

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • FEBRUARY 10, 2020 ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10, 2020, at Allen Park High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 18401 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

Regular meeting called to order/Solicitation of Comment Cards – 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Moynihan

2020-030	<p>Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approval of February 10 agenda</li><li>Approval of January 13 and January 27 meeting minutes and January 27 closed session meeting minutes</li><li>Approval of registers: 1/14/2020=\$403.48, 1/16/2020=\$196,624.37, 1/30/2020=\$144,099.88, 2/7/2020=\$7,191.56</li><li>Approval of wire transfers: 1/9/2020 thru 2/7/2020=\$1,871,329.71</li></ol> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Miller, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Moynihan</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
	President's Communications: None at this time.
	Reading of Communications: None at this time.
	Citizens' Comments (pertaining to agenda): None at this time.
	<p><i>"In the Spotlight"</i> – Student Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>High School Student Representative: Benjamin Miller</li></ul> <p>Benjamin shared class and club activities that include the Class of 2020 is having a comedy night, Junior Class was taking the PSAT practice test, Sophomores are doing fundraisers for their prom, Freshmen are selling Jag socks. The Chess club is playing chess every Monday and Thursday. Student Council is headed to states in about 19 days. The band is getting ready for their spring concert. The Christian Club meets on Thursdays. The Interact club is doing a book collection and packing lunches for the homeless this Thursday. Link Crew is busy helping the freshman.</p> <p>Community School Student Representatives: Santana Salazar, Janelle White</p> <p>Santana shared highlights from APCS, which included enjoying the holiday activities before break, career speakers coming to the school to talk to them, including a cosmetologist. The Women of Tomorrow club made cards and sent them to Cards for Hospitalized Kids. They also made career vision boards. Joy Jordan and some students are making capes for kids which will go to Enchanted Makeovers. Janelle shared that APCS received three grants totaling \$2,500 from Walmart. Some of the money as already been used for some community service. There are 28 new students who started school last month and 9 students graduated in January. There will be an Art fundraiser, Paint and Punch, to raise money for the APCS squad.</p>
2020-031	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p><i>A. Employments/Services – to be approved en masse</i></p> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, 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>Eric Kudla – Barracuda Swim Coach/Lifeguard/Community Services/MS – Effective 1/29/2020</li><li>Maisha Stewart – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindeman – Effective 2/10/2020</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Miller, Shearer, Warren</p>

	<p>Nays: None Absent: Moynihan Motion carried.</p> <p><i>B. Resignations/Retirements:</i> The following resignations have been received and accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lee Hunt – Varsity Boys Soccer Coach/APHS– Effective 1/20/2020</li> <li>○ Virginia Dory – Lunch Paraprofessional/Arno – Effective 1/28/2020</li> <li>○ Janice Collins – Food Service/APHS – Effective 1/30/2020</li> <li>○ Jennifer McGraw – Custodian/Lindemann – Effective 2/3/2020</li> <li>○ Jacob Seasock – Boys' Assistant Track Coach/APMS – Effective 2/7/2020</li> <li>○ Heather Manson – Food Service Cashier/Arno – Effective 2/7/2020</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Presentation – Curriculum Department</i> Dr. John Tafelski, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided a departmental update, including an overview of the Rubicon Atlas. He also thanked all of the teachers who spent so much time over the summer to help with this software for the district.</p>
	<p><i>Presentation - Special Election: Headlee Restoration for Non-Homestead Millage</i> Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance presented information regarding the Headlee Restoration for Non-Homestead Millage. There has been some conversation to <b>restore</b> the school operating non-homestead millage/tax rate back to the statutory rate of 18 mills; due to Headlee rollbacks for the past two years. The only way to restore the 18 mills is to place the issue on the ballot and have it approved by taxpayers; the board passed a resolution for this purpose at the December 9 Board of Education meeting. Operating mills on non-homestead (rental homes, vacation homes and commercial) property are the only local taxes the school district collects directly. There is no (tax) impact whatsoever on principal residence homeowners; no increase in taxes for those homeowners. The proposal is for 4 additional mills for 3 years for Headlee restoration. Although we are asking for 4 additional mills, 18 mills is the collectable limit. Asking for the additional mills would help level any anticipated Headlee rollbacks over the next three years. This operating millage would extend through June 2022, which at that time an operating millage renewal would be in order, no increase. The district is losing approximately \$102,871 in local revenue annually.</p>
2020-032	<p><i>Ratification of Agreement – Allen Park Association of Education Secretaries</i> Motion by MacDonald, supported by Warren that the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the Allen Park Board of Education and the APEA be approved as presented. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Miller, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Moynihan Motion carried.</p>
2020-033	<p><i>Early Graduation Request</i> Per Board Policy 8440, a student may request Board permission for early graduation with reasons supporting his/her plan and request. Students must fulfill all graduation requirements. Examples of reasons to be given consideration are: 1) Hardship 2) Vocational opportunities 3) Enlistment in military 4) Pursuit of a continuous specialized education objective 5) College entrance</p> <p>The student is requested to provide: student written request for early graduation, including rationale to support his/her plan, accompanied by a supporting letter from the parent or legal guardian. Counselor is requested to review student's records and transcripts to ensure that student has met all state and local graduation requirements. Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Mang are in support of this early graduation request.</p> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald that student identified as Early Graduation Student 2019-20-1 be approved for early completion of high school effective January 24, 2020, as all state and local graduation requirements have met. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Miller, Shearer, Warren Nays: None</p>

	<p>Absent: Moynihan Motion carried.</p>
	<p>Superintendent's Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chalk Talk with the Superintendent Chalk Talks are casual conversation time, scheduled to provide an opportunity for our students, parents and staff to meet with me in a casual setting to discuss a variety of topics. There is no set agenda. Those who would like to share a suggestion, express a concern or just learn more about a program are most welcome to stop in! Please watch email and Facebook for future dates.</li> <li>▪ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Legislation Being a good reader is critical for a student to be successful in both school and in life. In 2016, the Michigan Legislature passed the Third Grade Reading Law to ensure that students are reading at-or-above grade level when they exit third grade. In accordance with the law, Allen Park Public Schools assesses the reading skills of students in kindergarten through third grade throughout the school year. The intent is to help identify students who may need additional support in learning to read. The results of the assessments provide useful information to help teachers better meet the individual needs of each student. The law states that beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, third graders may be identified using the Michigan Department of Education criteria to repeat third grade if they are behind in reading. This determination is based on a student's Spring M-STEP reading score.</li> </ul> <p>Families with specific questions related to their child's reading progress should contact the classroom teacher or the building principal. Additional information related to the legislation, resources, and the notification process can be located on the district's website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ March is Reading Month! Ms. Erin Woods and Ms. Colleen Byrne, Elementary Media Specialists, are once again organizing the popular "March is Reading" month filled with activities. Currently, adult guest readers are being scheduled to share a story with our Lions, Bobcats and Cougars. I look forward to this program each year and encourage board members, central office administration and building administrators to take some time to share the joy of reading with our youngest learners! (Feel free to contact Ms. Erin Woods via email or phone call to schedule some time – or – respond using the google form sent via email)</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments:</i></p> <p>Mrs. Maureen Klein shared information regarding the critical shortage of substitute teachers throughout the State of Michigan and that teachers are feeling the negative impact of this shortage in the classroom. Mrs. Klein requested information regarding steps APPS may be taking to address the issue.</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mrs. Filipiak shared that she is excited about the Atlas Rubicon coming onboard for everyone. She thanked the administration for getting this started.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Shearer was impressed with the Atlas Rubicon and Headlee Non-Homestead Restoration Millage presentations. He thanked Dr. Tafelski and Mrs. Keith. He shared that there is an art show on March 4 at WCCC. Mrs. Metzger will be sending out a flyer with the times for the art show.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Klein thanked everyone who stayed for the entire meeting. He went on to say that he was very happy to see the 71% growth at APHS for math. That really impressed him.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Warren thanked everyone who was involved in getting Atlas started. She appreciated all the time and effort that was put into it. She expressed Tiffany Keith did a great job explaining the upcoming Headlee Non-Homestead Restoration Millage. She also thanked Mrs. Klein for her comments/question about the shortage of teacher substitutes in the state and how it is impacting the schools.</li> <li>▪ Mrs. MacDonald echoed what everyone said. She loves the Atlas Rubicon. She thanked the staff for the dedication for working on it over the summer.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Miller thanked Dr. Tafelski for putting the Atlas presentation together for everyone. He also thanked Mrs. Keith for the presentation on the Headlee Non-Homestead Restoration Millage. He also</li> </ul>

	reminded everyone to please contact Ms. Woods to set up a time to read with our students during Reading month next month. He stated that maybe the work session is a good place to talk about certain topics.
2020-034	<p>Motion by MacDonald, supported by Miller that the meeting be recessed at 8:01 pm. to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of the Superintendent in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act Section 8(a).</p> <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Miller, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Moynihan Motion carried.</p>
2020-035	Motion by Warren, supported by Klein, that the closed session be adjourned and return to the regular open session at 9:33 pm.
2020-036	Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the meeting adjourn at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary