ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA for Monday, March 9, 2026
Location: Administration Building

Agenda Topic		Discussion Points
Call to Order		The Chair will call the meeting to order.
Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of Silence and Inspirational Message		Athens City Middle School Students will invite the Board and attendees to stand for the Pledge, a moment of silence, and an inspirational message.
Roll Call		The Chair will recognize Board Members present and absent, if any.
Approval of Agenda		Approval of March 9, 2026, Agenda • Items 1-13
1	Recognition of Guests	The Chair will recognize guests.
2	Public Comments	The Chair will ask the audience if anyone would like to address the Board.
3	Consent Agenda	The Chair will review the items on the Consent Agenda: A. Approval of Minutes *February 9, 2026- Regular Meeting **Director's recommendation:** Approve the consent agenda as presented.
4	Director of Schools' Contract Extension	The Board discussed the Director of Schools' Contract Extension at the January 28, 2026, Work Session. Mr. Barnett's current contract ends on January 3, 2028. **Chairman's Recommendation:** Extend the Director of Schools' Contract for two years and amend the contract to state that the ending date of the contract be the 30th day of June 2030.
5	Tuition	The Board needs to approve the tuition rates for the 2026-2027 school year. These rates are the same as the approved 2025-2026 Tuition Rates. **Proposed 2026-2027 School Year Tuition Rates** **In McMinn County**- $400 for one student, $600 for two students, $800 for three or more students. **Outside of McMinn County**- $800 for one student, $1050 for two students, $1100 for three or more students. **Outside of Tennessee**- $4,050 for one student. **Director's recommendation:** Mr. Barnett recommends the 2026-2027 Tuition Rates listed above.

6	ACS Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Awards	The recipients of the ACS RISE awards for February/March 2026 will be acknowledged. Athens City Middle School: Sgt. Tony Byers Athens City Intermediate: Brandy Peake Central Office/Systemwide: John Dyer Athens City Primary School: Rebekah Baker
7	Personnel Update	Mr. Barnett will review the personnel update.
8	Financial Reports	Mr. Barnett will provide an update on the February Financial Reports for General Purpose and Federal Projects.
9	Update on Enrollment and Attendance	Mr. Barnett will review enrollment and attendance.
10	Legislative Updates	Mr. Johnny Coffman, ACS Tennessee Legislative Network Representative, will provide Legislative Updates.
11	Unfinished Business	The Chair will ask for a discussion of Unfinished Business.
12	New Business	The Chair will ask for items of discussion of any New Business.
13	Adjournment	Chair will adjourn.

ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS
MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE ATHENS CITY SCHOOLS SYSTEM IS TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND WELL-ROUNDED EXPERIENCES FOR THE HEALTH, MIND, AND BODY OF ALL STUDENTS.