

ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • January 29, 2024

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APPROVED ☒

The organizational meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was scheduled for January 16, 2024 was cancelled due to inclement weather and included with the regular meeting held on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:12 p.m. at the Riley Education Center, 9601 Vine Avenue, Allen Park, Michigan.

The organizational/regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments by Mr. Steve Martin, ranking officer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: MacDonald

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| 2024-003 | <p><i>Election of Acting Chairperson:</i> Motion by Trustee Warren, supported by Trustee Babbage that Trustee Martin be elected Acting Chairperson to begin the Organizational part of the meeting until the new President is elected. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| | <p><i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda</i> There were no additions or deletions to the proposed January 29th agenda.</p> |
| | <p><i>Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:</i> There weren't any citizen's comments at this time.</p> |
| 2024-004 | <p><i>Election of Board President:</i> Trustee Filipiak nominated Trustee Warren and she accepted the nomination. Trustee Martin, on behalf of Trustee MacDonald, nominated Trustee Klein and he accepted the nomination. ROLL CALL vote for Trustee Warren: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, Warren Nays: Klein <u>MOTION CARRIED: Dr. Jennifer Warren is hereby elected and will serve as SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT for 2024.</u></p> |
| | <p>President Warren took over the meeting.</p> |
| 2024-005 | <p><i>Election of Board Vice President:</i> Trustee Luecke nominated Sarah Filipiak and she accepted the nomination. ROLL CALL vote for Sarah Filipiak: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED: Sarah Filipiak is hereby elected Allen Park SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT for 2024</u></p> |
| 2024-006 | <p><i>Election of Board Secretary:</i> Trustee Babbage nominated Laura Luecke and she accepted the nomination. Trustee Martin nominated Mike Klein and he accepted the nomination. ROLL CALL vote for Laura Luecke Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, Warren Nays: Klein, Martin <u>MOTION CARRIED: Sarah Filipiak is hereby elected Allen Park SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY for 2024</u></p> |

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| 2024-007 | <p><i>Election of Board Treasurer:</i> Trustee Klein nominated Steve Martin and he accepted the nomination. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED:</u> Steve Martin is hereby elected Allen Park SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER for 2024</p> |
| 2024-008 | <p><i>Consent Agenda</i> Motion by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee Klein, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval of the organizational/regular meeting agenda ▪ Approval of December 11 regular meeting and closed session minutes ▪ Approval of check registers: 12/12/2023=\$357,123.85; 12/21/2023=\$205,787.78. 12/22/2023=\$2,045.80; 1/9/2024=\$1,022,355.50; 1/10/2024=\$351,228.25 ▪ Approval of wire transfers through December 31, 2023 - \$2,323,348.53 <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| | <p><i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly construction updates received from Barton Malow with the board and the community.</p> |
| | <p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Luecke reported that there were none at this time.</p> |
| | <p><i>Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:</i> There weren't any citizen's comments at this time.</p> |
| | <p><i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APMS - Aaron Welsh gave an update from the middle school as past, current and future events, including NWEA testing, 6th grade band sign-up and Ski Club Update, Drama Club auditions, NJHS activities and athletics ▪ APHS – Amelia Jaynes did not have a report for this meeting due to recent inclement weather days. |
| | <p><i>Special Presentation: School Board Appreciation Month</i> Mr. Darga congratulated all of the new officers and thanked the previous officers for a job well done. In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, the Superintendent presented each board member with a gift for all they do and will continue to do throughout 2024. In addition to their district gift, the board members were presented with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personalized cutting board made by Mr. Goulasarian's class as a thank you on behalf of all students in the district. • Wayne RESA's Recognition Resolution • <i>The Last Cuentista</i> from Melissa Lambert's One School One Book project. |
| | <p><i>Special Presentation: 2023-2024 Budget Amendment</i> Mrs. Keith went over the proposed budget amendment which included the General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund and the Building & Site Capital Projects Fund - Enhancement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund Balance projection is roughly 15%. • Overall revenue is up by 3.3 million. • \$458 increase per pupil for State Aid, now \$9608 • Expenditures are up 2.6 million • 85% of expenditures is for payroll <p>Mrs. Keith discussed the other funds as well along with answering the board members' questions and addressing their concerns. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is included in the minutes for this meeting.</p> |

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| | <p><i>Special Presentation: UFLI Background Knowledge Implementation/Training</i></p> <p>Dr. John Tafelski provided the board with information about this training that will be on the agenda for approval at the next regular meeting. The University of Florida Literacy Institute who provides training to districts to meet the needs for some of the science of reading components referred to as foundational literacy skills. This will be a 2-day training for each teacher, day 1 is background knowledge that provides an overview of the research that shows why it's important to make sure kids have these skills. Day 2 is comprehensive implementation training of the program. Dr. Tafelski went into detail about the program and the benefits to staff and students, explaining the cost that would come out of 31a funds. This training would be open to surrounding districts who would reimburse the district for part of the cost of the program. Dr. Tafelski answered the board members' questions and addressed any concerns.</p> |
| 2024-009 | <p><i>APMS Special Ed Teacher Proposal</i></p> <p>Motion by Trustee Klein, supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the addition of one full-time Special Education Teacher at Allen Park Middle School as presented with funding for this position coming out of our At-Risk funds.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-010 | <p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p><i>A. Employments/Services</i></p> <p>Motion by Treasurer Martin supported by Trustee Klein, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brandon Ballard – Substitute Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 1/17/2024 ▪ Amy Barnhart – Math Teacher/APMS – Effective 2/9/2024 ▪ Jeffrey Bodhi – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 1/19/2024 ▪ Joseph Charboneau – Volunteer Bowling Coach/APHS – Effective 12/22/2023 ▪ Olivia Gee – Independence Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 1/11/2024 ▪ Edgardo Gonzalez – Substitute Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 1/10/2024 ▪ Zachery Murray – Girls' Track Head Coach/APHS – Effective 1/17/2024 ▪ Ena Schwartz – Hall Monitor/APHS – Effective 1/29/2024 ▪ Ame Sexton – 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach/APMS – Effective 1/18/2024 ▪ John Swayze – Afternoon Maintenance/APHS – Effective 1/18/2024 <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> <p><i>B. Resignations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jane Culp – Science Teacher/APHS – Effective 1/11/2024 ▪ Mark Klein – 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach/APMS – Effective 12/23/2023 ▪ Zachery Murray – Assistant Boys' Track Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 12/22/2023 <p><i>C. Retirement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andrew Jackson – Teacher/APHS – Effective 1/26/2024 |
| 2024-011 | <p><i>Neola November 2023 Special Policy Updates & Policy 7217</i></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee Klein that the Allen Park Board of Education accept the Neola November 2023 Special Policy Updates & Policy 7217 for a second reading and adopt the updates as presented for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Policy 0122 – Board Powers</i> • <i>Policy 3131 – Staff Reductions/Recalls</i> • <i>Policy 7217 - Weapons</i> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |

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| 1024-012 | <p><i>Board Meeting Schedule for 2024</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee Babbage, supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the regular & organizational meeting dates and work sessions as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-013 | <p><i>Designating Signatories – General Fund, Activity Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund, Bond Fund, Debt Service Fund, Payroll and Investments</i></p> <p>Motion by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee Klein, that the Allen Park Board of Education designates the following signatories for the Allen Park Public School District: President Jennifer Warren and Treasurer Steve Martin, for the General Fund, Activity Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Payroll, Debt and Investments.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-014 | <p><i>Appointment of Legal Counsel</i></p> <p>Motion by Treasurer Martin, supported by Vice President Filipiak that the law firms of Keller, Thoma Law and Thrun Law Firm, P.C. be utilized by the district for legal services through 2024 and further, that the Office of the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to exercise the discretion in utilizing the services of legal counsel based on the legal expertise needed in each instance.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-015 | <p><i>Appointment of Auditing Firm</i></p> <p>Motion by Trustee Klein, supported by Trustee Babbage that the firm of Rehmann be utilized by the district for auditing services during 2024.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-016 | <p><i>2023-2024 Budget Amendment</i></p> <p>Motion by Treasurer Martin, supported by Trustee Klein that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the budget amendments for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-017 | <p><i>National School Board Association 2024 Conference</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke, supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve sending Trustee Babbage, Secretary Luecke, President Warren and Superintendent Darga to the National Board Association 2024 Annual Conference as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, Warren</p> <p>Nays: Klein, Martin</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| | <p><i>Superintendent's Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Allen Park PTA/PTSA Founders' Day Award Ceremony will be held at Crystal Park Banquet Center in Allen Park on February 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased the link on Parent Square through February 10th. |
| | <p><i>Citizens' Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There weren't any people addressing the board at this time. |

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| | <p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer Martin congratulated all of the middle school swimmers and shared that he will be going to the hockey game on Wednesday for the teacher recognition night. President Warren thanked all and said Mr. Welsh did a great job from the high school. Congrats to swimmers, cheer and wrestlers. Dr. Warren thanked the board for being elected President, she is here for the teachers, students and the community and staff and wants Allen Park to always keep striving for the next level of excellence. Together we can continue to make that happen, thank you all. |
| 2024-018 | <p>CLOSED SESSION:</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Klein, supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education enter closed session at 8:44 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss student discipline.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-019 | <p><i>Resume Open Session</i></p> <p>Moved by Treasurer Martin, supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education return to open session.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-020 | <p><i>Expulsion of Student 012924</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke, supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education, after discussing this matter in closed session, expel Student #012924 through the end of the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by school administration and the superintendent.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> |
| 2024-021 | <p><i>Adjournment</i></p> <p>Motion by Treasurer Martin and supported by Secretary Luecke, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 p.m.</p> |

Respectfully Submitted,


 Board Secretary