

ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES • January 13, 2025

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APPROVED ☒

The organizational meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:03 p.m. at the Riley Education Center in Conference Room B, 9601 Vine Avenue, Allen Park, Michigan.

The organizational/regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comments by Dr. Jennifer Warren, previous ranking officer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

	<i>Ceremonial Oaths of Office by Superintendent Darga:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs. Sarah FilipiakMrs. Laura LueckeDr. Jennifer Warren
2025-001	<i>Election of Acting Chairperson:</i> <p>Motion by Trustee Warren, supported by Trustee Martin that Trustee Filipiak be elected Acting Chairperson to begin the Organizational part of the meeting until the new President is elected.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2025-002	<i>Election of Board President:</i> <p>Trustee Luecke nominated Trustee Jennifer Warren and she accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Motion by Trustee Filipiak, supported by Trustee Martin that Trustee Jennifer Warren be named President of the Allen Park Board of Education.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED: Dr. Jennifer Warren is hereby elected and will serve as SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT for 2025.</u></p>
	President Warren took over the meeting.
2024-003	<i>Election of Board Vice President:</i> <p>Trustee Martin nominated Trustee Sarah Filipiak and she accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Motion by President Warren, supported by Trustee Klein that Trustee Sarah Filipiak be named President of the Allen Park Board of Education.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED: Mrs. Sarah Filipiak is hereby elected Allen Park SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT for 2025</u></p>
2024-004	<i>Election of Board Secretary:</i> <p>Vice President Filipiak nominated Trustee Laura Luecke and she accepted the nomination.</p> <p>Moved by President Warren, supported by Trustee Martin</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED: Mrs. Laura Luecke is hereby elected Allen Park SCHOOL BOARD SECRETARY for 2025</u></p>

2024-005	<p>Election of Board Treasurer: President Warren nominated Trustee Martin and he accepted the nomination. Motion by President Warren, supported by Trustee MacDonald that Trustee Steve Martin be named Treasurer of the Allen Park Board of Education. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED:</u> Mr. Steve Martin is hereby elected Allen Park SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER for 2025</p>
	<p>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda There were no additions or deletions to the proposed Organizational agenda</p>
	<p>Citizen's Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items There weren't any citizen's comments at this time.</p>
2025-006	<p>Consent Agenda The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of Agenda b. Approval of November 11th regular meeting minutes c. Approval of December 9th work session, regular meeting and closed session minutes d. Approval of December 18th special meeting and closed session minutes e. Approval of check registers: 12/11/2024=\$40,271.04; 12/19/2024=\$554,228.89; 12/20/2024=59,799.38; 1/8/2025=\$362,110.85 f. Approval of wire transfers through December 31, 2024 - \$2,287,591.55
	<p>President's Communications: There were none at this time.</p>
	<p>Reading of Communications: There were none at this time.</p>
2025-007	<p>Personnel:</p> <p>A. Employments/Services Motion by President Warren, supported by Treasurer Martin, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geoff Arnoldy – Varsity Boys' Golf Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025 • Amelia Crawford – 1st Grade Teacher/Bennie – Effective 1/6/2025 • Brad Cruts – Varsity Girls' Golf Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025 • Anthony Farkas – Varsity Boys' Soccer Co-Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 12/15/2024 • Shane Farrell – Ski Club Co-Advisor/APMS – Effective 12/10/2025 • David Frazier – Varsity Softball Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025 • Marc Fournier – Custodian/APMS – Effective 12/16/2025 • Kyle Harland – Varsity Boys' Soccer Co-Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 12/13/2025 • Kathleen Hunt – Substitute Teacher/APHS – Effective 1/6/2025 • Charlotte Kehr – Latchkey Worker/Arno – Effective 1/14/2025 • Robin Klement – Substitute Teacher/APHS – Effective 1/6/2025 • Meghan Megill – Varsity Competitive Cheer Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025 • Rachel Trapani – Varsity Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025 • Amber Vasquez – Lunch Paraprofessional/Arno – Effective 1/6/2025 <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> <p>B. Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Fraser – Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach/APHS – Effective 12/11/2024 • Patrick Lemay – Resource Room Teacher/APHS – Effective 12/20/2024 • Shirley Moreno – Bus Aide/Transportation – Effective 12/13/2024 • Kristyn Pierfelice – Spanish Teacher/APHS – Effective 1/6/2025 <p>C. Retirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leslie McCall – 1st Grade Teacher/Bennie – Effective 12/20/2024

1025-008	<p><i>Board Meeting Schedule for 2025</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald, supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the regular & organizational meeting dates and work sessions as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2025-009	<p><i>Designating Signatories – General Fund, Activity Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund, Bond Fund, Debt Service Fund, Payroll and Investments</i></p> <p>Motion by Trustee MacDonald, supported by Trustee Babbage, that the Allen Park Board of Education designates the following signatories for the Allen Park Public School District: President Warren and Treasurer Martin, for the General Fund, Activity Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Food Service Fund, Bond Fund, Debt Service Fund and Investments.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2025-010	<p><i>Appointment of Legal Counsel</i></p> <p>Motion by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Secretary Luecke that the law firms of Keller, Thoma Law and Thrun Law Firm, P.C. be utilized by the district for legal services through 2025 and further, that the Office of the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to exercise the discretion in utilizing the services of legal counsel based on the legal expertise needed in each instance.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2025-011	<p><i>Adoption of Board Norms</i></p> <p>Motion by Secretary Luecke, supported by President Warren that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the Board Norms as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2025-012	<p><i>Committee Structure</i></p> <p>Motion by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education move from individual committee structure to a committee of the whole with ad hoc committees being formed as needed for specific matters.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2025-013	<p><i>Board Member Compensation</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein, supported by President Warren that the Allen Park Board of Education members continue to receive Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per meeting as indicated in board policy.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: Klein, Martin</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would like to share a communication that I received from the State Superintendent: MDE is pleased to see that based on the 2024 Michigan School Index results, APHS that was identified for Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) based on one or more student subgroups performing at or below the bottom 25% in the 2023 identification cycle and were not re-identified in 2024. To not be re-identified for TSI is an indication of progress and a positive step in the journey of continuous improvement. MDE commends the efforts that our district is making to meet the needs of the identified student subgroups and encourages us to continue strengthening the supports being provided to ensure continued growth and improved learner outcomes. – GREAT JOB APHS Shout out to Michelle Kean, APHS Social Worker, for always being available to assist our students when needed, no matter school building they may be in. Thank you, Michelle! Building up to Kindergarten, Part 2 will be held on Thursday, January 16th at 4:30 p.m. at Bennie Elementary. This event is for all incoming Kindergartners to the district and their parents or guardians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is no school for students on Friday, January 17th due to staff professional development and no school for staff and students on Monday, January 20th in honor of MLK, Jr. Day.• Please note that the Reflections Celebration that was scheduled for this Wednesday, January 15th is being rescheduled to February. Please continue to check the district calendar on our website and Parent Square for this event and additional building events.
	<i>Citizens' Comments:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was one person addressing the board at this time. Kendra Payette-Lin gave a shout out to Rousch Industries, Christmas Elves, Shop with the Heroes Program.
	<i>Reports of Officers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary Luecke went to the Night of Remembrance at the Center for the Arts and it was so wonderful. It was touching and respectful and she thanked everyone involved that allowed that to take place.
	<i>Adjournment</i> <p>The organizational meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 7:33 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Luecke, Board Secretary