

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • September 11, 2023

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APPROVED ☒

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. at the Allen Park High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 18401 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

The regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: President MacDonald

Pledge of Allegiance

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

2023-126	<p>Motion by Trustee Klein, supported by Secretary Filipiak, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of September 11 agenda</li><li>▪ Approval of August 14 regular meeting and closed session minutes</li><li>▪ Approval of check registers: 8/9/2023=\$1,431,928.26; 8/15/2023=\$171.55; 8/24/2023=694,159.71; 8/25/2023=\$1,050.00; 9/7/2023=\$726,477.41.</li><li>▪ Approval of wire transfers: through September 11, 2023 = \$1,627,965.42</li></ul> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>
	<p><i>President's Communications:</i> As an alumni teacher from Bennie, President MacDonald was invited there, along with other retirees, to discuss appropriate behavior. Her assignment was the cafeteria. It was really nice to be with students again. There have been things going on with our bond. The stem building is moving right along at the middle school. There is also work being done on the track. The stem lab/robotics room is being worked on at the high school. With all of the work that has been done underground it is nice to see actual structures going up.</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Filipiak reported that there were none at this time.</p>
	<p>Special Presentations: Section 98b School Goals Update by Dr. John Tafelski</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 98b came in after Covid but we still do an update at the beginning of every school year to update the community with regard to student growth and academic progress. This presentation is also including 98c and Learning Loss.</li><li>• The focus was MSTEP and PSAT.</li><li>• Two district goals – MTSS</li><li>• District data is showing an ongoing trend. We improved in 14 of 15 areas over last year. This was an unbelievable accomplishment that should be celebrated.</li><li>• Dr. Tafelski showed the improvement by grade level and subject.</li><li>• 73.1% of Arno 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were proficient in the MSTEP</li><li>• Great performance jump at Benne, 40 to 52%.</li><li>• Lindemann also had some mass increases.</li><li>• The commitment by the board to go with the coaching model in math and ELA was huge. We have turned over every single grade level and subject area from last year due to the focus on small group instruction.</li><li>• Dr. Tafelski is very excited to see where we continue to go.</li><li>• Mary McMaster gave an update to the board with regard to what was accomplished last year regarding science.</li></ul>

*Citizens' Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:* There were no citizen's comments at this time.

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**Personnel:****A. Employments/Services**

Motion by Treasurer Warren, supported by Vice President Martin, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:

- Alyssa Adams – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 9/5/2023
- Torrie Aicher – NJHS Advisor/APMS – Effective 9/5/2023
- Michelle Beleski – Instructional Aide/Bennie – Effective 9/5/2023
- Gloria Boquiren – Food Service/APHS – Effective 9/5/2023
- Kayla Ferrence – Food Service Floater/APHS – Effective 9/12/2023
- Stephanie Fischer – Assistant Preschool Teacher/Riley – Effective 8/31/2023
- Lynsey Fowler – Latchkey/Arno – Effective 9/5/2023
- Connie Ganow – Lunch Paraprofessional/Arno – Effective 9/6/2023
- Sandra Larkins – Latchkey/Lindemann – Effective 9/5/2023
- April Lopez – English Teacher/APHS – Effective 10/9/2023
- Melody Maggard – Independence Aide/Bennie – Effective 9/5/2023
- Brittany McFall – Lunch Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 9/5/2023
- Rhonni McLeod – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 9/1/2023
- Jack Miller – School Social Worker/APMS – Effective 9/11/2023
- Melissa Neff – Lunch Paraprofessional/Arno – Effective 9/18/2023
- Melissa Rivett – Independence Paraprofessional/Arno – Effective 9/18/2023
- Owen Alvarez – Volunteer Football Coach/APMS – Effective 9/11/2023
- Craig Cyrbok – Volunteer Football Coach/APMS – Effective 9/11/2023
- Liam Dawson – Volunteer Football Coach/APMS – Effective 9/11/2023
- Andon Milner – Volunteer Football Coach/APMS – Effective 9/11/2023

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED****B. Resignations:**

- Dawn Armstrong – Food Service/APMS – Effective 9/3/2023
- Shane Farrell – Ski Club Advisor/APMS – Effective 9/5/2023
- Christopher Lane – Food Service Worker/APHS – Effective 8/14/2023
- Rebecca Lazarean – English Teacher/APHS – Effective 9/3/2023
- Lisa Lee – JV Girls' Basketball Coach/APHS – Effective 9/8/2023
- Angela Monte – Independence Paraprofessional/Arno – Effective 9/1/2023
- Latonya Rodden – Math Instructional Aide/Arno – Effective 8/29/2023
- Victoria Rose – Assistant Swim Coach/APHS – Effective 8/30/2023
- Kristina Tharpe – Food Service Worker/APMS – Effective 8/17/2023

**C. Retirement:**

- Cheryl Khoury – Food Service Worker/APMS (20 years) – Effective 9/1/2023

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**Early Childhood Director**

Motion by Treasurer Warren supported by Trustee Luecke, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the hiring of an Early Childhood Director to oversee the current preschool program and help prepare, build, and implement an expanded program on behalf of Allen Park Public Schools.

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Superintendent's Report:*

- Opening Day was great this year with a lot of smiling faces! The morning began with a nice continental breakfast provided by the food service department. I gave opening remarks then welcomed Dr. Jay Marks, PhD Founder and Principal Diversity & Equity Consultant. Dr. Marks gave a very meaningful presentation that I am sure touched everyone in the audience to some level. We can't thank Dr. Marks enough for joining us to kick off the 2023-24 school year. We also had Dr. Sokol and Dr. Tafelski speak on McKinney Vento and Mandated Reporting. Lastly, I gave an update with regard to the strategic plan and introduced all of our new teachers!
- Shout Outs:
  - I would like to start with a acknowledging all of our district maintenance staff for their effort and hard work throughout the summer to prepare our buildings and have them ready for the start of school. Every building looked amazing for our students and staff.
  - Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual LEGO Camp was a huge success this year, since we had such interest last year, Carrie Solak and Katie Jensen were able to offer the camp at all 3 of our elementary schools so we could accommodate more students. Thank you to Carrie and Katie and all of the staff who helped to make this spectacular event happen.
  - Fall Sports are off to a great start, thanks to all of our coaches who have been working with our athletes to get them ready for competition.
  - Over the weekend the Robotics Team attended an all girl's invitational competition designed to promote STEM with women. The ladies from Team 815 did an awesome job of introducing our new members to the team. Team 815 played well and finished strong. A great way to start the new year for the Robotic Team.
  - THE BIGGEST SHOUT OF ALL .....Congratulations APPS! With a united K-12 effort, APHS students and staff were ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Downriver area schools by U.S. News & Report. As a district we have a lot to be proud of. Great things are happening in Allen Park Public Schools.

*Citizens' Comments:* There was one citizen comment by Kendra Payette-Linn regarding a shout out to Kiwanis of Allen Park.

*Reports of Officers*

- Secretary Filipiak – nothing to report
- Trustee Luecke – nothing to report
- Trustee Klein – nothing to report
- Treasurer Warren – Commented on the Equestrian team. Acknowledged the community for coming together at the AP/LP football game honoring the passing of an amazing LP coach/teacher
- Vice President Martin – Condolences to the Carey family. Shout out to Kelley at Barton Malow.
- Trustee Babbage – nothing to report
- President MacDonald – Lot of good things happening!

2023-129 Motion by Treasurer Warren, supported by Trustee Klein that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.  
 Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren  
 Nays: None  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
 Sarah C. Filipiak, Board Secretary