

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • April 15, 2024

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APPROVED ☒

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:48 p.m. at the Riley Education Center, Gym/Cafeteria, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, MI 48101

The regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: President Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

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

	There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.
2024-055	<p>Motion by Trustee Klein supported by Vice President Filipiak, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of April 15th agenda</li><li>▪ Approval of March 11<sup>th</sup> work session and regular meeting and closed session minutes</li><li>▪ Approval of March 21st special meeting and work session/training minutes</li><li>▪ Approval of check registers: 3/11/2024=\$2,232.02; 3/18/2024=\$2,435.12; 3/21/2024=\$699,454.46; 4/4/2024=\$363,571.87; 4/9/2024=\$1,157,738.86; 4/10/2024=\$11,300.00; 4/12/2024=\$80.00</li><li>▪ Approval of wire transfers through 3/31/2024=\$2,172,792.62</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>
	<p><i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared Barton Malow's monthly update of the bond, outlining the work that had been done at Arno and Lindemann, Allen Park Middle School and Allen Park High School and the Riley Center that has gone on since last month.</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Luecke had nothing at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:</i> There were no citizen's comments at this time.</p>
	<p><i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i></p> <p>Aaron Welsh from the middle school gave updates including past, current and upcoming events at the middle school including what is going on in some of the classrooms, sports and club updates, NJHS activities were highlighted as well as the My Cookie Project in Melvindale.</p> <p>Amanda Abraham gave updates from the high school highlighting Student Council, NHS, and various clubs.</p>
	<p><i>Special Presentation: Strategic Plan</i></p> <p>Mr. Darga began by defining strategic plan and what it means to Allen Park Public Schools.</p> <p>Mr. Steve Zielinski: There were 35 committee members that began the work as a whole then committees then subcommittees were formed to work on specific goals. Members of each committee are here this evening to give an overview of their specific goals for the next three years.</p> <p>Sean Laura – Student Success Committee Kathy Lott - Family &amp; Community Engagement Committee Zach Short – Communication Committee</p>

Laura Maurer – Student Success Committee  
 Nickie Roller – Early Childhood Initiative  
 Cindy Marcero – MTSS/ Data Dive  
 Mary McMaster – STEM Updates  
 Laura Maurer - Social Studies  
 Sean Laura – Post Secondary Readiness  
 Kendra Payette-Linn – Social Emotional Learning & Justice, Diversity Equity & Inclusion  
 Koren Easlick – K-12 Focus  
 Zach Short - Communication Chair  
 Sarah Kaminski – District & School Websites, Parent Square  
 Zach Short – Community Outreach/Communication from Central Office for Staff

The board members' questions were answered by the committee members throughout the presentation and a copy of the powerpoint is incorporated in these minutes.

2024-056

***Personnel:******Employments/Services***

Motion by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee Babbage, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:

- Phillip Bakken – Custodian/APHS & APMS – Effective 4/3/2024
- Stephanie Fischer – Lead Preschool Teacher/CECE – Effective 4/15/2024
- Nikki Hartley – Girls' Track Head Coach/APMS – Effective 4/8/2024
- Mya Howard – PM Latchkey/Lindemann – Effective 4/1/2024
- Lisa Lee – Substitute Teacher/MS & HS – 4/22/2024
- Kamryn McCutcheon – PM Latchkey/Bennie – Effective 4/3/2024
- Carolyn Morris – Freshman Sideline Cheer Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 4/17/2024
- Selena Owais – PM Latchkey/Lindemann – Effective 4/8/2024
- Susan Sautter – PM Latchkey/Bennie – Effective 4/1/2024
- Helen Solgot – Resource Room Teacher/Arno – Effective 4/15/2024
- Drake Steele – Boys' Track Assistant Coach/APMS – Effective 4/8/2024
- Angela Thisse – Assistant Preschool Teacher/CECE – Effective 4/15/2024
- Elisabeth Vollmer – Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams Assistant Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 3/12/2024
- Tim Whitlow – Class of 2028 Sponsor/APHS – Effective 4/16/2024

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.*****Resignations***

- Najla Almansor – ESL Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 4/1/2024
- Brandon Ballard – Substitute Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 3/12/2024
- Chris Bozman – JV Volleyball Coach/APHS – Effective 4/10/2024
- Megan Budai – Barracuda Swim Coach/Community Services – Effective 4/4/2024
- Nicole DiClaudio – Speech & Language Pathologist/Lindemann – Effective 4/12/2024
- Nikki Hartley – Assistant Boy's Track Coach/APMS – Effective 4/8/2024
- Tina Johnson – Sideline Cheer Freshman Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 3/18/2024
- Emelia Mihuc – Freshman Volleyball Coach/APHS – Effective 4/10/2024
- Katelyn Pearson – ASD Teacher/APHS – Effective 6/23/2024
- Ame Sexton – Girls' Track Head Coach/APMS – Effective 4/8/2024
- Raymond Small – School Psychologist/APMS & APHS – Effective 8/31/2024
- Elisabeth Vollmer – Assistant Swim Coach/APMS – Effective 4/8/2024

***Dismissals:***

- Jeffrey Bodhi – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 4/5/2024
- Hope (Harbin) Gambrel – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 4/4/2024

2024-057	<p><i>Middle School Pool Starting Blocks</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by President Warren that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of five new starting blocks with the AP logo from Aquatic Source including removal of existing starting blocks, installation and repair of the deck tiles for an amount not to exceed fifty thousand, nine-hundred eighty dollars (\$50,980.00) to be paid for 24/25 Enhancement Funds as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>										
2024-058	<p><i>APHS Varsity Football Camp</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education approve APHS Varsity Football Team's trip to Alma College to attend football camp from June 17 through June 19, 2024 as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>										
2024-059	<p><i>Board Policies 38-2 First Reading</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Klein that the Allen Park Board of Education accept Board Policy Changes Vol 38 – 2 for a first reading with said policies put on the next regularly scheduled meeting for a second reading and final adoption.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>										
2024-060	<p><i>Furniture Purchase – APECE, Riley, Elementary Media Center/Computer Labs</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of the APECE, Riley, Elementary Media Centers &amp; Computer Labs along with delivery and installation for the amount of seven hundred, fifty-one thousand, four hundred sixty-five dollars and three cents (\$751,465.03) using bond funds as presented.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 1087 1398 1262"> <tr> <td>Elementary Media Centers</td><td>\$ 65,691.35</td></tr> <tr> <td>Elementary Computer Labs</td><td>\$ 21,531.82</td></tr> <tr> <td>APECE, Riley &amp; Teacher/Staff Chairs</td><td>\$252,315.36</td></tr> <tr> <td>K-5 Furniture</td><td>\$411,926.50</td></tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td><td><b>\$751,465.03</b></td></tr> </table> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>	Elementary Media Centers	\$ 65,691.35	Elementary Computer Labs	\$ 21,531.82	APECE, Riley & Teacher/Staff Chairs	\$252,315.36	K-5 Furniture	\$411,926.50	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$751,465.03</b>
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	<p><i>Superintendent's Update</i></p> <p>Shout Outs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First, I would like to acknowledge the APPS Strategic Planning Committee! Thanks to all of the parents, educators and district staff who worked collaboratively to outline our district's goals for the next 3 years.</li> <li>Bus driver, Donald Pace has been nominated by his peers and selected to receive the 2024 Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award for Allen Park Public Schools. This award is presented to individuals who exemplify excellence in providing or supporting the safe transportation of students in Wayne County. Don will be honored along with those from other districts at the Excellence in Transportation Banquet on Saturday. Congratulations Don on this outstanding achievement.</li> <li>A shout out goes to all teachers and staff who made the 2024 Solar Eclipse Day memorable for our students whether it was a classroom discussion or a trip outside with the eclipse glasses to actually view the event.</li> <li>A big shout out goes to APMS art teacher, Jessica Justice and 100 students that will be participating in our district-wide Art Show at Wayne County Community College. This began on April 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 25<sup>th</sup>. GREAT JOB ALL!</li> </ul>										

- Shout-out to Nickie Roller, Director of the Early Childhood Education Center and her staff. Pre-school students moved from Lindemann to Riley on April 1<sup>st</sup> and we began full day preschool students today. Mrs. Roller and her team have been doing a great job!
- Thank you to the super group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who visited 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Bennie to talk about how to Be Super Successful at APMS and the importance of always doing your best.
- Lastly, Allen Park Recreation Director, Rob Fulton has been extremely accommodating, flexible and “always making it happen” to give the MS kids a place to play. Mr. Andrews is very grateful for his partnership and help during this challenging time of construction and improvement on the middle school grounds.

**Athletics Update:**

- Boys and Girls Track and Field held the 6<sup>th</sup> annual co-ed relays at APHS on April 6<sup>th</sup> with 18 high schools participating. Our coaching staff and athletes did a phenomenal job running the meet and we got lots of compliments from opposing schools on the facility and how awesome the meet is every year. Kudos to our boys’ and girls’ program for kicking off the spring season with such an amazing event every year.
- Naveah Harris signed to run track at Spring Arbor University next year.
- Congratulations to last week’s Players of the Week, Softball player Melody Filipiak and Lacrosse player Cole Young. Great Job!
- Voting is open for State Champs player of the year, please cast your vote for our softball nominee, Avery Garden.
- Boys’ Varsity Baseball will be playing at Comerica Park on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> vs. L’Anse Cruese North High School for anyone interested to attending that game.

**Upcoming events:**

- The Middle School Drama Club will be performing Murder on the 518 on April 18<sup>th</sup>, doors open at 5:30 and the show begins at 6:00 at the Center for the Arts. Tickets are not needed but donations are appreciated to help their club grow.
- Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be a half day for all students as staff will be having professional development that day.
- The APHS Spring Concert will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Center for the Arts
- Kindergarten Round-Up will be on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m. at each of our elementary buildings.

*Citizens’ Comments:* There were no citizen’s comments at this time.

**Reports of Officers:**

- Dr. Warren asked if any board members would like to attend the MASB award ceremony in Harper Woods and if so to let Cathy Rios know.
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**Adjournment**

Motion by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the meeting adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
 Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary