter gave an update on what we are doing to protect our students and staff from the coronavirus.

Mr. Mastin reviewed the meeting with the Village of Athens Fire and Police committee to discuss truancy ordinance. He also stated that we will continue to work with the Village on the water and sewer and street concerns. He informed the Board that on February 21, a team from Performance Services and several staff and Board members would give an assessment report to the district to review. The school district started with a plan on March 3 to communicate to our students, families and staff about the coronavirus.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter reviewed the recommended changes to the graduation requirements and the first reading to Policy # 345.6-Graduation Requirements as presented.

The report from Performance Services was not available and will be tabled to a later date.

Shannon Peel made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve the financial statement as presented by Bev Braun. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Julie Guenther made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to approve bills for payment from check number 63739 to 63872 as presented. Roll call vote, Tom Ellenbecker abstained on check # 63837 and Tim Krueger abstained on check #63759, motion carried 6-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to approve the High Quiz Bowl out of State trip if not cancelled. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shannon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm to approve a contract for Shawn Steinke as the Tech Ed teacher beginning with the 2020-2021 as presented by Mrs. Gauerke-Peter. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Approval of additional spring coaches was tabled until the April Board meeting.

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker 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. . Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Julie Guenther made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker, to reconvene to open session and to adjourn the meeting. No action was taken in closed session. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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