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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • MARCH 14, 2022

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:13 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

2022-026	Motion by Martin, supported by MacDonald, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented: ▪ Approval of March 14 agenda ▪ Approval of February 14, 2022 meeting minutes ▪ Approval of registers: 2/17/2022=\$3,914.30, 2/24/2022=\$519,530.47, 2/25/2022=\$2,024.24, 3/1/2022=\$331,800.33, 3/2/2022=\$3,314.80, 3/3/2022=\$4,373.18, 3/9/2022=\$708,373.97 ▪ Approval of wire transfers: 2/10/2022 thru 3/9/2022=\$1,776,292.38 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>"In the Spotlight" – Student Presentations:</i> ▪ <i>APHS Representative – Gilberto Chapa</i> Gilberto shared student council highlights that include the Senior Class gearing up for prom, Junior Class holding a fundraiser night at Texas Roadhouse, Sophomores planning an event night at Little Caesar's arena. Student Council raised \$3,000 during Charity Week and APAS held at bake sale, raising \$200 for a local animal shelter. Link Crew holds meetings for 9th graders once a month. NHS is staying busy volunteering at elementary PTA meetings, Spring Fever Auction and Bake Sale. Congrats to the APHS Boys 200 Free Relay Team finishing 15th in the State at the MHSSA State Swim Meet. Team members include Andrew Dmitruchina, Daniel Wilkes, Cole Paquette and Zach Pauley. ▪ <i>APMS Representatives – Melanie Walker, Connor Collinson</i> Melanie and Connor reported on events and activities at APM that include the upcoming National Junior Honor Society March Madness Basketball fundraiser and the Student Council's St. Pat's Day Challenge-costumes and Lucky Charms eating contest! Plans are underway for teacher appreciation week May 2-6 and the Drama Club has set the cast list. APMS Wrestling Team is League Champs and spring sports begins soon – first try-outs are on March 21. Early morning hockey and basketball continue to be popular and watch for the new surprise in the cafeteria soon! ▪ <i>APCS Representatives – Gage Riley</i> Gage provided information about the current PBIS theme of 'being unstoppable,' which includes good attendance and completing all assignments. The Women of Tomorrow group learned more about martial arts, and students are looking forward to the upcoming spirit week. Recent career presentations at APCS include the fields of HVAC, law enforcement and a UAW negotiator.
	<i>Special Presentation – Congrats to Donald (D.J.) Liveoak – National Merit Scholarship Finalist!</i> National Merit Scholarship Program. We are so pleased and proud to announce that Donald 'DJ' Liveoak has been selected as a National Merit Scholar Finalist. This program honors individual students who show

	exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. 1.5 million high school students entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship program by taking the PSAT Test, which serves as an initial screen of program entrants. About 50,000 students with the highest scores nation-wide become eligible to participate in the program and approximately 2/3 of those become commended students, ending their quest for a National Merit Scholarship. About 16,000 of the 50,000 who scored highest in their state are named Semifinalists at the start of their senior year. To be considered for Finalist status, Semifinalists must submit an application demonstrating leadership and outstanding academic performance. The nationwide pool of finalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. On behalf of the Allen Park Board of Education and our school community, we are extremely proud of DJ's distinction as a scholar. There are many merit scholarships that students may earn in the college application process, but being a National Merit Scholarship Finalist is universally recognized as the most prestigious. This honor represents years of hard work and dedication to learning, and we expect great things from DJ in the future. Principal Kelley added that D.J. currently maintains a 4.66 GPA, is the Class Valedictorian, and placed in the Top 300 in the Regeneron Science Talent Search with a \$2,000 scholarship award to D.J. and \$2,000 awarded to APHS for science materials. Superintendent Darga and Principal John Kelley presented D.J. with a Certificate of Merit and congratulated D.J. and his parents, Debbie and Brian Liveoak.
	<i>Special Presentation – Congrats to MHSAA All-Star Student Athletes!</i> ○ APHS Competitive Cheer Team – MHSAA Competitive Cheer State Champs – 3-PEAT ○ Adeline Tuccini – Placed 5th Place at MHSAA State Wrestling Tournament ○ Santana Ramon – Placed 6th at MHSAA State Wrestling Tournament ○ Nathan Roberts – Finished 4th in MHSAA State Bowling Tournament
	<i>Special Presentation – March is Social Work Month – Recognition of AP School Social Workers</i> Every March, National Social Work Month recognizes the dedication and empathy social workers across the country deliver while providing services to children and adults in need. Their services provide support to people of all backgrounds in crisis situations or when life creates roadblocks and uncertainty. National School Social Work Week is an opportunity for schools, communities and partners to acknowledge and recognize the impactful work school social workers do to support students, families and their communities. The theme this year is "Time to Shine" and we know that AP School Social Workers shine brightly for our students, families, staff and school community. <i>Shining hope. Shining understanding. Shining respect.</i> Please join us in recognizing Sandy Bennett, Michelle Calvillo, Dana Brown, Michelle Kean, Kendra Payette-Linn, Victoria Rose and Erica Saville for providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning. Thank you for shining a light on the need for mental health services, offering hope for students and families who face various challenges, and lighting the way for marginalized youth.
2022-027	<i>Personnel:</i> <i>A. Employments/Services</i> Motion by Warren, supported by Martin, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed: ▪ Walter Filipiak – JV Softball Head Coach/APHS – Effective 3/14/2022 ▪ Cathy Gorski – Tutor/Bennie – Effective 2/16/2022 ▪ Laura Holowicki – Food Service/APCS – Effective 2/14/2022 ▪ Carolyn James – Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 2/17/2022 ▪ Theresa Krohn – Lunch Parapro/Lindemann – Effective 3/14/2022 ▪ Anthony Salinger – Custodian/APHS – Effective 2/23/2022 ▪ Annette Travis – Custodian/APHS – Effective 2/7/2022

	- Alaina Volante – Secretary/APCS – Effective 3/17/2022 - Robert Ziegler – Substitute Teacher/APCS – Effective 2/17/2022 Yeas: Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Abstain: Filipiak (Relative) Motion carried. <i>B. Retirements/Resignations</i> We have received and accepted the following resignations: - Laura Holowicki – Food Service/APCS – Effective 3/4/2022 - Lisa Lee – JV Softball Coach/APHS – Effective 2/9/2022 - Shelby Pauley – Assistant Girls Track Coach/APMS – Effective 2/27/2022 - John Simonds – Custodian/Operations – Effective 11/29/2021 - Mary Young – Food Service/APHS – Effective 2/10/2022
2022-028	<i>Lu Interactive Playground for Summer Camp Program</i> Motion by Warren, supported by Filipiak, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of the Lu-Uno-2 Interactive Playground from Tierney Brothers, LLC per quote #224734, as presented. Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.
2022-029	<i>Phase 3 of Elementary Clevertouch Project</i> Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of Clevertouches from Tierney Brothers, LLC per quotes #225206, #22537, and #22538, as presented. Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.
2022-030	<i>Limited Schools of Choice Option for 2022-23 School Year</i> Motion by MacDonald, supported by Martin, that the Board of Education of the Allen Park Public Schools, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications of non-resident students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade from outside the District, who reside within the intermediate school district of which this district is a constituent district, for limited open enrollment in Allen Park Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year, in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105. Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.
2022-031	<i>APMS Washington DC Trip – October 2022</i> Motion by MacDonald, supported by Luecke, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the APMS Washington DC trip for 8th graders on October 18 through 21st, 2022, as presented, and further, that all required parent consent and medical treatment forms will be processed prior to departure. Yeas: Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.
	<i>Superintendent's Report:</i> <i>2021 Bond Update</i> We are excited to see the heavy equipment moving in at the APHS Athletic Stadium! Weekly meetings continue with representatives from Barton Malow and the Barton Malow Site Supervisor now has an office located in the district's Operations Building. <i>March is Reading Month!</i> In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March is designated as National Reading Month – a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day! Reading is fun and has many benefits, regardless of your age! It's a

key component of education and professional development, and has immediate and long-lasting health benefits such as increased cognitive function, memory, vocabulary, empathy and decreased levels of stress. This month, elementary media specialists are hosting 'guest staff readers' along with other fun reading activities. Please take time to celebrate this month of reading with your family and read something together!

▪ *National Athletic Training Month – Thank you Meaghan Rourke*

March is also National Athletic Training Month! Only 37% of US public schools have access to a full time athletic trainer, and we are so fortunate to have Meaghan Rourke on the AP team to care for and protect our student athletes. Meaghan is appreciative of the board's continued support and we are extremely grateful for her outstanding service.

▪ *School Immunization Clinic on May 18, 2022 – Get Ready for the 2022-23 School Year*

Whenever children are brought into group settings, there is a chance for diseases to spread. Families must follow Michigan vaccine laws in order to attend school. As a convenience to our families, the district is hosting a 'vaccine clinic' in cooperation with Wayne County Health Department. Target grades are kindergarten and any newly enrolled students, and 7th grader. Watch for more info and appointment sign-up on email and the district website.

▪ *Shining Stars – Celebrating Student Success!*

- APHS Robotics Team – Awarded "Most Creative Robot" at Kettering University Competition
- Jack Miller – Local 4Frenzy Award for Best Goalie
- APHS Drama Club – Local 4Frenzy Award for Best Theater/Drama Group

▪ *Staff Shout Outs!*

- *Meaghan Rourke - APHS Women of Tomorrow School Coordinator*
Staff Support - Rebeca Lazarean, Michelle Kean

The APHS Women of Tomorrow organization hosted a Human Trafficking Awareness event alongside Beaumont Health, Hope Against Trafficking and SEMTEC. Kudos to Meaghan, Rebeca and Michelle for leading our "AP" women of tomorrow.

- *Stella Boyer – Unified Sports Program*

Staff Support – Mike Dawson, Marianne Smiley, Jacob Chapman

Unified Sports is an organization that promotes inclusion and understanding in competitive events. Such basketball teams consist of students with intellectual disabilities along with general education student helpers that assist on the court. We would like to thank our Adapted PE teacher, Stella Boyer, for getting this off the ground and coaching an AP team. The team recently played their first game at Woodhaven. Dr. Sokol and I would also like to thank Mike Dawson for his support and leadership, along with Marianne Smiley and Jacob Chapman for serving as assistant coaches. The game was an awesome experience and we look forward to continuing to grow this program in the future.

Citizens Comments: (Pertaining to non-agenda items)

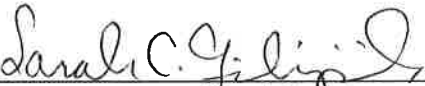
- Steve Wolf posed questions pertaining to the goals, resource links and status of RAE – Racial Awareness & Equity Task Force.

Reports of Officers:

- Mr. Martin thanked everyone for coming this 'celebratory evening' and thanked the social workers for all they do for students and families. He thanked Meaghan Rourke for taking such great care of our student athletes and is looking forward to being a guest reader at Lindemann Elementary tomorrow.
- Mr. Klein congratulated the students honored this evening, acknowledging their work ethic and the guidance of exemplary teachers and coaching staff. Mr. Klein also acknowledged the social work team, who do the work up front, and lead with empathy and emotions first.
- Mrs. MacDonald echoed comments made by fellow board members and thanked all for coming this evening. Mrs. MacDonald also thanked Meghan Rourke for being a part of our school community.
- Mrs. Filipiak is excited about the Unified Sports Program and gave a shout out to the school social workers, they do amazing work.
- Mrs. Luecke echoed comments made by colleagues and stated that she was happy to see the social workers at board meetings, and smiling! She also stated that they are incredible, wonderful people! In closing, Mrs. Luecke gave a shout out to all the volunteer coaches in the district, and commended Student Council and advisors, Mrs. Gabon, Mrs. Melville and Mrs. Martin, for raising \$3,200 during Charity Week for The Children's Heart Foundation for Congenital Heart Defects.
- Kudos to Mrs. Zaker and Mrs. Beeler (APHS Teachers) for continuing the Poetry Out Loud program, and congrats to Erica Linn for advancing to State Finals!
- Dr. Warren gave a huge shout out to school social workers and is amazed at how much work they do

	in the school and in the community. She also gave a shout out to Meghan Rourke and stated that the coaches so rely on Meaghan for her expertise and dedication to students. In closing, Dr. Warren congratulated the new hires, including Coach Filipiak!
2022-032	Motion by Luecke, supported by Klein, that the meeting adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary