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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • OCTOBER 12, 2020

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The virtual regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, October 12, 2020. The district live streamed the meeting via the district YouTube account.

Virtual Regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: Mr. Rick Moynihan

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Absent: Miller

2020-108	<p>Motion by Klein, supported by Warren, to amend the agenda to add 9.A. Old Business #3. Return to In-Person Instruction for Discussion, and approve the consent agenda items be approved as presented: Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Moynihan, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> Mrs. Filipiak acknowledged receiving a multitude of communications from staff and community members and has read them all.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens Comments:</i> The following citizens provided comments and/or asked questions regarding the district's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Maggie Shearer, Mary Beth Shearer, Rebecca Rohdd, Sue Bowling, Robert Jones, Bob Crank, Chelsey Bianchi, Jennifer Artress, Tracey Branam, Jeni Sauve, Shelby Ivey, Barb Pushman, Shannon Marsee, Amanda Beck, Julie Baker, Angela Pavlick, Jennifer Artress, Tina Calloway, Alexa Cooper, Elizabeth Purdy, Misty Marker, Nicole Harris, Hillary Witt,
2020-109	<p><i>Personnel:</i> <i>A. Employments/Services:</i> Motion by Moynihan, 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">▪ Katie Alsobrooks – Lunch Parapro/Bennie – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Robert Barker – Skilled Maintenance/Operations – 9/21/2020▪ Delaney Burgus – AM Latchkey/Lindemann – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Cassandra Darin – Lunch Parapro/Bennie – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Kaylee Fowler – AM Latchkey/Arno – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Kristen Guobis – Breakfast Supervision/APMS – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Amy Heath – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Jean Kacher – Lunch Parapro/Bennie – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Abbey Nirva – Assistant Preschool Teacher/Lindemann – Effective 10/5/2020▪ Kelsey Riley – Lunch Parapro/Bennie – Effective 10/12/2020▪ Marianne Smiley – Long-term Special Education Sub/APHS – Effective 10/12/2020 <p>Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Moynihan, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.</p> <p><i>B. Retirements/Resignations</i> We have received and accepted the following resignation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cathleen Rekuc – Lunch Parapro/Lindemann – Effective 10/1/2020

2020-110	<p><i>Old Business:</i></p> <p>1. <i>Update on Federal COVID-19 Relief Funding</i> Mrs. Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance provided an update on Federal COVID-19 Relief Refunding sources and expenditures. Expenditures included 2,250 student non-touchscreen devices, 1,600 student touch screen devices, student desks/chairs, ultra barrier boards for student desks, and PPE and cleaning supplies.</p> <p>2. <i>Consideration for District/School Nurse Position</i> Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the proposal to interview and employ a district registered nurse through a 3rd party contractor for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Moynihan, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.</p> <p>3. <i>Return to In-Person Instruction Discussion</i> Mr. Klein shared concerns regarding the district's inability to socially distance students in classrooms due to space limitations, desire for choice for families who are seeking remote options, and potential staff issues. Mr. Klein also shared that Mrs. Priscilla Zenn (APMS Teacher) has created a committee to explore hybrid options and he and Mrs. MacDonald attended the initial meeting today. Board discussion ensued regarding classes sizes, barriers for cafeteria tables and desks, daily student screening/temperature checks, student attendance, imbalance of instructional hours at elementary and secondary, and deployment of student chromebooks. As we move forward, we need to improve on the current plan, and continue to come back to these important discussions.</p>
2020-111	<p><i>Early Graduation Request</i> Motion by Warren, supported by Klein, that the student identified as Early Graduation Student 2020-21-1 be approved for early completion of high school effective January 22, 2021, provided all state and local graduation requirements are met. Yeas: Filipiak, Klein, MacDonald, Moynihan, Shearer, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller Motion carried.</p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Daily Student Screening – Home and Schools</i> As we begin to return students to in-person learning in waves, I want to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians to follow the self-screening protocols provided by Wayne County and sent to all families via eblast. All buildings will also provide temperature checks as students are admitted to the building daily. (More information shared with families by building principals on temp check procedures) ▪ <i>Final Distribution Phase for 1:1 Student Chromebook Initiative</i> Special thanks to Dr. John Tafelski for researching and finding a vendor who could supply the district with the additional chromebooks needed and for working quickly to get the order placed. Kudos to Adam Michalak, John Brataniec, Tim Baran, Robin Partrich, Dave Zanardelli, Pat Ward and student, Collin Michalak, for their herculean efforts in preparing 2,250 devices for distribution so we can begin getting them to our students this week! ▪ <i>Wayne County Regional Enhancement Millage</i> Just a reminder that his important county-wide millage RENEWAL is on the November 3 ballot. Allen Park is considered a 'receiver' district in that we will receive more funds than the 2 mills this millage generates. The funds are collected county-wide and then distributed equally to all constituent districts and public school academics on a per student basis. Complete information can be found on the district website – please check it out and cast an informed vote. ▪ <i>Allen Park Today Magazine</i> Please check out the Allen Park Public Schools pages in this new, local magazine for and about this great community!

Reports of Officers:

- Mr. Shearer stated that the Administrative Team accomplished a herculean effort in preparing the (remote) learning plan over the summer given the tight timeline of events. Mr. Shearer would like to see revisions to the district's website, but understands that events have overwhelmed a small Central Office staff. Mr. Shearer shared that the district did study hybrid options a couple months ago, but the option was rated extremely low by both staff and families. He further stated that the district has been transparent about the inability to socially distance students/desks due to the small size of many classrooms throughout the district; however we can continue to make classroom improvements, explore hybrid options, and re-survey staff and families.
- Dr. Warren commented it was nice to hear from some of our virtual families and would like to explore an option that would include students who wish to stay home, receive instruction remotely, from AP teachers. Dr. Warren would like to see (elementary) students keep heavy books at school, rather than bring them home each night. Should we go back to remote, we could do a pick-up day. Dr. Warren appreciates fellow board members and the diverse perspectives, and appreciates the letters from school community members.
- Mr. Klein stated that the gravity of this job has become very real during a pandemic, and appreciates everyone's trust. Thank you to building staff for making this work, and thank you to all those working behind the scenes. We are always looking for ways to make things better.
- Mrs. MacDonald appreciates everyone that has reached out and contacted board members and thanked staff for their efforts and hard work, including the new Hybrid Committee. A lot has changed since August and some areas of Michigan have reported some of the highest rates since April. We need to stay focused and keep our kids educated every step of the way.
- Mrs. Filipiak gave a shout-out to the special education staff and APHS vocational teachers who returned to in-person learning last week and braved the path first! She went on to share that she had not received any emails requesting hybrid options until about 10 days ago, so she would be interested in re-surveying families. Mrs. Filipiak has deep concerns about class size at APHS and will continue to work towards finding options for that. Thank you to everyone on this team!
- Mr. Moynihan thanked everyone for the candid conversations and hopes we answered a lot of questions for the public. Mr. Moynihan believes the district has been pretty transparent the whole way through and feels we just have to keep plugging along, proceeding with caution. Things have changed over the past couple months, another survey would be great.

2020-112 Motion by Warren, supported by MacDonald, that the meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary