

***ATHENS CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting
February 13, 2025
5:30 P.M. Central Office Board Room***

This meeting was conducted in full compliance with § 36-25A-1, et seq. of the *Code of Alabama*, commonly referred to as the “Alabama Open Meetings Law”. Present were approximately 113 members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER: Beverly Malone – Board President called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Anthony Townsend
Beth Patton, Superintendent
Karen Clem
Shannon Hutton, Board Vice-President
Toby Harrison

1. Mr. Townsend opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mr. Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mrs. Hutton moved that the board approve the agenda. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with all five members voting yes.
4. There was no public input.
5. Mrs. Patton recognized the AHS and AMS Cheerleaders for State, National, and World Championships. Also, Mrs. Patton presented the Career and Technical Education Month Proclamation to Mrs. Gia Russell, Mrs. Shaneka Wallace and Ms. Ramona Malone.
6. Mrs. Patton thanked the School Board Members and recognized them for their service during School Board Appreciation Month. A token of appreciation was presented to each member.
7. Mr. Lee Edminson, Facilities Manager for ACS gave an update on current projects within the system:

Athletic Facility / Under Stadium Work

Athletic Facility complete
Adding 2 CO detectors under stadium in locker rooms...should be here next week
Architect - McKee & Associates
Contractor: Premier Structures

Julian Newman

Building is completely dried in; windows, roof, permanent doors & temp doors
Ceiling grid completed in new construction working towards existing (old Aud) new gym
Prime painted new construction up to the (old Aud) new gym
1st coat of paint up to center of building
All above ceiling work completed up to center of building
Loop road delayed due to weather...hope to continue next week
Sharla and I will finalize the furniture selection next week
Only long lead item / possible delay is the switchgear...scheduled to ship Feb 15
We did p/u days originally first week of August now late July
Completion summer of 2025
Architect - McKee & Associates

Contractor - Lee Buildings

AIS - Addition

Gym / Storm Shelter

First coat of paint on walls

Prepping floors for epoxy

Unit start up tomorrow

Next steps;

Drywall under deck

Paint spiral duct

Install epoxy flooring

Install toilet partitions in both gym / classroom

Install gym floor - rubber

Doors / frames did arrive and being installed at both locations

Dries up we will try to get some sod down to cut down on the mud

Completion date: February / March

Architect - Brown Odell Architects

Contractor - Limestone Building Group

ARS - Clinton Street: Auditorium HVAC

Starting the piping for the band room that will take us through Feb

Dealing with equipment deliveries....pump was scheduled for 12/15...just shipped this week

March we'll start demo on non heating unit and start piping, installing condensers

Late April / Early May new units on mezzanine installed, ductwork, piping, controls, electrical

Goal is to have a final late May early June

8. Upon Superintendent Patton's recommendation of the following items, Mrs. Malone moved that the Board approve the items set forth below in the consent agenda. Mrs. Clem seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, with all five members voting yes.

A. Consent Items Approved:

1. Approval of Minutes – January 16, 2025
2. Paid Payables – January 2025
3. Personnel
4. Textbook Approval – Textbook and Resources requested for Science
5. 2024-2025 Sick Bank Committee Amendment
6. 2025-2026 Curriculum Catalogs for AHS, AMS, ARS, and RenV
7. Board Policy Revision – JCAB – Student Searches
8. Board Policy Revision – ILB – Athens Renaissance School, a Non-Traditional Public Education Framework, and Renaissance Virtual School Program Options.
9. Volunteers
10. Facility Use Request – Athens Recreation Center – AMS Track
11. Facility Use Request – Preserving Diversity in America – AMS Auditorium
12. Field Trip Approvals for Athens City Schools
13. Field Trip Request – Out-of-State – AHS Indoor Marching Band
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15. Field Trip Request – Out-of-State – AHS Indoor Marching Band
16. Field Trip Request - Overnight – AHS Drama Club
17. Field Trip Request – Overnight – AHS TSA Club
18. Field Trip Request – Overnight and Out-of-State – AHS SCA

B. Personnel Items Approved:

A. Resignation

1. Catherine Hill - Bus Driver for ACS

B. Employment

1. Hazel Lindholm - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at JNE
2. Lacey Ricks - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at AES
3. Nicole Hall - Bookkeeper at CES
4. Cristy Roman - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at AES
5. Kerry Washburn - K-2 Auxiliary Teacher at CES
6. Charles Lahmon - History Teacher at AMS

C. Retirement

1. Leticia Long - Instructional Aide at AMS

D. CANCELED Contracted Services and Stipends

1. UbD Training Session - Elementary
 - a. Tiffinee Haney
 - b. Kay Marsh
 - c. Estephany Ruano
 - d. Tammy Strahl
 - e. Jennifer Tunstill
 - f. Tiffany Wilbourn
2. Heather Miller - Contracted Math Teacher at RenV

E. Contracted Services and Stipends

1. After School Tutor - CES
 - a. Deana Aumalis
 - b. Madison Brown
 - c. Christy Hillard
 - d. Daphne Scott
 - e. Cindy Smith
2. After School Tutor - BES
 - a. Darby Blalock
 - b. Savannah Boyd
 - c. Emma Holland
 - d. Tammy Strahl
 - e. Erin Vassar
 - f. Sara Welcher
3. After School Tutor - AES
 - a. Lori Carter
 - b. Lisa Gill
 - c. Tawana Watkins
4. Teacher Mentor - AIS
 - a. Deborah Popour
5. Teacher Mentor – JNES
 - a. Katie Harbin
6. After School Tutor – JNES
 - a. Maggie Kisakye
7. Teacher Mentor – CES
 - a. Daphne Scott
8. Jordan Doucet – Contracted A-School Math Tutor at AHS
9. Megan Evett – Ballet Teacher for After-School Instruction – BES
10. Chandler Smith – Choreography – Band
11. Brian Puckett- Strength and Conditioning for Athletes
12. Cy Ellis – Coaching Football
13. Lamont Crittendon – Assistant Football Coach
14. After School Tutoring – BES
 - a. Jada McHalfey
 - b. Rebecca Davis

9. The Superintendent's Report is attached

10. An Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business; the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Clem.



Mrs. Beth Patton
Superintendent



Mrs. Beverly Malone, President



Superintendent's Report **February 13, 2025** **Board Meeting**

ATTENDANCE REPORT

School	September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
iAcademy @ AES	392 + 77	393 + 65	394 + 65	396 + 65	396 + 78	394 + 76
FAME Academy @ BES	359 + 18	361 + 18	365 + 18	364 + 18	367 + 18	367 + 18
SPARK Academy @ CES	309 + 18	310 + 18	313 + 18	313 + 18	315 + 18	316 + 18
HEART Academy @ JNES	373 + 36	373 + 36	381 + 36	381 + 36	387 + 36	388 + 36
Athens Intermediate	638	638	644	646	649	647
Athens Middle	925	929	931	934	940	939
Athens High	1263	1261	1262	1260	1268	1268
Athens Renaissance	599	590	585	584	572	574
Renaissance Virtual	345	361	360	362	394	398
Total:	5,352	5,353	5,372	5,377	5,438	5,439

Athens High School

- AHS 2025 Graduation will be here before we know it. It is set for May 15th.

AVID Elective Students and Hospitality and Tourism students in Mrs. Heathington's class have made Valentine's Day cards and blankets for the residents at Limestone Manor in Athens. Several AVID students will visit Limestone Manor and hand out the cards and blankets. We will be visiting Limestone Manor on February 13th. We will also have carnations to give out to the elderly residents. The AVID Elective Class will make around 200 Valentine's Day cards to give to the Athens Boys Soccer team. The boy's soccer team will visit two other nursing homes in Athens to hand out the cards.

- The Visual Art department has been busy with art contests and exhibits:

Several students from the Visual Arts Department recently participated in the Huntsville Museum of Art's exhibition at the Von Braun Civic Center during Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theater and Academy's production of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Grace Newby earned 2nd place, and Zoey Powers earned 3rd place in the People's Choice Award.

The 2025 Athens-Limestone Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Celebration, presented by the local NAACP, featured an art competition themed & quoted What Does Democracy Mean to Me? Athens High School had three students place: Anna Louise Chestnut (1st), Zoe Powers (2nd), and Mildriana Dempsey (3rd). Cherise Pryor also participated. Student artwork from the Visual Arts Department was selected for the State Superintendent Art Exhibition in Montgomery. Representing the high school were Anna Louise Chestnut, Zoe Powers, Melinda Cruz, Mildriana Dempsey, Anna Claire Mears, Laura Pinon, Marlee Hauser, and Laila Martinez.

Anna Claire Mears earned 3rd place in the 9th-10th grade 2D category. Marlee Hauser and Anna Louise Chesnut will represent Athens High School in the Youth Art Month exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art, running from February 23 to February 27. Additionally, Mrs. Tavia Slaton and Katelyn Craft will have artwork featured in the Biennial Juried Art Teachers' Exhibition.

- AHS Senior Prom is right around the corner, set for March 8th. This year, the prom will be held at the Space and Rocket Center. The students are excited and looking forward to a "Night Beyond the Stars."

SPORTS REPORT

WINTER SPORTS:

- The winter sports season has come to an end for Indoor Track and Basketball. Indoor Track finished their season with 2 athletes winning State medals, while others placed in the finals. The AHS basketball teams finished their season during the Class 6A Area 15 Area Tournament. Both coaches are proud of their team and look forward to improving their skills during the off-season. AHS Wrestling will compete this week in the Class 6A State Championship in Huntsville at the VBCC. Good luck to the wrestling team.
- The indoor track team took home four medals from the State Finals on Saturday. J'Da Williams is a state champion in both the girls 60-meter dash and long jump. Jerome Malone is a state champion in boys shot put. And the girls 4 by 200 The meter relay team was placed third in the state. Team members for the relay are Shanila Nance, Amaya Green, Caitlyn Tedford, and J'Da Williams. Congratulations to these athletes and all of our indoor track team.
- Cross Country had two runners that signed their letter of intent this week. David Ralios committed to Jamestown College in North Dakota, and Cayden Smith signed with Grinnell College in Iowa
- Thank you to each of our Winter Sports Teams for a fantastic season!

SPRING SPORTS:

Spring Sports has officially begun!

Our spring AHS and head coaches are:

Soccer – Chelsea Hurst and Gil Dobbs
Baseball – Mike Murphree
Track & Field – Patrick Chambless
Softball – Chuck Smith
Golf – Andrew Campbell and David Ezell
Tennis – James Crowder

LET'S GO GOLDEN EAGLES!!!