

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • January 27, 2025

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 7:02 p.m. at the Riley Education Center in Conference Room B, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, MI 48101

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

	<i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda</i> President Warren added Madalynn Cope to Personnel under employment services.
2025-015	The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of January 27 agenda</li><li>▪ Approval of January 13 organizational meeting minutes</li><li>▪ Approval of check registers: 1/9/2025=\$599,880.08; 1/15/2025=\$5,000.00</li></ul>
	<i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren had nothing to report
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary had nothing to share.
	<i>Citizens' Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:</i> There were two citizen's comments at this time. Korin Easlick spoke regarding the addition of a mental health professional and the approval of a ski club volunteer. Kendra Payette-Linn commented regarding the addition of a mental health professional.
	<i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i>  Allen Park Middle School – Maya Bertasio gave an update as to what is going on at the middle school including testing and upcoming events. AP competed in the Future Cities Pre-Engineering event in Northville with 26 districts and came home with 2 trophies. NJHS highlights were included from this past month as well.  Allen Park High School – Grace McGaw gave an update for each class. Some NHS fundraisers were shared and club updates were also given.
	<i>Special Presentation: 2024-2025 Budget Amendment:</i> Mrs. Tiffany Keith went over the proposed budget amendment which included the General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund and the Enhancement Building & Site Capital Projects Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Fund Balance projection is roughly 16%.</li><li>• Overall revenue is up by 841,060.</li><li>• State Aid per pupil funding remains \$9608</li><li>• Expenditures are up 817,993</li><li>• 85% of expenditures is for payroll</li></ul> Mrs. Keith discussed the other funds as well along with answering the board members' questions and addressing their concerns.  A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is included in the minutes for this meeting. The board will vote to accept the budget amendment at the February 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting.

	<p><i>Special Presentation: Board Appreciation Month</i></p> <p>Superintendent Darga shared that January is Board Recognition Month and as a school community, we are grateful to have the support of a wonderful Board of Education here in Allen Park. These civic minded individuals have taken on the responsibility of making many difficult decisions, while keeping the best interests of students at the forefront. The board members were presented gifts to thank each of them for their dedicated service and all that they do.</p>
2025-016	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p>Employments/Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ David Bergman – Ski Club Chaperone/APMS – Effective 1/25/2025</li> <li>▪ Blake Caswell – Ski Club Chaperone/APMS – Effective 1/24/2025</li> <li>▪ Madalynn Cope – ASD Teacher/APMS – Effective 1/28/2025</li> <li>▪ Gerald Klos – Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach – Effective 1/28/2025</li> <li>▪ Harriet Theise – Unified Sports Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025</li> </ul> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Secretary Luecke, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p> <p>Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Karyn Brooks – Unified Sports Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/13/2025</li> </ul>
2025-017	<p><i>Addition of Elementary Resource Room Teacher</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the addition of an Elementary Resource Room Teacher 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>
2025-018	<p><i>Addition of School Mental Health Professional</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Trustee Klein that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the addition of a School Mental Health Professional for the district as presented. Should a School Social Worker be hired, the assignment will include both the Early Childhood programs and Cabrini. Should a School Psychologist be hired, the assignment will include both the Early Childhood programs and Bennie Elementary.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-019	<p><i>Corporate Kiwanis Membership</i></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the district becoming a corporate member of the Allen Park Kiwanis Club 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>
2025-020	<p><i>BP#10.2 Middle School Paving &amp; Site Improvements and BP#11.2/11.3 High School &amp; Operations Yard Paving &amp; Site Improvements</i></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education approve combined Bid Packs 10.2, 11.2 and 11.3 as presented for an amount totaling One Million, Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$1,742,865.00).</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>

2025-021	<p><b>MASB 2025 Board of Directors Election</b></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke, supported by Vice President Filipiak that a vote for candidate Jason Babbage from the Allen Park Board of Education, for the seat on the MASB Board of Directors representing Region 8 for a 3-year term, be submitted.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
	<p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mrs. Maureen Klein, 4<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher at Bennie, has been selected as one of 24 fellows statewide by The Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA). As a fellow, Maureen will participate in professional learning and award-winning authors to support science sensemaking with high-quality integrated literacy. Through this initiative, she will also have the opportunity to engage with nationally recognized science educators and share her insights and experiences, fostering a collaborative environment aimed at enhancing science education across Michigan. Congratulations Mrs. Klein!</li> <li>APMS hosted 7 districts at the Panther Cheer-Fest on Friday night. Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade cheer teams along with their coaches for all taking first place in the completion.</li> <li>APHS Competitive Cheer JV team took first place at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cougar Spirit Invitational, finishing over 100 points above the second-place team!</li> <li>APHS Student Council members and students from Mr. Crew's Leadership Class volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank on Friday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Our group packaged 6,800 pounds of food which will provide our neighbors in need with 13, 440 meals which is outstanding!</li> <li>Belleville, part of Van Buren Schools, is having 15 of their teachers come here to observe our Wonders and UFLI programs to consider them for implementation in their districts.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Citizen's Comments</b> – There was one citizen's comment at this time by Kendra Payette-Linn thanking community organizations for their support of the district.</p>
	<p><b>Reports of Officers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustee MacDonald attend the Future Cities Pre-Engineering program at Suburban Showplace and it was nice seeing two of our groups come away with trophies. This was the first year that Allen Park Middle School offered this class.</li> <li>President Warren, on behalf of herself and the board, thanked Superintendent Darga and the district for the gifts and the recognition.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 7:45 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
 Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary