

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES ▪ JUNE 7, 2021

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Park Center for the Arts, 19001 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

Regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: Dr. Jennifer Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

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

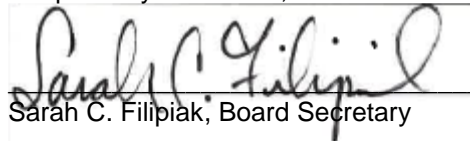
Absent: Miller

2021-174	<p>Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of June 7 agenda</li><li>▪ Approval of April 12 work session &amp; regular meeting minutes, April 14 special meeting minutes, May 5 special meeting minutes, May 17 work session &amp; regular meeting minutes, May 26 special meeting minutes</li><li>▪ Check Registers: 5/20/2021=\$150.00, 5/24/2021=\$191,778.87, 5/25/2021=\$297.74, 5/27/2021=\$450.00</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
	<p><i>Congrats APHS Competitive Cheer Team!</i></p> <p>On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Darga congratulated the APHS Competitive Cheer Team, Coaching Staff and Families on winning back-to-back state championship titles! Coach Julie Goodwin thanked the school community for the tremendous support.</p>
	<p><i>President's Communication:</i> None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p><i>A. Award of Excellence – Congratulations on your retirement!</i></p> <p>Superintendent Darga wished the Class of 2021 good health and much happiness in their retirement and thanked each retiree for the invaluable contributions made to Allen Park Public Schools. Collectively, this group of outstanding individuals represents a remarkable 323 years of service to the students, parents, staff and school community, serving as exemplary educators, secretary, administrators, maintenance staff and food service personnel. It has been an honor and privilege to have these extraordinary individuals as members of the Allen Park School Family. Best wishes for a retirement filled with good health, joy and fulfillment. Relax and enjoy the next journey - play lots, travel when able, and take frequent naps.</p> <p><b><i>Class of 2021 Retirees</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Michael Cipriani – Teacher/Lindemann – 20 Years of Service</li><li>▪ Gale Crete – Secretary/Lindemann – 28 Years of Service</li><li>▪ Jeffrey Goulasarian – Teacher/APHS – 29 Years of Service</li><li>▪ Paul Grix – Teacher/APMS – 22 Years of Service (honored in January)</li><li>▪ Karen Guobis – Director of Food Services/Riley Education Center – 18 Years of Service</li><li>▪ Gayle Heggie – Lead Preschool Teacher/Lindemann – 25.5 Years of Service</li><li>▪ Christine Lyson – Food Service/APMS – 17.5 Years of Service (honored in December)</li><li>▪ Karen Moran – Assistant Principal/APHS – 9 Years of Service (40 Years of Service in Public Education)</li><li>▪ Donna Page – Teacher/Lindemann – 20 Years of Service</li><li>▪ Anita Panek – Food Service/APHS – 15.5 Years of Service</li></ul>

2021-175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joseph Rama – Teacher/APMS – 28 Years of Service</li> <li>▪ William Robinson – Teacher/APHS – 20.5 Years of Service</li> <li>▪ Tim Tanksley – Head Custodian/Arno – 39 Years of Service</li> <li>▪ Barbara Tyszkiewicz – Special Education Aide/APMS – 18 Years of Service (honored in March)</li> <li>▪ Brian Visintainer – Head Custodian/APHS – 35 Years of Service (honored in January)</li> <li>▪ Gary Weshalek – Teacher/APHS – 32 Years of Service (honored in March)</li> </ul> <p><i>B. Retirements/Resignations</i></p> <p>We have received and accepted the following retirements/resignation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nichol Cummings – Food Service/APHS – Effective 5/24/2021</li> <li>▪ Marilyn Guel – Food Service/APMS – Effective 5/21/2021</li> <li>▪ Karen Guobis – Director of Food Services/Riley Education Center – Retirement Effective 6/30/2021</li> <li>▪ Shelley Heath – Food Service/APMS – Effective 5/21/2021</li> <li>▪ Karen Moran – Assistant Principal/APHS – Retirement Effective 7/1/2021</li> <li>▪ Anita Panek – Food Service/APHS – Retirement Effective 6/30/2021</li> <li>▪ Ann Persinger – Summer Camp Worker/Riley Center – Effective 4/29/2021</li> <li>▪ Tim Tanksley – Head Custodian/Arno – Retirement Effective 6/1/2021</li> </ul> <p><i>C. Tenure Recognition</i></p> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by Luecke, that Alexandra Cervantes, Brittney Hartley, Joy Jordan, Christine Kendall and Ame Sexton, being granted tenure status as teachers in the Allen Park Public School District, be officially recognized and congratulated by the Allen Park Board of Education.</p> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
	<p><i>Special Presentation: Lindemann's Kindness Rocks Project – Michelle Chimienti, Erin Woods</i></p> <p>Each student at Lindemann from preschool through 5th grade is painting colorful rocks and writing positive messages of encouragement for the new rock garden! Student presenters included Colin Bergman, Megan Swain and Lennox Shene.</p> <p>Special thanks to Michelle Chimienti and Erin Woods for their extraordinary efforts in bringing this meaningful project to life!</p> <p>On behalf of the Board of Education, Michelle, Erin and Mr. Darga honored Mr. Matt Dohing, a huge supporter of this project and APPS, for his kindness and generosity.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens Comment:</i> None at this time.</p>
2021-176	<p><i>Board Policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption: Section 6000/Finance and Section 7000/Property</i></p> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by Luecke, that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt Neola Policies – Section 6000/Finance and Section 7000/Property as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, MacDonald, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
	<p><i>Neola Board Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Section 8000/Operations and Section 9000/Relations</i></p> <p>Draft of said policies have been shared with board members for review. The floor was opened for any questions board members may have. The board will consider adopting these policies at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.</p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thank you to Mrs. Luecke for representing the Board of Education for the Wayne RESA Election earlier today.</li> <li>▪ <i>Commencement Ceremonies for Class of 2021</i></li> </ul> <p>Thank you to the APHS and APCS administration and support staff for their outstanding efforts in organizing the memorable graduation ceremonies this year. Lots of time, energy and attention to detail go into planning these events behind the scenes and I greatly appreciate the work of all those who played a role in making these evenings something special for our seniors and their families. My personal congrats to Board</p>

	<p>Members, Mrs. Luecke and Mr. Miller on their graduates!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Congrats Allen Park High School: U.S. News &amp; World Report – Best High Schools</i></li> </ul> <p>APHS – Ranked 70<sup>th</sup> within the state of Michigan  APHS – Ranked 31 in Metro Detroit Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Planning for Fall 2021</i></li> </ul> <p>Planning for in-person/5 days per week and results of 2021-22 School Planning Survey (1,056 responses) shared. The Fall 2021 Planning Committee also supports in-person learning over a hybrid option. While not perfect, it was also acknowledged that we made great strides with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party virtual option this school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>MI HEARTSafe School Award!</i></li> </ul> <p>As a direct result of the hard work and dedication of Meaghan Rourke (Athletic Trainer), Maribeth Lyons, RN (District Nurse) and building staff, we are proud to announce that on behalf of the Michigan Department of Health &amp; Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association, and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young, our schools will be receiving the MI HEARTSafe School Award. These efforts help prevent sudden cardiac death by creating a safer learning environment for our school community. Nice work all!</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board members collectively congratulated: APHS &amp; ACS Class of 2021, “Class of 2021-Retirees” (with an impressive combined 323 years of service), teachers receiving tenure and APHS Varsity Competitive Cheer Team/Coaches. Board members enjoyed hearing about the Lindemann Kindness Rocks Project and appreciated the efforts of Michelle Chimienti, Erin Woods and student presenters, with special thanks to Matt Dohring for his generous support of APPS. Board members also gave a shout out to APHS Varsity Softball Team on winning the District title – good luck in play-offs; and to Food Services – you killed it this year! In closing, board members expressed sincere admiration and appreciation to AP teachers for the hard work and dedication during this challenging school year. Whether in-person or remote, they haven’t missed a beat!</li> </ul>
2021-177	Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the meeting adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary