

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • March 10, 2025

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APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:07 p.m. at the Riley Education Center in the gym/cafeteria, 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, Martin, Warren  
 Absent: MacDonald

	<i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda - None</i>
2025-036	<p>The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Approval of March 10th agenda</li> <li>▪ Approval of February 10<sup>th</sup> work session and regular meeting minutes</li> <li>▪ Approval of check registers: 2/7/2025=\$493,344.18; 2/25/2025=\$909,096.30; 3/7/2025=\$366,667.15</li> <li>▪ Approval of wire transfers: Through February 28, 2025 – \$2,240,385.97</li> </ul>
	<i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly update from Barton Malow which included replacement of ceiling tiles, replacement of classroom lighting and common toilet room renovations both at the high school and at the middle school.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Luecke shared a letter with the board members and the community that Arno Elementary had received from Governor Gretchen Whitmer congratulating them on being named #1 Elementary School in Allen Park by US News.
	<p><i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i></p> <p>Allen Park Middle School – Maya Bertasio reported on upcoming school and NJHS events and announced sports tryouts would be after spring break.</p> <p>Allen Park High School – Easton Danosky shared great things going on at the high school for each class including events and fundraisers along with some club information.</p>
	<p><i>Special Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2025 Competitive Cheer State Champions – Superintendent Darga congratulated the APHS Varsity Cheer Team along with their coaches on winning the MHSAA State Championship title for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in the last 6 years. After a video was shown of Round 3 at the state competition, all athletes and coaches were each presented a certificate from the Board.</li> <li>○ Theatre in Our Schools Month – Delaney Singleton, along with three seniors came to raise awareness on why theatre and art is so important for creating empathy, respect and confidence among students.</li> </ul>
	<i>Citizens' Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:</i> There weren't any citizen's comments at this time.
2025-037	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p>Employments/Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alyssa Collins – School Psychologist/Early Childhood Center – Effective 3/31/2025</li> <li>▪ Matthew deHaan – Boys' Track Assistant Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 3/11/2025</li> <li>▪ Joseph Donnelly – Girls' Track &amp; Field Assistant Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 2/20/2025</li> <li>▪ Angela Given – Resource Room Teacher/Lindemann – Effective 3/3/2025</li> <li>▪ Deborah Moorehead – Food Service/Bennie – Effective 2/26/2025</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kari Schutt – Boys’Track &amp; Field Coach/APMS – Effective 3/11/2025</li> <li>▪ Lynsey Fowler – Varsity Girls’ Soccer Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 1/14/2025</li> <li>▪ Mackenzie Lada – Girls’ Track &amp; Field Head Coach/APMS – Effective 3/11/2025</li> <li>▪ Isabelle Moldonado – Volunteer Girls’ Soccer Coach/APHS – Effective 3/11/2025</li> <li>▪ Caleb Wynn – Girls’ Track &amp; Field Assistant Coach/APMS – Effective 3/11/2025</li> </ul> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed.  Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren  Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p> <p>Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Klein – Substitute Teacher/APMS – Effective 2/28/2025</li> <li>• Mackenzie Lada – Girls’ Track &amp; Field Assistant Coach/APMS – Effective 3/11/2025</li> <li>• Michelle Samson – Boys’ Track &amp; Field Assistant Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 2/26/2025</li> </ul> <p>Dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marc Fournier – Maintenance/Maintenance &amp; Transportation – Effective 2/21/2025</li> </ul> <p>Retirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joel Burkey – Teacher/APHS (34 years) - Effective 2/28/2025</li> <li>• Michael Laffrey – Bus Driver/Transportation (4.5 years) – Effective 2/28/2025</li> </ul>
2025-038	<p><i>Lapham Property Offer</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education accept the counter offer from Livonia Builders to purchase the remaining Lapham Property for an amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) as presented.  Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren  Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-039	<p><i>Limited Schools of Choice Option (K-8) for the 2025-2026 School Year</i></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications of non-resident students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade from outside the District, who reside within the Wayne County Intermediate School District, for limited open enrollment in Allen Park Public Schools for the 2025-26 school year, in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105.  Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren  Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-040	<p><i>John Deere Compact Loader Purchase</i></p> <p>Moved by Treasurer Martin, supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of a John Deere 204G Compact Loader for an amount of One Hundred Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$111,682.20) using bond funds as presented.  Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren  Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
	<p><i>Superintendent’s Report</i></p> <p>SHOUT OUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 8<sup>th</sup> grade band had the first festival experience in over 10 years at Woodhaven and they ended up right in the middle of the pack. This was awesome considering a full quarter of the band was out due to illness. They are looking forward at what they can do when they are full strength.</li> <li>• Kudos to the High School Drama Club and everyone who helped make their production of <i>The Theory of Relativity</i> such a great success.</li> <li>• Congratulations to Varsity Boys’ Swim Team and their coaches on being named Downriver League Champions.</li> <li>• Shout out to our 4 Wrestling State Finalists: Bradenburg, England, Jaber and Tuccini. Mya Brandenburg placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the State and Adeline Tuccini placed 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulations to the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team and their coaches who won the district title Friday night, good luck at Regionals.</li> <li>• Another shout out to the Varsity Competitive Cheer team and their coaches for all of their hard work and dedication to win States.</li> </ul> <p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no school this Friday due to staff professional development.</li> <li>• Just a reminder to everyone that this Saturday is the Spring Fever Craft Show at Allen Park High School. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the event goes until 3 p.m., Make sure you stop in and check out all of the vendors and what they have to offer.</li> <li>• There is no school this Friday due to staff professional development.</li> <li>• Spring Break begins on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> and classes resume on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>. Superintendent Darga wished all students and staff a well-deserved, restful and safe break.</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Citizen's Comments</i> – There were two citizens comments at this time. Kendra Payette-Linn regarding Social Worker Month and Nancy Knick inviting the Board to join in the Memorial Day Parade (Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm – lineup is at 1 pm).</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee Babbage.....Progress</li> <li>• Trustee Klein attended and reported on the cheer finals. When Allen Park won, all the other teams started doing our cheer, even Carlson. That was impressive and you don't see that often in other sports.</li> <li>• President Warren wished all athletes good luck in the upcoming tryouts.</li> </ul>
<p>2025-041</p>	<p><i>Closed Session</i>          Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee Klein that the Allen Park Board of Education enter closed session at 8:00 p.m. for student discipline pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 8(b).          Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren          Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Treasurer Martin the that Allen Park Board of Education resume open session at 8:15 p.m.          Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren          Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
<p>2025-042</p>	<p><i>Discipline Determination for Student 022025</i>          Moved by Trustee Klein, supported by Trustee Babbage that based on the information shared in the closed session, the Allen Park Board of Education uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for Student 022025 to be expelled through the end of the 2024-2025 school year for a total of 71 school days.          Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren          Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
<p>2025-043</p>	<p><i>Closed Session</i>          Moved by Trustee Klein, supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education enter closed session at 8:18 p.m. for student discipline pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 8(b).          Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren          Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein, supported by Secretary Luecke the that Allen Park Board of Education resume open session at 9:05 p.m.          Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren          Nays: None  <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>

2025-044	<p><i>Discipline Determination for Student 013125</i> Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Treasurer Martin that based on the information shared during the closed session, Student 013125 be expelled for a total of 180 school days or to the fullest extent allowed by law. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
	<p><i>Adjournment</i> The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 9:07 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary