

ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • April 14, 2025

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, April 14, 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, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Absent: Filipiak, Klein

	<i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda –</i> • The APHS Girls' Group Presentation was removed. • The Closed Session Discipline Hearing was removed.
2025-045	The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent. ▪ Approval of April 14 agenda ▪ Approval of March 10 work session, regular meeting and closed sessions minutes ▪ Approval of check registers: 3/33/2025=\$981,458.38; 3/16/2025=\$2,187.04; 3/19/2025=\$500.00; 3/20/2025=\$285,107.31; 3/21/2025=\$44,672.35; 4/9/2025=\$1,179,423.40; 4/10/2025=\$6,396.34 ▪ Approval of wire transfers: Through March 31, 2025 totaling \$2,179,498.30
	<i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly update from Barton Malow which included the recent work done at the high school and middle school.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Luecke shared a thank you card from Lamar Davis and family for the arrangement sent to his father's funeral service.
	<i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i> Allen Park Middle School – Maya Bertasio gave an update from the middle school including recent and upcoming events including NJHS, clubs and athletics. Allen Park High School – Dylan Armbruster gave an update from the high school including what is happening with each class, student council, various clubs and the APHS band
	<i>Special Presentations:</i> ○ APHS Track Coaches Recognition – Superintendent Darga recognized coaches Andrew DeHaan, Zachery Murray, Matthew DeHaan and Paul LaCroix for their heroic lifesaving actions of one of our student athletes. ○ 2025 AASL Distinguished School Administrator Award – Superintendent Darga congratulated Mr. Jason Skiba for being named the recipient of the 2024 AASL Distinguished School Administrator Award.
	<i>Citizens' Comments Pertaining to Agenda Items:</i> There was one citizen's comment from Bianca Sotelo regarding board policy update 5350 – Student Health, Well Being and Suicide Prevention.
2025-046	<i>Personnel:</i> Employments/Services • Nicholas Church – JV Girls' Soccer Head Coach/APHS – Effective 4/15/2025 • Noah Collins – Volunteer Track Coach/APHS – Effective 4/15/2025 • Henry Kraszewski – Bus Driver/Maintenance & Transportation – Effective 3/12/2025 • Carolyn Morris – Varsity Competitive Cheer Co-Assistant Coach/APHS - Effective 3/5/2025 • Sally Ortiz – Midnight Custodian/APHS – Effective 3/10/2025 • Jamal Robertson – Volunteer Lacrosse Coach/APHS – Effective 4/15/2025

	• Brock Roy – Volunteer Lacrosse Coach/APHS – Effective 4/15/2025 • Benjamin Shaw – Girls' Track & Field Assistant Co-Coach/APHS – Effective 3/11/2025 • Jade Thomas – Special Education Department Parapro/APHS – Effective 4/14/2025 • Addison Wallace – Payroll & Benefits Coordinator/Riley – Effective 4/28/2025 Moved by Treasurer Martin and supported by Trustee Babbage, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u> Resignations • Corey Berry – Special Education Department Parapro/APHS – Effective 3/7/2025 • Jacob Chapman – Varsity Wrestling Coach/APHS – Effective 3/20/2025 • Mary Jo Dias – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 3/19/2025 • Fabiola Espinosa – Food Service/Arno – Effective 4/4/2025 • Adam Gulick – Boys' Varsity Head Basketball Coach/APHS – Effective 3/13/2025 • Alison Hagedorn – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 4/1/2025 • Nikki Hartley – Girls' Track Head Coach/APMS – Effective 2/24/2025 • John Kemble – Custodian/Maintenance & Transportation – Effective 3/10/2025 • Kyle Kirkpatrick – Varsity Hockey Coach/APHS – Effective 9/27/2024 Dismissal • Marc Fournier – Maintenance/Maintenance & Transportation – Effective 2/21/2025
2025-047	<i>Ratifying Resolution</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the offer from Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. to purchase the Bonds pursuant to the authority delegated in the Bond Ratifying Resolution as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
2025-048	<i>Resolution Calling for Full, Permanent Funding of IDEA</i> Moved by Secretary Luecke, supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education submit to Congress and the state legislature to support full, permanent funding of IDEA. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
	<i>Neola Board Policy Update 39-2 First Reading (no action)</i> The Neola Policy Updates 39-2 were presented to the members of the Board of Education for review. Neola routinely reviews our policies to ensure that they are current, up to date and compliant with local, state or federal law, as well as making necessary clarifications. The board will consider adopting these 39-2 policy updates at the next regular meeting on May 12, 2025. • 0131.1 – Bylaws and Policies • 5320 – Immunization • 5330 – Use of Medications • 5330.01 – Epinephrine Auto-Injectors • 5350 – Student Health, Well-Being, and Suicide Prevention • 8320 – Personnel Files • 8500 – Food Services • 8510 – Wellness
2025-049	<i>Middle School and High School Furniture Purchase</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the purchase of teacher desks and chairs at the high school and middle school as well as the furniture purchase for the Middle School Media Center for an amount of Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (\$418,185.95) as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>

2025-050	<i>EV Bus Charging Station</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education award the installation of five (5) charging units for electric school busses to Income Power for an amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) as proposed. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
2025-051	<i>Taylor School District Career Technical Education Cooperative Agreement</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by President Warren that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Career Technical Education Cooperative Agreement with Taylor School District for the 2025-2026 school year. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
2025-052	<i>APHS Cedar Point Field Trip</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the APHS Physics & Engineering field trip to Cedar Point on May 22, 2025 as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
	<i>Superintendent's Report</i> SHOUT OUTS: • Bus driver, Genny Stover was congratulated for being nominated by her peers and selected to receive the 2025 Wayne County Excellence in Transportation Award for Allen Park Public Schools. This award is presented to individuals who exemplify excellence in providing or supporting the safe transportation of students in Wayne County. • A HUGE round of applause to was given to Ms. VanMaele, Mrs. Ferrante and Mr. Kischuk who went above and beyond this April to advocate for our multilingual students and families. Because of their initiative, our multilingual learners felt seen, supported and celebrated-exactly as they should be! Their dedication is making a lasting impact, and we couldn't be more grateful. • The Allen Park Center for Early Childhood Education had their Open House at the end of March. Kudos were given to Nickie Roller and her entire staff and all of their hard work, creativity and energy to make the APCECE Open House a huge success. They hosted 130 families with 300+ attending the event. Parents had so many great things to say about the program and it is all because of the passion and dedication they bring every day. • Congratulations to Team 815 Advanced Power Jags on a great 2025 competition season and for performing well enough to participate in the State Robotics Competition at SVSU. • Congratulations to Liliana Knapp who placed 3rd in the District Figure Skating Competition and 4th at States. Great Job Liliana! • Board of Education members, Jason Babbage, Sarah Filipiak, Laura Luecke and Jennifer Warren, have gone above and beyond in their commitment to excellence in school governance! Through their hard work and dedication, these board members have earned Distinguished Levels of Certification through the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB)—a true testament to their passion for learning, leading, and serving our district with heart. UPCOMING EVENTS: • Kindergarten Round-Up will be at each elementary building on Monday, May 12th starting at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on attending if you have an incoming kindergartner.
	<i>Citizen's Comments</i> – There were no citizen's comments at this time.
	<i>Adjournment</i> The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary