

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
“One Town - One Team - One Dream”
APRIL 27, 2020

Superintendent Jeff Mastin called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, immediately following the Public Hearing, in the high school commons, to continue with social distancing, due to COVID-19.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Bev Braun administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members, Tim Krueger, Jessica Frahm and Steve Janke, all serving a three-year term.

Roll call was taken and all seven Board members were present. Jeff Mastin, Superintendent, Juli Gauerke-Peter, MS/HS Principal, Joy Redmann, Elementary Principal, Reporter Casey Krautkramer were also in attendance. Craig Diedrich and Dan Nowak were also present. Election of Officers as follows:

- A. Steve Janke made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm to nominate Tim Krueger for president. Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tim Krueger for president. Voice vote; motion carried.
- B. Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm, to nominate Steve Janke for vice-president. Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Janke as vice-president. Voice vote; motion carried.
- C. Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Julie Guenther to nominate Jessica Frahm for clerk. Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to close nominations and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jessica Frahm for clerk. Voice vote; motion carried.
- D. Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Steve Janke to nominate Shanon Peel for treasurer. Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to cast a unanimous ballot for Shanon Peel for treasurer. Voice vote; motion carried.

President-elect Krueger took over the meeting.

Representatives for the following are: Marathon County Special Education - Lori Haines (three-year term approved by the County Board 2020-2023); CESA 9 - Julie Guenther; WASB – Tim Krueger; and WASB Alternate- Kenny Ellenbecker; Joint Review Board/Village of Athens - Kenny Ellenbecker; Buildings and Grounds - Steve Janke and Kenny Ellenbecker; Personal, Finance and Transportation - Tom Ellenbecker; Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment- Shanon Peel; Instructional Technology - Jessica Frahm; Systems Support - Julie Guenther.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve the minutes of the March 16,2020 Regular Board Meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

There were no comments from visitors.

Nathan Brost was thanked for all his IT support to staff, students and parents during this time of pandemic and his work with setting up erate wiring project. Jessica Stuttgen received \$5,000 from CHS Seeds for Stewardship grant to be used for renovations to the greenhouse.

The Board received the minutes of the March 19, 2020, Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board.

Shanon Peel reported on the April CESA 9 meeting that she attended earlier this month.

Mrs. Redmann, Elementary Principal acknowledged the “remote learning journey” that our students are on, as well as parents and staff. She also stated that food service is preparing and serving lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for all students in the district through age 18; she also stated that the United Way has donated breakfast and snack items for our students

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter, MS/HS Principal reviewed the activities for the middle and high school students acknowledging the remote learning that started for students on March 16, 2020. Dates for all end of the year activities are trying to be figured out, including prom, graduation, and athletic banquets.

In the superintendent’s report, Mr. Mastin stated that Governor Evers extended the Safer at Home order to be extended to May 26. All schools will remain closed through the end of the school year and continue with remote learning. Summer school is put on hold and a decision will be made later. On Easter Sunday, April 12, five local churches held their services in a non-traditional way in the high school parking lot, through a radio station. He thanked our support staff for working in different positions to get their hours in and the custodial staff for all their extra cleaning during this pandemic.

The Board received a tally of the School Board Election; Jessica Frahm received 649 votes; Steve Janke- 620 and Tim Krueger-516. They will serve another three year term.

The facility student done by Performance Services on February 21,2020 was reviewed by the Board. It was the consensus to have the Buildings and Grounds committee review the report and bring recommendations to the Board at the May meeting.

Principal Gauerke-Peter made the recommendation to have the Board approve July 25, 2020 for high school graduation at 11:00 am for the Class of 2020 for them to approve.

Mr. Nowak reviewed the proposed courses, number of students, and credits to be earned for Start College Now - NTC and NTC Academy for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Mastin asked the Board to approve the health insurance plan as presented for the Marathon County Special Education Consortium, for Security Health for the next two years, with a 3.4% increase for 2020-2021 and no more than a 8% increase for the following year. The only difference in the plan is that the “waiver of premium” clause will be removed.

Mr. Mastin presented an addendum for the transportation contract with Fischer Bus for the remainder of this year due to the pandemic, with paying 100% of the March invoice and 78% of the April and May invoices.

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

Kenny Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve bills for payment from check number 63873 to 63972 as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve the second reading of policy #345.6 Graduation Requirements as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm to waive policy # 345.62-Graduation Ceremonies, for this year, and move High School graduation to July 25, 2020, beginning at 11:00 am. Voice vote, motion carried.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Julie Guenther, to approve the Student Requests for Early College Credit Program, Start College Now and Pre-College Credit program as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Jessica Frahm to approve the two-year health insurance renewal as presented by Mr. Master for a two-year commitment. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to approve the transportation contract addendum as presented by Mr. Mastin. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve coaching contracts for Assistant Girls Track coach-Destiny Ange; MS/ Track coaches Korey Rottscheit, Jessica Bingham and Sarah Kyes; Baseball for Paul Zarnke- MS Coach. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to adjourn to Executive Session Under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employees over which the board has jurisdiction and exercise responsibility, including contracts and personnel issues and for the purpose of considering the personal history of specific persons, specifically to discuss spring coaches payments, new hires and individual teacher contracts for 2020-2021. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Shanon Peel to reconvene open session to record any action taken in executive session. No action was recorded. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Spring Coaches payment was tabled until a later date.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to approve contracts for Kira Kalepp and Tianna Borchardt for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to approve the 2020-2021 teacher contracts as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Shanon Peel made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to adjourn. Roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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