ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Monday, December 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The Athens City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2017, at Westside School located at 700 Westside Street Athens, Tennessee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board and guests stated the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. A moment of silence was observed.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bevins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Mike Bevins, Chris Adams, Johnny Coffman, Amy Sullins, Beth Jackson, and Director of Schools Dr. Melanie Miller were present. Abby Burke Carroll was absent. A quorum was present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Julie Bennett, Tennessee School Board Association Southeast District Director and Marion County Board of Education Chairman presented the Athens City Schools Board of Education Members the TSBA Board of Distinction plaque.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Bevins welcomed everyone to the meeting; Mike Simmons, Principal at Athens City Middle School; Jill Swafford, Principal at Ingleside; Holly Owens, Principal at North City; Tracy Lee, Principal at Westside; Kristine Walden, Principal at City Park School; John Dyer, Technology Supervisor; Susan Freeman, Finance Administrator; Ray Grant, HR Recruiter/Assistant Transportation Supervisor; Andrew Kimball, Athens City Middle School Teacher; Missy Boyd, Director of Schools Administrative Assistant; Zelma McClure, George McClure, Lita Williams, Wayne Williams, Danielle Savoy,

Amy Goodin, Amy Sewell, Public at Large and Greg Moses, Editor for *The Daily Post Athenian*.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bevins explained that at this time of the meeting the attendees were provided an opportunity to address and discuss topics with the Board. No one addressed the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bevins reviewed the Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Agenda – December 11, 2017
*Items 1-20

B. Approval of Minutes
November 13, 2017

The Board approved the consent agenda on a motion by Mr. Adams and second by Dr. Sullins. **Motion carried.** (A copy of each document discussed is included in the Minutes Book.)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Tracy Lee, Principal at Westside, welcomed the Board to Westside School. She introduced Mr. Jason Wallis. Mr. Wallis and several students shared with the Board the exciting technology endeavors that are happening in several classrooms at Westside.

Mr. Wallis explained that technology in the classroom is a collaboration. (Differentiating, teacher and student-paced lessons that allow learners to take ownership of classroom lessons.)

Some of the programs that his classroom is using include:

- OneNote- Online interactive notebooks.
- ClassCraft- A classroom management system designed in a way to resemble an online role-playing video game.
- EDpuzzle- A program that allows any video to be embedded in an account where the teacher can add commentary, voiceover, and questions to engage the students.

- Flipgrid- video discussion and engagement. Students can build their own content.
- Skype- Class field trips, guest speakers, and classroom engagement with other classes.
- Nearpod- presentation program that allows teacher and student-paced lessons. PowerPoints can be included, as well as the integration of other sites.
- Kahoot! & Quizizz- it's a quiz or a test in a game format. This site is wonderful for pre-and post-assessments.

Mr. Wallis asked the Board and the attendees to join the students in a Quizizz activity.

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Lee informed the Board that Mr. Wayne Williams will be recognized as Westside's volunteer award recipient. Mrs. Lee introduced Mr. Williams to the Board and presented him a volunteer certificate in recognition of his hours of service.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Dr. Miller informed the Board that there were no personnel changes since the November meeting.

UPDATE ON ATTENDANCE AND ENROLLMENT

Dr. Miller informed the Board of the current attendance and enrollment for Athens City Schools. The attendance is currently at 94.76% and the current enrollment is 1602.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Dr. Miller provided an update on the November 2017 Summary Financial Reports for General Purpose and Federal Projects, stating the report also includes November 2016 reports to be used for comparison.
(A copy of the documents is included in the Minutes Book.)

2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Miller recommended the 2018-2019 school calendar to the Board. Dr. Sullins made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar and a second was made by Mrs. Jackson. **Motion carried.**
(A copy of the documents is included in the Minutes Book.)

SRO MOU

Dr. Miller recommended the Board authorize the Director of Schools to enact a Memorandum of Understanding with Athens City Government, regarding a School Resource Officer. Mr. Adams made a motion to authorize the Director of Schools to enact a MOU Athens City Government, regarding a SRO. A second was made by Dr. Sullins. **Motion carried.**
(A copy of the documents is included in the Minutes Book.)

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Miller provided the following update to the Board:

- Dr. Miller reported that all the assessment reports have now been posted and student summary reports were sent home, except for the 2nd grade reports. The state has not sent this grade level.
- Dr. Miller shared the names off the 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year Winners.

Athens City Middle School	***Ali Rayfield***
City Park School	***Amy Sherlin- PreK-4th Grade Category Winner***
Ingleside School	***Kim Hurst***
North City School	***Lori Farley- System-wide Winner 5th -8th Grade Category Winner***
Westside School	***Karen Franks***

- Dr. Miller also shared that all schools were participating in various Christmas activities such as Gift of Love, White Christmas, Musical Productions, Santa Shoppes, and the Athens City Middle School/McMinn County High School Christmas Band Concert. The ACMS swimming and basketball teams still have events on their schedules.
- Dr. Miller reminded the Board that Athens City School students have an abbreviated day on Wednesday, December 20th followed by Christmas break. The students will return to class on Monday,

January 8th. The teachers will return to work on Thursday, January 4th. During the Christmas break, Kids Connection will be housed at Ingleside School.

- Dr. Miller stated that due to the holidays falling on the weekend, the Central Office and Kids Connection will be closed on December 25th and 26th and January 1st and 2nd.
- Dr. Miller informed the Board that she will be presenting the quarterly update to the Athens City Council on Tuesday, December 19th.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Bevins stated that the student assessment reports had been received from the Department of Education and the Quantitative portion of the Director of Schools evaluation was complete. He also stated that he and Dr. Miller had met and had gone over the results of the Director of Schools' evaluation. He informed the Board that he would share the final evaluation results to all board members prior to the January board meeting. During the January board meeting, Mr. Bevins will discuss the final results of the Director of Schools' evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS

With there being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bevins adjourned the meeting on December 11, 2017, at 6:16 p.m.

APPROVED ON: _____
(Date)

APPROVED BY:

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Chair

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Director of Schools