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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • JUNE 13, 2022

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APPROVED ☒

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:02 p.m. at the Allen Park High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 18401 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

The regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: Mr. Gordon Miller

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren

Absent: None

2022-057	Motion by Martin, supported by MacDonald, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented: ▪ Approval of June 13 agenda ▪ Approval of meeting minutes from May 16 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Closed Session ▪ Check Registers: 5/17/2022=\$273,242.24, 5/18/2022=\$1,005.75, 5/24/2022=\$358,910.40, 6/6/2022=\$81,750.00, 6/8/2022=\$1,220.00 Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
	<i>President's Communications:</i> Mr. Miller acknowledged that members of the Board of Education have received emails/communications regarding the proposed transition plan for APCS.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> Mrs. Filipiak also acknowledged receiving communications regarding the proposed transition plan for APCS. Additionally, Board members received a question from an APHS 11th grade student regarding the status of academic awards from the 2019-20 school year. There was not a spring 2020 award ceremony due to remote classes related to COVID and 2nd semester 2020 grades were 'frozen' at the time remote instruction began. APHS Administration has acknowledged that those current 11th grade students who achieved academic award eligibility in the 2019-20 school year will be issued a certificate. While the certificates are in order processing, eligible students will be informed if they qualified for the award before leaving school on Wednesday. APHS Administration apologizes for the award certificate delay; the administrator working on this project started her maternity leave earlier than expected.
2022-058 2022-059 2022-060	<i>Personnel:</i> A. <i>Award of Excellence – Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Retirees!</i> Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation WHEREAS, the Allen Park Public School District has been fortunate to have a dedicated staff committed to the mission of the District, and WHEREAS, several members of that staff are now about to embark on new adventures in life away from the Allen Park Public Schools, and WHEREAS, we, as members of the Allen Park Board of Education, wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that theses staff members have done to make education an exciting and joyous experience for the students of our district, and WHEREAS, the Board wishes to extend our sincere best wishes for every happiness in the future to those staff members who will be leaving the district at the end of this 2021-22 school year, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen Park Board of Education recognizes and appreciates the remarkable 495.5 collective years of service of those employees, departing the District, those

employees being:

- Colleen Byrne-Thurlow – Media Specialist/Arno & Bennie – 30 Years of Service
- Louise Dalbo – Media Center Technician/Bennie – 46 Years of Service
- Mary Duchene – Food Service/APMS – 28.5 Years of Service
- Tracy Fallu – Math Teacher/APMS – 30 Years of Service
- Julianne Ford – Media Specialist/APHS – 34 Years of Service
- Sharon Gabon – Business Education Teacher/APHS – 22 Years of Service
- Caroline Kelly – Media Specialist/APMS – 29 Years of Service
- Michele Kerr-Sbonek – Resource Room Teacher/Arno – 28 Years of Service
- Kimberly Lappin – Instrumental Music Teacher/APMS – 30.5 Years of Service
- Karen Malett Grozenski – Special Education Teacher/APHS – 24 Years of Service
- Patrice Mang – Guidance Counselor/APHS – 34 Years of Service
- Sylvia Mendez – Food Service/Lindemann – 23 Years of Service
- Kathleen Schwartz – Special Education Teacher/APHS – 36 Years of Service
- Christine Seasock – Math Teacher/APMS – 32 Years of Service
- Phillip Seasock – Social Studies Teacher/APMS – 37.5 Years of Service
- Barbara Zdrodowski – Admin Asst/Riley Education Ctr - 10 Years of Service (31 Years Public Education)

and wishes them well in all future endeavors, and further, that this resolution of Recognition and Appreciation be duly recorded and spread across the minutes of the Allen Park Board of Education on this 13th day of June, 2022.

Motion by Miller, supported by MacDonald, that the Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation be adopted as presented.

Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

B. Employments/Services

Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:

- William (Aaron) Ashmore – Student Council Co-Chair/APHS – Effective 9/1/2022
- Nicole DePhillips – Resource Room Teacher/APHS – Effective 9/1/2022
- Alyssa Kubik – Resource Room Teacher/Arno – Effective 9/1/2022
- Rebeca Lazarean – Student Council Co-Chair/APHS – Effective 9/1/2022
- Emelia Mihuc – Freshman Volleyball Head Coach/APHS – Effective 9/1/2022
- Catherine Rios – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Riley – Effective 7/1/2022
- Beth Sexton – Swim Coach/APMS – Effective 7/14/2022
- Kristina Tharp – Food Service/APHS – Effective 5/5/2022
- Nicole Tucci – Resource Room Teacher/APHS – Effective 9/1/2022
- Sharon Uhring – Math Department Chair/APMS – Effective 9/1/2022
- Summer Camp Workers/Community Services – Effective 6/29/2022:
Edna Beachnau, Cecilia Bono, Keagen D-Arcy, Sarah Gray,
Mariel Luecke, Jessica Woliver, Zoie York

Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Luecke, Miller (Relative)

Motion carried.

C. Tenure Recognition

Motion by MacDonald, Supported by Filipiak, that Angelina Astalos, Sarah Andersen, Nicholas Kischuk, Joseph Johnson, Jamie Narkun, being granted tenure status as teachers in the Allen Park Public School District, be officially recognized and congratulated by the Allen Park Board of Education.

Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren

Nays: None

	Absent: None Motion carried. <i>D. Resignations/Retirements:</i> We have received and accepted the following resignations: ▪ Sara Bleau – ECP Teacher/Arno – Effective 8/31/2022 ▪ Fotini Callis – 1st Grade Teacher/Lindemann – Effective 6/17/2022 ▪ Mary Duchene – Food Service/APMS – Effective 8/31/2022 ▪ Jeffrey Goulasarian – Industrial Technology Teacher/APHS – Effective 6/30/2022 ▪ Sylvia Mendez – Food Service/Lindemann – Effective 6/14/2022 ▪ Beth Sexton – Assistant Swim Coach/APMS – Effective 5/13/2022 ▪ Anthony Salinger – Afternoon Custodian/APHS – Effective 5/27/2022 ▪ Adrianna Soranno – 5th Grade Teacher/Lindemann – Effective 6/30/2022
	Regular meeting was recessed at 7:24 p.m. to celebrate retirees, newly tenured teachers and new employees and to enjoy some refreshments together. (20-minute recess)
	Regular meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.
	<i>Citizens' Comments:</i> The following individuals shared comments and concerns regarding the proposed transition plan for APCS: ▪ Joel Burke, Michelle Calvillo, Todd Creutz, Kasia Osendorf, Shawn Porter, Brandon Toney, Joanne Szalai, Amy Szalai, Val Tomich, Brianna Schultz, Katrina Weatherbee, Gage Riley, Tom Mimnaugh, Marcia Regalado, Lisa Szymanski, Robert Squires, Dan Loyd, Kendra Payette-Linn, Lynette Porter, Chris Pierson, Amelia Dixon, Andrew Ballas, Gerald Obneck, Kobe Thompson, Chris Tomalka, Jessica Grant, Bradley June, Alaina Schnell, Timothy Betts, Meadow Mechanco, Gail Sombati, Alysah Balnius, Laura Corradi, Aaliyah Alkassemi, Anissa Carrion, Madison Brown ▪ Ryan Hemphill voiced concerns related to his daughter's IEP and academic achievement. ▪ Denise Crank, representing her son/Logan, spoke regarding academic awards for the Class of 2023.
	Regular meeting was recessed at 9:48 p.m. for a comfort break.
	Regular meeting resumed at 9:55 p.m.
2022-061	<i>Reconfirm Return to Learn Plan</i> Motion by Warren, supported by Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education reconfirm the Return to Learn Plan as presented. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
	Member Warren exited the meeting at 11:02 p.m. and returned at 11:06 p.m.
2022-062	<i>Allen Park Community School Transition Plan Proposal</i> Motion by Luecke, supported by Filipiak, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Allen Park Community School Transition Plan Proposal as presented effective with the 2022-23 school year. Yeas: Filipiak, Luecke, Miller, Warren Nays: Klein, MacDonald, Martin Absent: None Motion carried.
2022-063	<i>Textbook Adoption: Modern Automotive Technology – APHS</i> Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the recommendation by the Instructional Curriculum Council for the adoption and purchase of <i>Modern Automotive Technology</i> from G-W Publishers, as presented. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
2022-064	<i>Refresh of Student Chromebooks and Staff Laptops</i> Motion by Warren, supported by Filipiak, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of a

	refresh of student HP Chromebooks from Trafera in the amount of \$148,000.00, and staff Microsoft Surface Laptop Studio from the Microsoft Store in the amount of \$99,801.11, as presented. Yeas: Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren Nays: Klein Absent: None Motion carried.
2022-065	<i>APHS/APMS Competitive Cheer Camp – Alma College</i> Motion by Warren, supported by Klein, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the request for the APHS and APMS Cheer Programs to attend the Stunt and Conditioning Cheerleading Camp at Alma College from August 7 through 9th as presented. And further, that all required parent consent forms and medical treatment forms will be processed prior to departure. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
2022-066	<i>August Board Meeting – Date Change</i> Motion by Klein, supported by Warren, that the Allen Park Board of Education change the August 2022 regular meeting from August 8 to August 15. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: None Motion carried.
	<i>Superintendent's Report:</i> ▪ <i>Commencement Ceremonies for Class of 2022</i> Thank you to the APHS and APCS administration and support staff for their outstanding efforts in organizing the memorable graduation ceremonies this year. Lots of time, energy and attention to detail go into planning these events behind the scenes and I greatly appreciate the work of all those who played a role in making these evenings something special for our seniors and their families. My personal congrats to Board Members, Mrs. Luecke and Mr. Martin on their graduates! ▪ <i>Donation from Metrex Infection Prevention/Jackie Wagensomer</i> Thank you for your donation of individual hand sanitizer sprays and hand cleansing wipes. Your generous donation will be put to good use by our Summer Kids Camp! ▪ <i>Shining Stars – Celebrating Student Success!</i> ○ Congrats to Lisa Luecke, Abby Russel and Alex Alvarez – MHSAA Track & Field Qualifiers! Lisa Luecke finished 3rd in the 1600 meter run, with a new APHS record of 4:51.69. Congrats to Abby Russell winning the state title in discus AND shot put! ○ District Champs! APHS Softball Team (UPDATE: REGIONAL CHAMPS!!! Quarter finals tomorrow at Wayne State University at 4:30 p.m.) ○ District Champs! APHS Baseball Team ○ Way to Go! Carina Easlick and Xavier Liepe – APMS Track & Field New Record Holders! Carina tied the school record in the 70 meter dash and broke the school record in the 100 meter dash! Xavier broke the school record in the 1600 meter race! ○ Kudos to APMS WEB Leaders – Outdoor Clean-Up at APMS ▪ <i>Staff Shout-Outs</i> ○ Steve Cross and Todd Burke on a great Elementary Honor's Choir Concert. It was such a wonderful event and we got to hear a lot of very talented students in grades 3-5! ○ Amanda Omodio – MSBO Certification Program Completion: Child Nutrition Director Certification ○ Tiffany Keith – MSBO Certification Renewal Program Completion: Business Office Manager Certification

Reports of Officers:

- Mrs. MacDonald wishes retirees well, this is a bittersweet time of the year and her friendships run deep with retirees. Mrs. MacDonald congratulated the new hires and newly tenured teachers. She stated that this was a tough meeting and a critical conversation.
- Dr. Warren apologized for the need to leave the meeting, not typical for her but speaks to the fact that tonight members are faced with a very hard decision. She listened to all who spoke this evening, and does not take this proposal lightly. Dr. Warren congratulated the retirees and commended them for their collective 495.5 years of service and congratulated the new hires. Dr. Warren thanked fellow board members and appreciates working with them. Dr. Warren also added that she is never annoyed by anyone reaching out to her.
- Mr. Klein applauded the educators retiring and congratulated new hires. Mr. Klein was reflective on the APCS transition plan decision that was made this evening.
- Mrs. Filipiak congratulated the retirees. Mrs. Filipiak shared that the decision made this evening was difficult, and she also shared her beliefs that students should feel welcomed, empowered, connected, have access to high quality programming, MTSS, and that she does not take lightly the things she heard this evening.
- Mrs. Luecke stated that it was nice to hear from retirees this evening and that she puts her faith and trust in staff. In regard to the APCS transition plan, Mrs. Luecke is hopefully optimistic and shared that lots of good can come from this transition, but change is hard. In closing, Mrs. Luecke stated that if students feel they need an advocate, please reach out to her.
- Mr. Martin echoed sentiments expressed by colleagues. He thanked the retirees for that hard work, and knows them well through his wife. It was a tough decision tonight and Mr. Martin said he respects everyone's opinion, that he voted with his heart, and that he supports the decision of the board.
- Mr. Miller wish the retirees all the best. He thanked his colleagues for their professionalism and courtesy to each other as a difficult decision was made this evening. Mr. Miller shared that the school community can re-imagine itself through this transition.

2022-067 Motion by Warren, supported by Filipiak, that the meeting adjourn at 12:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary