

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • December 11, 2023

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APPROVED ☒

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:03 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 MacDonald

Pledge of Allegiance

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

2023-154	<p>Motion by Vice President Martin supported by Trustee Klein, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of December 11<sup>th</sup> agenda</li><li>▪ Approval of November 13<sup>th</sup> work session and regular meeting minutes</li><li>▪ Approval of check registers: 11/9/2023=\$1,693,739.16; 11/13/2023=\$51,064.36; 11/16/2023=\$31,566.92; 11/20/2023=\$128,702.16; 11/21/2023=\$39,582.76; 12/7/2023=\$1,273,785.28; 12/8/2023=\$70,935.04</li><li>▪ Approval of wire transfers: through December 11, 2023 - \$2,549,750.05</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 MacDonald shared Barton Malow's update of the bond construction at in the district that has gone on since last month.</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Filipiak shared a thank you card that the board received from some female wrestlers and their coaches regarding the unanimous approval to add a dedicated girl's wrestling coach.</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> There were no student representatives present this evening to report from the middle school or the high school.</p>
2023-155	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Employments/Services</li></ul> <p>Motion by Secretary Filipiak, supported by Trustee Babbage, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Marlene Cottrell – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 11/16/2023</li><li>▪ Amanda Davis – Independence Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 12/4/2023</li><li>▪ Liam Dawson – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach/APMS – Effective 10/1/2023</li><li>▪ Daniel Loyd – Girls' Assistant Wrestling Coach/APHS – Effective 11/20/2023</li><li>▪ Nicolette Roller – Early Childhood Director – Effective 1/8/2024</li><li>▪ Jordan Szolach – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 12/11/2023</li><li>▪ Benjamin Warren – Assistant Wrestling Coach/APMS – Effective 11/20/2023</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin Nays: None Abstention: Warren (spouse of a new hire) <b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>

## B. Resignations

- Daniel Loyd – Assistant Wrestling Coach/APMS – Effective 11/20/2023
- Len Makowski – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach/APMS – Effective 12/1/2023

## C. Retirements:

- Marianne Dobek – Special Services Secretary/Riley – Effective 12/31/2023

2023-156

*Neola Board Policy Updates Vol. 38 No. 1*

Moved by Treasurer Warren and supported by Trustee Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education accept Board Policy Update Vol. 38 No. 1 for a second reading and adopt the following policies as presented:

- 1540 – Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls
- 2370.01 – Online/Blended Learning Program
- 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- 8305 – Information Security
- 8531 – Free and Reduced-Price Meals

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2023-157

*BP – 7 – Arno and Lindemann Elementary STEM Additions, Common Toilet Room Renovations & Misc. District Access Control*

Moved by Treasurer Warren and supported by Trustee Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Bid Package #7 – Arno and Lindemann Elementary STEM Additions, Common Toilet Room Renovations & Misc. District Access Control be awarded based on Barton Malow's recommendation letter for an amount not to exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$2,723,519.00) to be paid using 2021 Bond Funds as presented:

Bid Categories	Legal Name	Arno STEM	Lindemann STEM	District Access Control	Alternates	Subcontract Total
7-1 Concrete Foundations and Interiors Flatwork	McCarthy Construction Company, Inc.	\$86,184.00	\$84,404.00			\$170,588.00
7-2 Masonry & Cast Stone	BNE Services LLC	<b>\$272,636.00</b>	\$263,687.00			\$536,323.00
7-3 Structural Steel	Nelson Iron Works, Inc.	\$58,850.00	\$55,910.00		(\$2,760.00)	\$110,000.00
7-4 Roofing	William Mohr Roofing, Inc.	\$54,355.00	\$49,333.00			\$103,688.00
7-5 Aluminum Framing (Glass & Glazing)	Daniels Glass Co. Inc.	<b>\$85,318.00</b>	\$40,588.00			\$125,906.00
7-6 Painting & Epoxy Flooring	Seven Brothers Painting, Inc.	<b>\$28,500.00</b>	\$33,500.00			\$62,000.00
7-7 Resilient Flooring & Ceramic Tile	Continental Contracting Company, LLC	<b>\$41,000.00</b>	\$36,000.00			\$77,000.00
7-8 Architectural General Trades	Clark Contracting Services, Inc.	<b>\$243,100.00</b>	\$200,900.00			\$444,000.00
7-9 Plumbing & HVAC	Miller Boldt, Inc.	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	\$160,000.00		(\$3,000.00)	\$327,000.00
7-10 Electrical, Low Voltage / Technology & Access Control	AltComm Telecommunications, Inc.	<b>\$208,000.00</b>	\$161,600.00	\$65,000.00		\$434,600.00
7-11 Earthwork, Utilities, Exterior Concrete & Paving	Highlands Services, LLC	<b>\$244,398.00</b>	\$88,016.00			\$332,414.00
		<b>\$1,490,341.00</b>	<b>\$1,173,938.00</b>	<b>\$65,000.00</b>	<b>(\$5,760.00)</b>	<b>\$2,723,519.00</b>

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2023-158

*Annual Summer Tax Resolution*

Moved by Secretary Filipiak and supported by Trustee Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the Summer Tax Resolution for 2024 as presented.

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*First Reading of November 2023 Special Policy Updates & Policy 7217 (no action to be taken)*

The following policy updates were presented to the Allen Park Board of Education as a first reading with the second and final reading and adoption scheduled for approval at the next regular meeting on January 29, 2024.

2023-159

*Emergency Days Virtual Instruction Plan*

Motion by Secretary Filipiak and supported by Trustee Klein, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Emergency Days Virtual Instruction Plan as presented.

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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

*Superintendent's Update***Shout Outs:**

- Congratulations to Paul LaCroix, APHS Dive Coach, on being named MISCA Zone 3 Coach of the Year. Coach LaCroix is Allen Park's girl and boy's dive coach and has been coaching for over 40 years. This season he assisted Amelia Luecke to become the Downriver League Champion, 3<sup>rd</sup> place at Regionals and 12<sup>th</sup> place at the D2 MHSAA Championships in Holland. Paul has been known to assist multiple downriver school divers throughout the season. Not every team has a dive coach, and when swim coaches want to give a potential diver somewhere to excess, they call Paul!
- Senior football player Gavin Bolley was named Division 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Team All State by the Detroit Free Press yesterday. Great job Gavin!
- Great Job to Mr. Sims, Mr. Musienko and all of the talented APMS students for their combined band and choir concert last week.
- Kudos to the APHS Counseling Department for hosting Professional Interview Day again this year and all those who volunteer as interviewers. This was a great event for our seniors to empower them with practical knowledge and prepare them for the transition from academia to the professional world.
- Arno's Early Childhood/Kindergarten team did a tremendous job hosting the annual Building Up to Kindergarten event. This was the first part of a two-part series meant to help families better prepare their preschooler for kindergarten next fall. Thank you to Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Harrison, Ms. Sammut and Mrs. Wesley.
- NJHS students were great tour guides at the APMS parent teacher conferences.
- Last week was APHS Student Council's Charity Week and with a matching donation from Kroger they were able to raise almost \$5000.
- Thank you to McDonalds for donating \$600 to Allen Park Athletic Department because they employ so many of our students.
- Thank you to The Sanctuary Salon in Wyandotte for donating toys from their Customer Appreciation Event to the APHS Toy Drive.

**Upcoming events:**

- It is winter concert season at APPS. The APHS concert will be on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Lindemann 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>, Arno's 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> and Bennie's will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. All concerts will begin at 6:30 at the Allen Park Center for the Arts.
- Winter Break will be December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 7<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Darga wished everyone has a happy and safe holiday.
- In January the Board's Organizational meeting will be on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day and their regular meeting will be on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> both at 7 p.m. here at Riley.

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

*Reports of Officers:*

- Trustee Babbage.... Progress
- Vice President Martin: Congrats to Amelia
- Treasurer Warren: Congratulations
- President MacDonald: Congrats to Coach Paul
- Trustee Klein: Both of his girls worked with Coach Lacroix
- Trustee Luecke had none at this time.
- Secretary Filipiak had nothing at this time.
- Trustee Luecke had nothing at this time

2023-160

***CLOSED SESSION: Periodic Personnel Evaluation of the Superintendent***

Moved by Treasurer Warren and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education enter closed session to discuss the periodic personnel evaluation in compliance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.


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

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

	The board took a 5-minute break and began closed session at 7:43 p.m.
2023-161	Moved by Treasurer Warren and supported by Trustee Klein to resume open session at 9:13 p.m.
2023-162	<i>Acceptance of Superintendent's Evaluation</i> Moved by Secretary Filipiak and supported by Trustee Luecke, that the Allen Park Board of Education accept Superintendent Darga's highly effective evaluation as identified by the Board in tonight's closed session. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b>
2023-163	<i>Adjournment</i> Motion by Treasurer Warren, supported by Secretary Filipiak that the meeting be adjourned at 9:42 p.m. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Board Secretary