ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

January 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

The Athens City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School, 200 Keith Lane, 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

Mike Bevins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mike Bevins, Chris Adams, Johnny Coffman, Amy Sullins, Abby Carroll, and Director of Schools Dr. Melanie Miller were present for the meeting. Board member Beth Jackson was absent. A quorum was present.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Bevins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests present were: Janey Morris, Federal Projects Supervisor; John Dyer, Technology Supervisor; Melody Armstrong, Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor; Missy Boyd, Director of Schools Administrative Assistant; Holly Owens, Principal of North City; Tracy Lee, Principal of Westside; Jill Swafford, Principal of Ingleside; Justin Wallace, Assistant Principal of Athens City Middle; Bob Owens, Facilities and Attendance Supervisor; Kristine Walden, Principal at City Park; Ray Grant, Assistant Transportation Supervisor/HR Recruiter; Amy Sherlin, Michele Haney, City Park Teachers; Traci Carpenter, Kim Hurst, Carol Russell, Joyce Snyder, Ingleside Teachers; Andrew Kimball, Ali Rayfield, Christina Sjoberg, Trey Ivins, Dawn Martin, Athens City Middle School Teachers; Lori Farley North City Teacher; Karen Franks Westside Teacher; Ashley Nation, Isaiah Russell, 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 discuss topics with the Board. No one addressed the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Agenda – January 8, 2018
*Items 1-21

B. Approval of Minutes
*December 11, 2017- Regular Meeting

C. Approval of Athletic Schedule for the Athens City Middle School
1.) Volleyball

D. Travel Request Approval
National TAP Conference
Location: Washington, D.C.
Attendees: 31 Teachers
Date: March 23-24, 2018

Mr. Coffman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Second was made by Dr. Sullins. **Motion carried.** (A copy of the documents discussed are included in the Minutes Book.)

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEER

Mr. Wallace recognized Ashley Nation as the volunteer of the month at Athens City Middle School. Ms. Nation has volunteered many hours of service to Athens City Middle this school year. Mr. Adams presented Ms. Nation with a certificate on behalf of the Board.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Mr. Trey Ivins and Mr. Justin Wallace shared the success of the Response to Intervention (RTI) program. Mr. Ivins explained he RTI committee, comprised of Mr. Simmons, Mr. Wallace, Mrs. Dingess, Mrs. Burger, and Mr. Ivins meets throughout the year to establish procedures and make necessary adjustments to the RTI curriculum. The curriculum includes SPIRE- a research based intensive reading intervention for nonreaders and struggling readers, Reading Plus- a

research based reading program that develops reading fluency and stamina by training the eyes to follow text and increase reading speed, and Moby Max- a program that has an adaptive curriculum that creates an individualized education plan for each student.

Mr. Wallace shared that with the Athens City Middle School Early Warning System helps identify the students that are chronically absent, and those that have failing grades. Intervention is provided for each of those students identified.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

Dr. Miller reviewed the personnel update for January 2018.
(A copy of the documents discussed are included in the Minutes Book.)

UPDATE ON ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

Dr. Miller provided an update on the attendance and enrollment. The attendance is currently at 94.79% and the enrollment is at 1599.
(A copy of the documents discussed is included in the Minutes Book.)

TEACHER OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Armstrong recognized the Teacher of the Year participants and winners for 2017-2018.

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

DISCUSSION OF DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS' EVALUATION PAPERWORK

Mr. Bevins shared the Overall Evaluation Score of the Director of Schools evaluation with the Board. The summary showed that Dr. Miller's overall evaluation score was 4.139. Mr. Bevins announced to the Board, audience, and press that the Director of Schools' contract extension would be discussed at the February Board meeting.
(A copy of the documents discussed are included in the Minutes Book.)

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Dr. Miller reviewed the December 2017 expenditure report with the Board, stating the report also includes December 2016 reports to be used for comparison. (A copy of the reports is included in the Minutes Book.)

ASBESTOS ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Miller provided the yearly asbestos announcement as required by federal law. *There is asbestos in the floor at the Administration and Maintenance Building. There is no asbestos in the schools. This announcement has been made at PTO meetings and to the student bodies*.
(A copy of the document discussed is included in the Minutes Book.)

DISCUSS TOPICS FOR THE BOARD'S SPRING RETREAT

The Board's spring retreat is scheduled for March 28, 2018. Mr. Bevins requested that agenda items be sent to Mrs. Boyd or Dr. Miller.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Miller provided the following update to the Board.

- Dr. Miller provided an update on her Quarterly update to the Athens City Council on December 19, 2017.
- Review State Website of Standards- Public Feedback wanted.

(A copy of the documents discussed is included in the Minutes Book.)

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

- Athens City Council will present the School Board with Proclamation for School Board Appreciation Week at the City Council Meeting on January 18th at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Miller informed the Board this will be Greg Moses last time reporting on the Athens City Schools Board Meetings. A replacement will be in place before the February Athens City School's Board meeting.

With there being no other business before the Board, Mr. Bevins adjourned the meeting on January 8, 2018, at 6:26 p.m.

APPROVED ON: _____
(Date)

APPROVED BY: _____
Chair

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Director of Schools