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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • APRIL 11, 2022

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 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: Dr. Jennifer Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Miller

2022-033	Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented: ▪ Approval of April 11 agenda ▪ Approval of March 14, 2022 work session minutes and regular meeting minutes ▪ Approval of registers: 3/10/2022=\$210.00, 3/11/2022=\$10,593.24, 3/24/2022=\$240,889.79, 4/4/2022=\$5,525.61 ▪ Approval of wire transfers: 3/10/2022 thru 4/7/2022=\$1,774,061.45 Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.
	<i>President's Communications:</i> None at this time.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> None at this time.
	<i>Citizens Comments: (Pertaining to agenda items)</i> None at this time.
	<i>Special Presentation:</i> ▪ <i>Team 815 Advance Power/APHS Robotics Team</i> Congrats to team members and mentors of Team 815 on winning the FIRST Robotics Competition held at Bellville HS on March 26! The team also made it to quarter-finals at the Kettering University Competition this season. Team members provided background information about the organization called FIRST (For Inspiration of Science and Technology), competition criteria, demonstration of the design and major systems comprising their robot, and a demonstration of the robot! The program teaches mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, design and financial management. The funding source is primarily from Ford and DTE Energy, as well as other local businesses. Team sponsors include Ford, DTE NASA, Downriver Area Robotics Alliance and J & B Precision, Inc. Special thanks to the volunteer mentors for sharing their passion and opening students' eyes to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Hat's off to mentors: Scott Blow, Bruce Blow, Dave Bartoszek, Bob Kidd, Mike Keysaer, Emily Porter, Dan Sand and Brian Wirsing; Faculty Advisor is Patrice Mang.
	<i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Presentations:</i> ▪ <i>APHS Representative – Hannah Shiveley</i> Hannah shared recent news from student council highlights that included senior class wrapped up the ham fundraiser and is selling prom tickets, junior class has an upcoming Schwartz Greenhouse gift card fundraiser, and student council will be holding election for officers for the 2022-23 school year. APAW made and sold treats for dogs and cats as a fundraiser, and the Interact Club raised \$500 to provide bag lunches for veterans. ▪ <i>APMS Representatives – Natalie Griffith, Estrella Marin</i> Natalie and Estrella reported on events and activities at APMS that included PeaceKeepers working on a

	staff appreciation week gift, spring sports are ongoing, an 8th grade dance is being planned for June, NJHS continues to offer Homework Station help after school, and spring book fair will be held next week, and the drama club will present its first play on May 19. ▪ <i>APCS Representatives – Aaron Lovelace, Gage Riley</i> Aaron and Gage provided information about mock interviews that were help with seniors, participation in the River Rouge plant a tree project, spirit week included a class competition – Mr. McCullough's class was the winning class and enjoyed a pizza party prize! Recent career presentations included medical field professionals and UAW representatives.
	<i>Special Presentation:</i> <i>Assistive Technology/Core Vocabulary – Taylor Cuddy (ECP & Preschool Speech/Language Pathologist), Katie Jensen (Educator/CI), Kate Pearson (Educator/ASD)</i> The team provided information regarding their roles as Assistive Technology Coaches for APPS, as well as a sample of an informative AT Newsletter that is shared with staff monthly. The team explained what assistive technology is, and provided examples of low tech, mid tech and high tech assistive technology. Core Vocabulary, universal AAC Language, is used throughout the district and includes 80% of all the words we use. The team shared district highlights, commending colleagues Madison Brithinee, Sara Bleau, Patty Messer, Kathy Cialkowski, Jessica Balazovich and Michelle Kean for incorporating and implementing innovative use of core boards in our hallways, classrooms, and throughout the school community. The team works directly with Wayne RESA WATT for in-district and out-of-district professional development, support, materials and resources. On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Darga, commended Taylor, Katie and Kate for their hard work and dedication to students, and to assistive technology and core vocabulary.
2022-034	<i>Personnel:</i> <i>A. Employments/Services</i> Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed: ▪ Elizabeth Ecie – Lunch Parapro/Lindemann – Effective 3/21/2022 ▪ Mark Klein – Basketball Coach/Substitute Teacher/APMS – Effective 4/11/2022 ▪ Robyn Loselle – Girls Assistant Track Coach/APMS – Effective 3/9/2022 ▪ Carrie O'Riley – Assistant Sideline & Competitive Cheer Coach/APMS-3rd Party – Effective 3/15/2022 ▪ Jeff Rubley – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach/APMS – Effective 8/1/2022 ▪ Nicole Smith – Pompon/Color Guard Coach/APHS-3rd Party – Effective 3/11/2022 ▪ Steven Zremski – Boys' Bowling Co-Coach/APHS-3rd Party – Effective 3/14/2022 Yeas: Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried. <i>B. Retirements/Resignations</i> We have received and accepted the following resignations: ▪ Jack DeMarco – Assistant Hockey Coach/APHS – Effective 3/15/2022 ▪ Julie Lazarz – Pompon/Color Guard Coach/APHS – Effective 3/11/2022 ▪ Jeff Mason – Varsity Hockey Coach/APHS – Effective 4/4/2022 ▪ Erica Majtyka – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach/APMS – Effective 2/22/2022 ▪ Cas Melville – Student Council Advisor/APHS – Effective 6/13/2022 ▪ Amor Tillman – Counselor/APHS – Effective 4/14/2022
2022-035	<i>2021 Bond – Bid Package #T2 – District Wide Technologies</i> Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Bid Package #T2 – District Wide Technologies, at a not to exceed amount of \$2,234,124.02, to be paid using 2021 Bond Funds, awarded as follows:

Bid Category	Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates	Total
Electrical	Amcomm Telecommunications Inc.	\$ 191,900.00	None	\$ 191,900.00
Clocks	Amcomm Telecommunications Inc.	\$ 165,239.00	None	\$ 165,239.00
Phones	BSB Communications Inc.	\$ 209,478.90	None	\$ 209,478.90
Classroom AV	Digital Age Technologies	\$ 580,730.00	None	\$ 580,730.00
Public Announcement	Amcomm Telecommunications Inc.	\$ 275,800.00	None	\$ 275,800.00
Video Surveillance	Hi Tech System Service, Inc	\$ 391,156.12	None	\$ 391,156.12
General Trades	K.M Construction LLC.	\$ 419,820.00	None	\$ 419,820.00
	Construction Contract Total	\$ 2,234,124.02	None	\$ 2,234,124.02

Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren
 Nays: None
 Absent: Miller
 Motion carried.

2022-036

Resolution in Support of Student Leadership Week (April 24-30)

Motion by MacDonald, supported by Filipiak, that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the Resolution in Support of Allen Park Student Leadership Week, as follows:

WHEREAS, schools sponsor student leadership activities in order to provide students with vital experience in exercising a voice in matters of common concern, reconciling diverse interests, and selecting leaders;

WHEREAS, student leaders are a positive influence on their peers, modeling good character and scholarship in and out of the classroom, and serve as change agents to improve the overall climate and academic performance levels of their schools;

WHEREAS, student leaders do not automatically develop sound leadership skills and require trained, dedicated faculty advisors to help them develop the essential traits and characteristics of a leader and to provide the positive experience necessary to expand their skills and foster their paths to becoming effective leaders;

WHEREAS, the support of school administrators and faculty, parents and community members is necessary to help ensure the successful education of all emerging student leaders;

WHEREAS, National Student Leadership Week serves as an ideal time to bring attention to the important and integral contributions that student leaders and all student activities make in our nation's schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Allen Park Board of Education hereby proclaims the week of April 24-30, 2022 as "*Allen Park Student Leadership Week*" in support of National Student Leadership Week, and urges the school community to seek opportunities to recognize student leaders in our schools and support their training and activities as they prepare themselves for their future stations as leaders of our city, state, and nation.

Special thanks to our extraordinary faculty advisors for these leading organizations:

- Mrs. Sharon Gabon & Mrs. Cas Melville – APHS Student Council
- Mrs. Amy West & Ms. Bridgette Botten – APHS NHS
- Mrs. Denise Church – APMS NJHS
- Mrs. Maureen Martin – APMS Student Council

Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren
 Nays: None
 Absent: Miller

	Motion carried.
	Superintendent's Report: ▪ Shining Stars – Celebrating Student Success! ○ Congrats to Andrew Dmitrichina, Daniel Wilkes, Cole Paquette, Zach Pauley MHSAA State Swim Meet-200 Yard Free Relay Team – Finishing 15th in State Competition! ○ Kudos to the APHS NHS and Interact Club for volunteerism! Members collected, assembled and packaged 200 bagged lunches to donate to Elevate Detroit ○ Congrats to Erica Linn – State Finals for Poetry Out Loud ○ PTA/PTSA State Level Reflections Recognition – Way to go student artists! Elizabeth Verdun – Bennie – Award of Excellence, Photography Julia Schroeder – APHS – Honorable Mention, Visual Arts Marci Elizabeth Gish-Carlton – APMS – Honorable Mention, Visual Arts ○ Bravo to the APHS Mock Trial Team – 7th in State Competition! ▪ Staff Shout Outs! ○ Congrats to Mrs. Christina Mercer (Arno) – WNIC Teacher of the Week! ○ Hat's Off to the Finance Department - Munetrix-District Administrative Review Report APPS received a zero score for the fiscal year 2021, making this the second consecutive year, indicating no fiscal distress. The fiscal indicator score is a 10-point scale, 10 indicating a high level of distress and zero indicating no distress. The indicator scale of fiscal distress measures on several indicators simultaneously. ○ Congrats to Rick Hinneburg (Bus Driver) 2022 Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award ○ Kudos to Sharon Gabon, Cas Melville – APHS Student Council Advisors Ms. Gabon and Ms. Melville are highly regarded educators who have provided exemplary guidance and support to student council members – this is their last year serving in this capacity and we are so very grateful for all they do! ○ Thanks to Cathy Woloszyk, Giovanni Foster – Superintendent's Top Scholars Dinner ○ Way to go – Kelly Klug, Alan Demorow – APHS Drama Club Advisors Yet another year of amazing productions that showcase our talented drama students and gives so many students an opportunity to become involved. ○ Shout Out to Jerry Lafferty – Lindemann Teachers vs 5th Grader Charity Basketball Game This is a competitive, fun and memorable event and all proceeds from the game go to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The game is on April 13 at 5:30 pm in the APMS gym. Admission is a \$5 donation.
	Citizens Comments: (Pertaining to non-agenda items) ▪ Mr. Robert Powell shared a bit about his history with the district, and posed questions regarding district/board policy as it relates to sexual orientation, gender identity, and (gender) references to individual students during PA announcements. ▪ Mrs. Amanda Courtright shared her concerns regarding students being asked if they have a 'preferred pronoun' on a secondary teacher(s) 'get to know you form/notecard' and questions related to district/board policy as it relates to sexual orientation and gender identity.
	Reports of Officers: ▪ Mrs. Luecke offered best wishes to Sharon Gabon and Cas Melville, thanking them for the 'magic' they do at APHS, instilling leadership skills. Mrs. Luecke also gave a shout-out to Mrs. Kendra Payette-Linn for co-sponsoring the APHS Model UN with her, and to Erica Linn and Matthew Mizzi for being recognized as "best delegates." Mrs. Luecke is grateful for the mentoring and assistance provided by Mrs. Zenn and Mr. Collins for lending his classroom. ▪ Mrs. Filipiak stated that as a person who has spent her entire career in education working with special needs students, she stands in full support of the work that the district is doing with the AT/Core Vocabulary. And, that as a community, it's highly important to be inclusive of everyone in our community, and that with her faith, heart and soul, she stands with those special needs students and LGBTQ students in this community, and their families. ▪ Mrs. MacDonald thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and understands their passion. Mrs. MacDonald congratulated the new hires and those moving into new roles and was pleased to hear the bid package was under budget. In closing, Mrs. MacDonald applauded the Shining Stars and Staff Shout-out mentioned this evening. ▪ Mr. Martin shared that he understands the passion of Mr. Powell and Mrs. Courtright. Mr. Martin said

	the Robotics demonstration was fantastic! He applauded the work of the Special Education Team and shared that his daughter is a peer to peer mentor, which has really inspired her. Mr. Martin congratulated the Shining Stars and Staff Shout-Outs and also thanked the Barton Malow team for their answers. ▪ In looking for unifying concepts this evening, in his day job Mr. Klein looks at Universal Design for learning, an approach to thinking about learning guidance that meets the unique individual needs of every child and how we build relationships with kids so that we can meet those needs. Mr. Klein talked about connecting points for kids through the AT/Core Vocabulary, the cool work of the Robotics Team, and providing <i>all</i> kids with connecting points. Our educators want what's best for kids so we all need to keep communicating on these important topics. ▪ Dr. Warren thanked everyone for attending and speaking their mind. Dr. Warren stated that she stands with every single person in this community. She gave a shout out to the students who presented this evening and thanked the Special Education Team for their presentation.
2022-037	Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the meeting be recessed at 8:47 p.m. to consider attorney-client privilege information in compliance with Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.
2022-038	Motion by MacDonald, supported by Martin, that the closed session be adjourned and return to the regular open meeting at 10:49 p.m.
2022-039	Motion by MacDonald, supported by Martin, that the meeting adjourn at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary