

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ATHENS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

“One Town - One Team - One Dream”

July 20, 2020

President Tim Krueger called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the High School commons with the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken, all 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 and several staff and community members were also in attendance.

Julie Guenther made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 regular and the June 29, 2020 special board meeting as presented, second by Jessica Frahm. Voice vote, motion carried.

Principal Gauerke-Peter thanked those who have purchased part of the gym floor boards and Principal Redmann thanked the staff for their continued support in professional development.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Marathon County Children with Disabilities Education Board June 18, 2020 meeting.

No CESA 9 meeting was held this month.

Mrs. Redmann gave an update on the communication to staff and families of the district. She stated that all summer school is cancelled due to COVID-19 and registration day will be on August 11, 2020 at the high school for all students. She gave a brief summary of the surveys that have been sent out to parents and staff. The information will be compiled after the deadline.

Mrs. Gauerke-Peter stated that the prom and summer school have been canceled; high school graduation will be on Saturday, July 25, 2020 beginning at 11:00 am with Board approval.

Mr. Mastin reviewed the CARES Act grant and how the district is applying that money towards technology and protective equipment. He also stated that he met virtually with Fischer Bus, along with Marathon and Edgar to figure out safely transporting students; he met virtually with Performance Services to get price estimates of their facilities plan.

Mr. Chris Patritto, Regional Manager for Neola reviewed how the program works, setting up Board policies and other documents and handbooks for the District. The Board received a list of clients that they currently serve; Mr. Mastin presented a cost savings comparison with current costs, WASB subscription and Neola subscription.

It was the consensus of the Board that high school graduation should take place on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 11:00 am, outside, with social distancing, as presented by Principal Gauerke-Peter.

Mr. Mastin presented information regarding the survey on the District Newsletter and the lack of interest in receiving it. It was the consensus of the Board that we should post the information on the website and discontinue the mailing of it out four times a year. Necessary newsletters will continue to be mailed as needed.

Athletic Director Craig Diedrich asked for permission for the volleyball team and the basketball teams to hold a fundraiser to help support the cost of the new gym floor. The Board supports that fundraiser, but Mr. Diedrich should check in if a raffle license is necessary before starting.

Athletic Director Craig Diedrich presented a list of the fall coaching staff for the Board to approve.

Mr. Mastin and Bev Braun reviewed the price adjustment calculator for determining the cost price of food service meals; It was stated that no price increase was necessary for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Mastin presented the Academic Standards for 2020-2021 for the Board to approve.

Mr. Mastin and Bev Braun presented the 2020-2021 preliminary budget for the Board to approve.

A fund 46 resolution was presented to the Board to authorize the creation of a long term capital improvement trust fund as per Wisconsin Statutes 120-137; this fund may only be used for the purpose intended in the approved ten-year long-term improvement plan.

No bills were presented for approval.

Shannon Peel made a motion to approve hiring Neola for services, as presented, Jessica Frahm seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Tom Ellenbecker - yes, Julie Guenther-no, Steve Janke-no, Kenny Ellenbecker -no, Jessica Frahm-yes, Shannon Peel-yes, Tim Krueger-yes; motion carried 4-yes and 3-no.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Shannon Peel to approve the fall coaches for Football- Head Coach-Todd Diethelm, Assistant-Craig Diedrich, Dale Westfall, Mike Thurs, Volunteers- Cameron Diedrich, Seth Seubert, Kevin Denzine, Adam Ellenbecker, Tony Thurs; Middle School-Shawn Stienke, Tyson Zetter and Mark Kelly. Volleyball Head Coach-Tenille Hartwig, Assistant- Jessica Bingham, Kathy Luther, Middle School- Mandy Ellenbecker, Kaylee Matysik and Robin Langhoff; Cross-Country- Head HS- Korey Rottscheit, Head MS-William Litzer. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0 with Tom Ellenbecker abstaining from Volleyball MS coach-Mandy Ellenbecker.

Tom Ellenbecker made a motion, second by Kenny Ellenbecker to leave food service prices the same for the 2020-2021 school year; Lunch prices: Grades 4K-5 - \$2.65, Grades 6-12= \$3.05, Adult-\$3.70; Breakfast- Grades 4K-12 \$1.40, Adult \$1.90. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Shannon Peel to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Standards as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Shannon Peel made a motion, second by Julie Guenther to approve the Fund 46 Resolution as presented. Roll call vote, Tom Ellenbecker-yes, Julie Guenther-yes, Steve Janke -yes, Kenny Ellenbecker-yes, Jessica Frahm-abstain, Shannon Peel-yes, Tim Krueger-yes; motion carried 6-yes, 1 abstain.

Shannon Peel made a motion, second by Julie Guenther to adjourn to Executive Session Under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) (f) for the purpose of considering performance evaluations and financial, medical, social or personal information (of specific persons which if discussed in public) would have a substantial adverse effect upon the person's reputation, specifically including administrative evaluations, gym floor donations, price quotes comparison and salary increase for all employee groups. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Steve Janke made a motion, second by Julie Guenther, to reconvene to open session and to adjourn the meeting. No action was taken in closed session. Roll call vote, motion carried 7-0.

Jessica Frahm made a motion, second by Tom Ellenbecker to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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