

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES • January 27, 2025

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The work session of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Riley Education Center in Conference Room B, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, MI 48101.

The work session was called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: President Warren

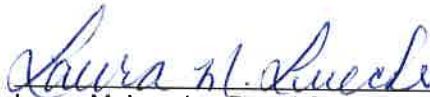
Pledge of Allegiance

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

2025-014	<p>Motion by Trustee MacDonald, supported by Treasurer Martin, that the January 27th work session agenda be approved as presented:</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>
	<p>Lapham Property Discussion</p> <p>Mr. Danny Veri, Livonia Builders came to discuss his offer to purchase the remaining Lapham property lots. He presented the following to give details surrounding his offer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water main issue for last 8 lots. At the meeting w/ prior buyer the city said it would take 700,000 to upgrade that water main.</li><li>• He and Mike met with the city and asked what is it going to cost. The city said if Danny comes up with 100,000.00 they would come up with the rest. He said the DPW really wants to do business with him.</li><li>• The things he will need to do to make the site buildable will total 225,000.00 at most but if it is any less he will gift it back to us.</li><li>• Danny would love to keep momentum going because 6 of his 7 lots are sold.</li></ul> <p>The questions from the board members were answered, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each lot would have one home, this time he is going to include a ranch.</li><li>• He will not have to include detention in the build.</li></ul>
	<p>Graduation Alliance Discussion</p> <p>Mr. Jason Skiba wanted to start the conversation about dropout recovery at the high school. Carolyn Taylor from Graduation Alliance also joined for the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are laws that will limit who can use this, it would be for a student on their way to dropping out of school. This would only apply to a few of our students. This year we have 4 students that would have stayed in the district to take advantage of this program. Different districts use this program differently. In our district this would apply to students needing 11 credits or less going into senior year.</li><li>• We had 11 graduates this December and 7 of them were 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors, it would not apply to them because they were still being successful. This is for those dropping out.</li><li>• This is a cost neutral program. We are only billed if they student is successful and we get FTE for them from the state. They educate the student with online platform and we would get 800.00 per month per student FTE with 600.00 going to Graduation Alliance and 200.00 staying with the district.</li><li>• GA gives each student a Chromebook with Wi-Fi and they have a dedicated teacher if they need help. They have 24/7 tutoring available and they have someone checking in with them weekly.</li><li>• Statewide they graduate about 50% In 20% of cases they actually get them back into the classroom.</li><li>• It would be the board's decision whether or not graduates would get an APHS diploma or a APPS diploma.</li></ul>

	<p>Dr. Tafelski said drop out students are ours until they are picked up by another district for fall count and would count towards our dropout rate.</p> <p>Questions by the board members were addressed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Districts make the determination, but Mr. Skiba suggests no to allowing them to attend school dances and participate in sports.or have the social aspect of school.</li><li>• GA will not bill us unless we can obtain funding.</li><li>• Suspended or expelled students can also take advantage of this</li><li>• 23a is the funding program.</li><li>• Students be able to read at a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level to be considered for this program.</li></ul>
	<p>Discussion of Regular Agenda Items – Dr. Warren went through the regular agenda and any questions by board members were addressed.</p>
	<p>Citizens' Comments: There were no citizen's comments at this time.</p>
	<p>The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 6:55 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary