

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES ▪ FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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The virtual regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2021. The district live streamed the meeting via the district YouTube account.

Virtual regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: Mr. Gordon Miller

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Martin

2021-129	<p>Motion by Warren, supported by Filipiak, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of February 8 agenda</li><li>▪ Approval of January 11 organizational meeting minutes, January 20 special meeting minutes, January 25 work session and regular meeting minutes</li><li>▪ Approval of registers: 1/25/2021=\$224,373.18, 1/29/2021=\$5,093.28, 2/2/2021=\$332,205.15</li><li>▪ Approval of wire transfers: 1/22/2021 thru 2/2/2021=\$1,432,230.65</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: Martin</p> <p>Motion carried.</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>Citizens Comments: (Pertaining to agenda items)</i> None at this time.</p>
2021-130	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p><i>A. Employments/Services:</i></p> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Shane Atkinson – Volunteer Wrestling Coach/APHS – Effective 1/25/2021</li><li>▪ Patricia Petty – Food Service/APHS – Effective 2/8/2021</li><li>▪ Kelly Shene – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 2/1/2021</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: Martin</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <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>▪ Kelsey Riley – Lunch Parapro/Bennie – Effective 1/25/2021</li><li>▪ Erin Scroggins – Bus Driver/Operations – Effective 1/29/2021</li></ul>
2021-131	<p><i>Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan – Confirm Instructional Delivery Plan for Next 30 Days</i></p> <p>Since the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan was approved, the board must meet to: (re)confirm delivery of instruction, solicit public comment on how instruction is going to be delivered, and publicly announce weekly 2-way interaction rates every 30 days.</p> <p>At a Special Meeting held on January 20, 2021, the board received updates and discussed the following topics in light of the State's goal to have all Michigan school districts offer an in-person learning option for students by March 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ An update was provided from the Elementary &amp; Secondary Hybrid Committees</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We explored our data source – utilization of Wayne County data as opposed to focusing on Allen Park specific data, or data derived from communities in which we have accepted students through the schools of Choice Program, as well as consideration for staff coming from multiple communities/counties.</li> <li>▪ We explored our data threshold in regard to positivity rate.</li> <li>▪ The update from Wayne County on status of staff vaccinations had been shared-the project was 'on hold' at that time.</li> <li>▪ And, ultimately, in an effort to simplify and accelerate a safe return of students to in-person learning, and to sustain a model that allows for students to attend four full days per week, with a remote ½ day on Wednesdays, an implementation plan was discussed.</li> <li>▪ The metric point in regard to a positivity rate was modified to below 7.5% Consideration included reflection on the district safety initiatives implemented, as evidenced by the district receiving a 100% passing score on the Allen Park Mitigation Plan, the fact that this metric point is still within the 'medium risk range,' (3-10) and, that there had been no evidence of school associated spread of the virus while in-person instruction was ongoing.</li> <li>▪ The 7 consecutive day modification was based on the change from the CDC in December citing new quarantine guidelines of 7 days with 2 negative tests or a 10-day quarantine (from 14 days).</li> <li>▪ As always, student attendance and weekly engagement is a significant consideration.</li> </ul> <p>The Board also discussed and considered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Update provided on the Virtual Program / Allen Park Public Schools Assigned Teacher Mentors</li> <li>▪ Update provided from meeting with the Trenton Public Schools Team regarding their secondary remote program.</li> <li>▪ Although there were two students reported with a positive COVID result during the first week of in-person learning, given the timeline, both students had been exposed to the virus prior to returning to in-person learning and not school associated.</li> <li>▪ Staff vaccines provided to all staff who want one – first dose February 9</li> <li>▪ January remote attendance rates and weekly engagement reports were shared and will be posted on the district website's transparency page.</li> <li>▪ Attendance rates from February 1-4, first week in-person - overall district rate ranged from 94.32% to 96.48%.</li> <li>▪ Allen Park has moved from a "Risk Level E" to a community spread "Risk Level D."</li> <li>▪ Prior to resuming in-person instruction, all students were provided with the option to be in-person or virtual (Calvert Learning/Elementary, Courseware/Grades 6-8, or Edgenuity/Grades 9-12). While there was some movement between the options for in-person learning and virtual learning, the count is relatively consistent.</li> </ul> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by Filipiak, that the Allen Park Board of Education confirm the mode of instruction, which includes the continuation of in-person learning for four full days per week, with a ½ day of remote learning on Wednesdays, while monitoring the 7-day rolling average for Wayne County, utilizing the COVID Act Now site, for 7 consecutive days at a positivity rate of 7.5% or higher, for a return to remote instruction. The Board of Education will reconfirm how instruction will be delivered every 30 days.</p> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Miller, Warren  Nays: None  Absent: Martin</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
2021-132	<p><i>Career-Technical Education Services Agreement – Taylor School District</i></p> <p>Motion by MacDonald, supported by Klein, that the Career-Technical Education Services Agreement between the Taylor School District and Allen Park Public Schools be approved for the 2020-21 school year.</p> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Miller, Warren  Nays: None  Absent: Martin</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
2021-133	<p><i>MASB Board of Directors – Region 8</i></p> <p>Motion by Klein, supported by Warren, that a vote for candidate Birgit McQuiston, for the seat on the MASB Board of Directors representing Region 8 for a 3 year term be submitted.</p> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Miller, Warren</p>

	<p>Nays: None Absent: Martin Motion carried.</p>
2021-134	<p><i>Donation of Obsolete School Bus</i> Motion by MacDonald, supported by Warren, that the Allen Park Board of Education donate one red-tagged, obsolete school bus to the Allen Park Fire Department as presented. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Miller, Warren Nays: None Absent: Martin Motion carried.</p>
	<p><i>Moment of Silence</i> Board President, Gordon Miller offered a moment of silence in memory of Phoebe Elliot, an APMS student who was fatally injured in an automobile accident.</p>
	<p><i>Presentation – District Website Transparency Page</i> Mrs. Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance, provided a brief presentation highlighting new features on the district's transparency report page, now accessible to the public on the district website at <a href="https://secure.munetrix.com/n/Michigan/Schools/GDR/Wayne-RESA/District/Allen-Park-Public-Schools">https://secure.munetrix.com/n/Michigan/Schools/GDR/Wayne-RESA/District/Allen-Park-Public-Schools</a></p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Teacher Professional Development – February 5, 2021</i> Last Friday, each building was provided with some time to explore building specific School Improvement tasks. For the remainder of the day, teachers met, via Zoom, with Dr. Ramon Griffin for our ongoing, embedded professional development. The PD focus was on how survival brain and trauma manifests in the classroom and strategies were provided to staff to render aid to students in need. Teachers also revisited the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experience) work we started in the fall of 2019 as a mechanism to understand student behavior better during the COVID-19 crisis, as well as our own adult behavior. Lastly, teachers engaged in numerous group conversations based on scenarios that might occur at school and learned ways to combat undesired behavior while also being sensitive to the needs of students and families</li> <li>▪ <i>District School Nurse Update</i> Interviews were held on Friday, February 5, with three final candidates. We were pleased that Terri Czerwinski, MSN, RN from Wayne RESA was willing to serve on the interview committee and share her expertise.</li> <li>▪ <i>Thank you to the City of Allen Park</i> Thank you to the City of Allen Park for donating 2,000 washable cloth masks for children, with adjustable straps decorated with children's graphics. We certainly appreciate the great partnership with the City of Allen Park!</li> <li>▪ <i>Congrats to APPS PTA/PTSA Founder's Day Award Recipients!</i> An online celebration for the recipients and their families is on February 24. Special thanks to Denise Crank for chairing this wonderful event!</li> <li>▪ <i>Reminder – No in-person instruction for students tomorrow (February 9)</i> Teachers will provide independent, asynchronous lessons as a great number of district staff will be receiving the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Citizens Comments: (Pertaining to non-agenda items)</i> None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Luecke welcomed new hires and volunteers, congratulated student athletes on returning to play. Mrs. Luecke extended condolences to the Capp and Elliott Families-God bless all who are mourning the loss of Phoebe Elliott, an uninhibited, spunky girl who always made her smile. She also mentioned that the Downriver FAN (Families Against Narcotics) is an amazing support and resource.</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Filipiak echoed what Mrs. Luecke said about Phoebe, such a tragic loss; but so wonderful to be a part of a community and school district that is surrounding the family with love, food and money to help and support them in their time of need. Mrs. Filipiak is proud to be a part of this community, even in this great time of tragedy. Mrs. Filipiak went on to welcome the new hires, congratulate Founder's Day Award Recipients, and thanked Mrs. MacDonald for digging deeper into virtual learning earlier in the meeting. She was thrilled to hear about the staff doing work with trauma and ACEs; she had similar training and it is very eye opening. Good luck to the staff in getting their vaccines tomorrow!</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Klein shared condolences and how very difficult when a school loses a child-it's the wrong order of things. Mr. Klein offered thoughts and prayers to the entire Elliott Family and stated that it is nice to know there is a community that is supporting them. Mr. Klein went on to recognize another approval for a volunteer coach and appreciative of graduates who come back as young adults to give time to their school community. Thanks to all for making 'school work right now' during this very difficult situation.</li> <li>▪ Mrs. MacDonald echoed sentiments of fellow board members and added thanks to district administrators for visiting with and taking food over to our grieving family. Mrs. MacDonald went on to convey appreciation for the growing partnership developing with the City of Allen Park. In closing, Mrs. MacDonald congratulated Founder's Day Award Recipients and glad to hear staff will receive vaccinations tomorrow.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Warren gave a "Go Jags" shout out and so glad that sports are back on! Dr. Warren offered condolences to friends and family of Phoebe Elliott, and thanked the community for taking care of the family with gift cards and food chains. Dr. Warren is pleased staff are receiving vaccinations tomorrow. In closing, Dr. Warren congratulated new hires and Founder's Day Award Recipients, and thanked substitutes and all teachers helping out in classrooms during their prep period.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Miller expressed heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the young child we all lost last week, tragically and unnecessarily. Mr. Miler appreciated the comments made by Mrs. Luecke regarding support and help for those struggling with substance abuse. In closing, Mr. Miller wished the family and loved ones peace at this time, as hard as that may be.</li> </ul>
2021-135	Motion by Klein, supported by Warren, that the meeting adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary