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# ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • DECEMBER 14, 2015 ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, December 14, 2015, at Allen Park High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 18401 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

Regular meeting called to order/Solicitation of Comment Cards – 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: DesJardins, Hall, Klenczar, Marten, Miller, Moynihan, Sheppard

#### Absent: None

- High School Representative Carolyn Lazarski
- Carolyn provided highlights from early winter student activities, including fundraisers for the various class councils, Senior Class is busy planning prom and sponsored the recent Sadie Hawkins Dance, Student Council attended the recent Downriver League meeting is planning Spirit Week activities for March, APAW is making cat toys from empty paper towel rolls, the Bowling Club now has 9 girls and 7 boys participating, Book Club is reading "I Can't Tell You," Green Team continues to work toward certification status, Interact Club assisted at elementary holiday parties, Link Crew Leaders made holiday cards for their 9th graders, Peace Club, Gay-Straight Alliance and SADD are prepping for an upcoming Anti-Bullying campaign.
- Middle School Representatives Braden Albright, Olivia Crawford Braden and Olivia shared some early winter activities from the MS such as the successful Panther Lock-in, NJHS is sponsoring a hat and mitten tree, a roller skating party (Lincoln Park Skating Rink) is being planned-all proceeds to benefit the Love of Learning-Bill Holdsworth Memorial Scholarship, 8<sup>th</sup> graders held a cookie sale with proceeds going toward the Washington DC trip, Fuel up to Play has hosted two meetings so far this year and APMS students have collected \$750 to help local families in need this holiday season.
- Community School Representatives Alma Hernandez, Ashley Hougas, Jordan Sawka Community School student presenters focused on community service projects and activities such as the "Out of Darkness Walk" to raise funds for suicide prevention, PUMPcan Project which raised 486 pounds of food for Gleaner's Food Bank (students thanked Ms. Aicher for organizing), Art of Giving Campaign in Memory of Blake Bowman, Holiday Toy Box Project and Friends of the Humane Society. Community School students also provided fall outdoor clean-up for local neighbors with the help of a grant provided by Walmart (students thanked Mr. Andrews for organizing). The students ended their presentation by expressing their appreciation to Mrs. Kendra Payette-Linn for being the "sunshine in our lives" and providing "reason to get up and go to school each day."

Cause for Applause - Staff and Program Recognition

Kendra Payette-Linn, LMSW SSW

The Board of Education expressed appreciation for the commitment, energy and passion Kendra brings in all she does for staff and students in APPS. Kendra enthusiastically continues to provide innovative, positive

life-changing experiences for staff and students such as Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS), Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training and community service experiences. The work she does on a daily basis fosters a considerate, compassionate school community and provides a critical link between the school, the community and families. Most recently, Kendra took time from her busy schedule to share effective strategies and targeted interventions at the High School PBIS Forum at Wayne RESA. She represents APPS in a most positive manner and we are so very proud to say that she is a faculty member of Allen Park Public Schools. Ms. Rebecca Westrate (Director of Community School & Community Services) and Dr. Matthew Sokol were also present to recognize and honor Ms. Payette-Linn.

### 15-131 Personnel:

A. Award of Excellence - Carole Masser

Ms. Masser was unable to attend the meeting as she is visiting a new grandchild in Texas. Ms. Masser was honored and presented with the Award of Excellence certificate at a Bennie staff breakfast prior to her retirement. The Board congratulated Ms. Masser on her retirement and expressed appreciation for her 21 years of exemplary service in supporting students, teachers and community members.

B. Employments/Services:

Motion by Hall, supported by Marten, that the recommendations for employment, services and volunteering be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:

- Elizabeth Anderson School Improvement Chair/APHS Effective 12/15/2015
- Larry Cervantes Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach/APHS Volunteer Effective 12/15/2015
- Billi Clair Lunch/Hallway Supervisor/APMS Effective 11/9/2015
- Jennifer Hicks Lunch/Hallway Supervisor/APMS Effective 11/9/2015
- Nick Lusk Basketball Coach/APCS Effective 12/2/2015
- Len Makowski ISS Supervisor/APMS Effective 11/11/2015
- Savannah Mehi Freshman Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach/APHS Volunteer Effective 12/15/2015
- Tera Waddell JV Competitive Cheer Assistant Coach/APHS Volunteer Effective 12/15/2015

Yeas: DesJardins, Hall, Klenczar, Marten, Miller, Moynihan, Sheppard Navs: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### 15-132 2015-16 Proposed Amended Budget

Motion by Klenczar, supported by Sheppard, that the budget amendments for the 2015-16 school year be approved as presented.

Yeas: DesJardins, Hall, Klenczar, Marten, Miller, Moynihan, Sheppard

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion carried.

#### Consideration for Allocation of Professional Development Funds

Board members discussed interest in professional development workshops and seminars provided by MASB and costs associated with participation. A limited number of courses are now available online, courses are offered in Lansing on Fridays/Saturdays and also periodically across the state at various conference venues. WCASB recently conducted a survey of 33 districts identifying conference participation and costs involved. Survey results will be shared with Board once they are obtained from WCASB.

Superintendent's Reports:

- Resignations:
  - o Eric Beleski JV Soccer Coach/APHS Effective 12/15/2015
  - Matt Hayes ISS Supervisor/APMS Effective 10/29/2015
  - o Matt Hayes 8th Grade Baseball Coach/APMS Effective 12/15/2015
  - Carole Masser Instructional Aide/Bennie Retirement Effective 11/27/2015
  - Brian Trionfi Varsity Soccer Coach/APHS Effective 12/15/2015

#### Citizens' Comments:

 Dr. Matthew Sokol (Director of Special Education) appreciates the opportunity to recognize Kendra Payette-Linn citing exemplary efforts in creating a new district webpage for Special Services and resources, CPI training and emphasized the *quality* of relationships with students as observed as one of the many reasons APPS is so successful.

#### Reports of Officers:

- Mr. Klenczar enjoyed the (Lindemann) Preschool Holiday Concert and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- Mr. Moynihan shared holiday greetings and is also enjoying the concert season!
- Mrs. Sheppard thanked administration for the thorough job in communicating the upcoming change in the collection of school property taxes.

- Mr. Miller stated that 2015 was a great year for APPS and wished all a happy and healthy new year.
- Mrs. Marten was delighted with the Preschool Holiday Concert and is looking forward to attending the MS Winter Concert as she loves Christmas music!
- Dr. Hall expressed how heartwarming it has been to see so many talented and giving kids through school plays, music concerts and the Holiday Toy Box project and wishes a Happy Christmas to all!
- Mr. DesJardins enjoyed a terrific APHS Winter Concert and is looking forward to the rescheduled concert for Lindemann 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

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Motion by Marten, supported by Miller, that the meeting adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Janine Hall, Secretary