

ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • June 9, 2025

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APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Riley Education Center, 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

	There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.
2025-064	The Consent Agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Approval of June 9th agenda▪ Approval of May 12th work session and regular meeting minutes▪ Check Registers: 5/13/2025=\$30,698.12; 5/21/2025=\$318,044.17 5/27/2025=\$26,985.25; 5/28/2025=\$401,919.08; 5/29/2025=\$13,529.89; 6/4/2025=\$1,734.40; 6/6/2025=\$560.00▪ Approval of wire transfers through May 31, 2024=\$2,366,494.86
	<i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly construction update from Barton Malow which included the recent progress at the middle school and high school.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Luecke had nothing at this time.
	<i>Special Presentation Honoring Dr. John Tafelski</i> Congratulations Dr. John Tafelski on being chosen as the new Superintendent for Royal Oak Public Schools. We are incredibly excited for you and wish you all the best as you begin this new chapter as the educational leader of Royal Oak's school district. Over the past eight years, you have made a lasting and positive impact on our students, staff, and programs here at APPS. We are proud and honored to have been a part of your educational journey and growth as a leader. Your leadership, dedication and commitment to excellence will be deeply missed. Once again, congratulations! And remember.... once a JAG always a JAG!
2025-065 2025-066 2025-067	<i>Personnel:</i> <i>A. Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation</i> WHEREAS, the Allen Park Public School District has been fortunate to have a dedicated staff committed to the mission of the District, and WHEREAS, several members of that staff are now about to embark on new adventures in life away from the Allen Park Public Schools, and WHEREAS, we, as members of the Allen Park Board of Education, wish to extend our utmost appreciation for the work that these staff members have done to make education an exciting and joyous experience for the students of our district, and WHEREAS, the Board wishes to extend our sincere best wishes for every happiness in the future to those staff members who will be leaving the district at the end of this 2024-25 school year,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allen Park Board of Education recognizes and appreciates the remarkable 481 collective years of service of those employees, departing the District, those employees being:

- Cathy Anderson – Secretary/Arno Elementary – 26 Years of Service
- Patricia Curnell - Teacher/Allen Park Middle School – 31 Years of Service
- Alise Grant – Human Resources Coordinator/Riley – 20 Years of Service
- Renee Guyot - Teacher/Arno Elementary - 33 Years of Service
- Tom Hoover - Teacher/Allen Park High School - 26 Years of Service
- Michelle Magee – Secretary/Bennie Elementary – 24 Years of Service
- Julie Martinchick – Teacher/Arno Elementary – 26 Years of Service
- Robin Partrich – Head Custodian/Bennie – 28 Years of Service
- Joannie Payne – Payroll & Benefits Coordinator/Riley – 17 Years of Service
- Barbra Pushman – Teacher/Arno Elementary – 31 Years of Service
- Lisa Smalley – Teacher/Arno Elementary - 30 Years of Service
- Sharon Uhring – Teacher/Allen Park Middle School – 31 Years of Service
- Monica VanTuyle – Teacher/Allen Park Middle School – 30 Years of Service
- Dawn Watson – Teacher/Arno Elementary – 26 Years of Service
- Beth Wesley – Teacher/Arno Elementary – 36 Years of Service

and wishes them well in all future endeavors, and further, that this resolution of Recognition and Appreciation be duly recorded and spread across the minutes of the Allen Park Board of Education on this 9th day of June, 2025.

Moved by Treasurer Martin, supported by Trustee Klein that the Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation of the Class of 2025 Retirees be adopted by the Allen Park Board of Education for the individuals as listed.

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Employments/Services

Moved by Vice President Filipiak, supported by Trustee Babbage that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Allen Park Board of Education for the individuals as listed.

- Timothy Brickey – Esports Club/APHS – Effective 6/2/2025
- Joslyn Laz-a-rev-sky – Human Resources Coordinator/Riley – Effective 6/16/2025
- Maureen Martin – ELA Department Chair/APMS – Effective 9/1/2025
- Joey PeJuan – Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 3/7/2025
- Drake Steele – Boys' Cross-Country Coach/APMS – Effective 8/4/2025
- Rondelle Vietzke – Math Department Chair/APMS – Effective 9/1/2025

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Resignations:

The following resignations have been received and accepted:

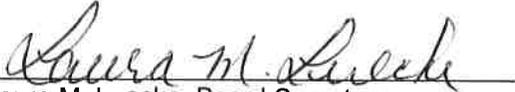
- Jessica Brayman – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie
- Todd Burke – Music Teacher/Lindemann
- Patsy Curnell – 7th Grade Softball Coach/APMS
- Keagen D'Arcy – GSRP Asst. Teacher/APCECE & Summer Camp Worker/Community Services
- Lauren Edwards - 3rd Grade Teacher/Lindemann
- Patricia Messer – 8th Grade Softball Coach/APMS
- Dr. John Tafelski – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction/Riley

	<p><i>D. Tenure Recognition</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Vice President Filipiak that the following teachers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Taylor Cuddy ▪ Lauren Edwards ▪ Rachel Imes ▪ April Lopez ▪ Jaylon Sims ▪ Deak Swearingen ▪ Alison Wancha-Navoy ▪ Dustin Warner ▪ Jeffrey Wojack ▪ Emily Yeater <p>being granted tenure status as teachers in the Allen Park Public School District, be officially recognized and congratulated by the Allen Park Board of Education. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p>
	<p><i>Retirees Reception</i> – The Board recessed from 7:30 p.m. to 8:05 p.m. for the board to enjoy refreshments with the retirees and those receiving tenure.</p>
	<p><i>APHS Athletic Department Update</i> Mr. Jim Victor gave a sports wrap up for the year mentioning the various sports and academic accomplishments for our athletes. His presentation also included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 571 (51%) of our enrolled students participate in a sport, 161 of them are 2-sport athletes and 43 are 3-sport athletes • 77 of our athletes were named All-League in their respective sports • Over 20 of our graduating seniors are going on to play college level • 45% of our student athletes in grades 10-12 received All-League Academic Honors (GPA of 3.3 or higher) through the Downriver League • 13,300 tickets were sold through our district hosting events. <p>Mr. Victor thanked the Superintendent, the School Board, the coaching staff and the booster clubs for their support.</p>
<p>2025-068</p>	<p><i>Property Tax Rate Certification (Non-Homestead Debt Rate)</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the rate certification resolution for the full authorized millage rate of 18 mills levied on Non-Homestead property in the district for the purpose of maintaining programs, staff and services and a school debt rate of 12 mills for the 2025-26 school year. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p>
<p>2025-069</p>	<p><i>Chromebook Refresh</i> Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee Klein that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Chromebook refresh package through Vivacity Tech for an amount of Six Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$675,712.00) to be paid for using bond funds as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p>
<p>2025-070</p>	<p><i>Cooperative Education Agreement for William D. Ford Career Technical Center -Wayne-Westland School District</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin, that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Cooperative Education Program Agreement with Wayne-Westland Community School District for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p>

<p>2025-071</p>	<p><i>Approve High School Honor's ELA Change to AP Seminar</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve changing High School Honor's ELA to become AP Seminar beginning with the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p>
<p>2025-072</p>	<p><i>Approve Big Ideas Math Renewal</i> Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the renewal of Big Ideas Math for grades K-5 for three years for One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$158,416.50) as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
<p>2025-073</p>	<p><i>Science Curriculum Approval</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Science Curriculum Implementation Plan for grades K-5 as presented using Open Sci Ed and Mystery Science to be paid for out of the curriculum textbooks account line item. Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
	<p><i>Discuss High School Philosophy Elective Pilot</i> Dr. Tafelski shared with the board members that Dan Loyd will be teaching two sections of Philosophy, one section in the fall and one in the winter. Mr. Loyd will talk mostly about philosophy itself and not so much about philosophers. Students are excited about this offering.</p>
	<p><i>Presentation of Financial Information - 2025-2026 Proposed Budget</i> Mrs. Tiffany Keith provided information regarding the 2025-26 Proposed Budget based on estimated revenue/budget assumptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student count of 3700, • State funding to include various scenarios (House Proposal, Governor Proposal, Senate Proposal); • Federal Grants consistent with FY25 amounts (IDEA, Title(s)) • Local property tax slight increase (18 mills remain levied on all non-homestead properties). <p>Estimated expenditures - Budget Assumptions/Facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salary increases/steps for all groups/employees; • Staff replacements due to retirements and resignations; • Hard cap increase for 2026 health care costs of 2.9% (effective January, 2026) • ORS district capped rate is 29.91% • Total ORS rate for budgeting purposes is at 45% • Grant expenditures for Title(s) and IDEA match proposed grant amounts <p>Mrs. Keith recommended the Governor's proposal, which would give us 15.76% equity. She went over all of the other proposals to give their figures as well.</p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Update</i> Shout Outs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday night was graduation, I would like to give a huge shout out to all of our graduating seniors and all administration and staff who help make prom and commencement an unforgettable experience. Congratulations and best of luck to our Class of 2025 graduates. • A big congratulations goes out to former APHS Jags Jacob Meyers and Max Cronkhite on successfully meeting their goals in the Wyandotte Transition Program and becoming ready to enter the world of work.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The elementary Honors Choir did an incredible job on their Animal Extravaganza concert making everyone proud, especially Ms. Murphy.• Congratulations to Ms. Singleton & the Allen Park Players on winning the Educational Theatre Association TIOS Outstanding Impact Award!• Congratulations to all Spring athletes and thank you to Mr. Victor for giving us his season wrap-up this evening. <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday is the last day of school for students. I wish all students and staff a safe and enjoyable summer, we will see you all back in the fall!
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments:</i> There were no citizen's comments at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer Martin congratulated all of the graduates, retirees and new hires.
	<p><i>Adjournment</i> President Warren adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,


Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary