

# ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • June 23, 2025

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APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 7:03 p.m. at the Riley Education Center, 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, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren  
Absent: Klein

	<p><i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:</i> Nicole Floyd, High School Special Ed Department Aide, is being removed from the new employments section of #11 as her pre-employment process has not been completed yet.</p>
2025-074	<p>Motion by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee MacDonald, that the agenda be approved as presented Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p>
	<p><i>President's Communications:</i> None at this time</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i> Secretary Luecke had nothing at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Public Budget Hearing: 2025-26 Proposed Budget</i> As required by law, a public hearing was posted and held for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance, provided the first draft of the proposed budget at the June 9th Board of Education meeting. There were no changes to report since that presentation. The proposed budget was published on the district website, along with the agenda, in advance of the meeting. Mrs. Keith was available to address any further questions by the board at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments Pertaining to the 2025-2026 Proposed Budget:</i> There were no citizen's comments at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Special Presentation - Dr. John Tafelski:</i></p> <p><b>98b Student Growth</b> Dr. Tafelski presented data on 98b Student Growth which included updates for 98c Learning Loss and Lost Instructional Time. The community was updated on student growth and academic progress. For grades K-8 he reviewed the NWEA data and for grades 9-12 he reviewed grades and SAT/PSAT scores fulfilling the requirement for Section 97, 98b &amp; c and 31aa. The data does highlight our district goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allen Park Public Schools will employ a Multi-Tiered System of support to support the academic and social emotional well-being of our students in order to improve standardized test results when compared to the previous year. The MTSS Framework will encompass instructional and behavioral interventions to meet the needs of all of our learners.</li><li>• Allen Park Public Schools will utilize a framework of culturally responsive pedagogy at all levels and in every subject area to ensure students are comfortable in their learning environment.</li></ul>

Dr. Tafelski explained the student growth for each building and grade using graphs and charts.

**Demographic data**

- The overall enrollment for APPS has decreased by 0.7% from 2021 – 2025.
- The change in enrollment for Economically Disadvantage, English Learners, and Special Education, data has shown that students in these categories could require additional resources. Collectively, APPS enrollment in these categories has increased by 17%. Additionally, APPS has experienced increasing racial diversity from 2021-2025.

**Reading Data – Opportunities for Improvement**

- Small group instruction (we are seeing MAJOR success at the MS in addition to sustained success at the elementary)
- Refining our MTSS process
- Review of material success for the 24/25 school year

**Math Data-**

- Arno, Bennie and Lindemann Math scores show that our kids are doing a wonderful job
- MS Math far exceeded last year.
- Opportunities for Improvement: Math Workshop K-8; Continued Support of Curricular Material
- Math improvement is still a focus, especially with our 98c Learning Loss funds being used for Math Coaches.

**Middle School Data**

- Math and science scores far exceeded last year and students are just doing a wonderful job.
- Refocusing on instruction and assessment and it is really paying off.

**High School Data:**

- Good news at HS – we have improved with the number of D/E (17%) with E's being only 7%
- 343 Students took 534 AP courses this year, last year it was 331 taking 494.
- We can increase rigor without sacrificing grades, we just need to increase the supports.

**What Comes Next:**

- We will continue our progress monitoring and MTSS (Progress Monitoring Chart was explained)
- We have made it a district priority to focus on small group instruction, and the results show this commitment is working. Small Group instruction is increasing in Math.
- At the high school, there is a constant focus on the Success Team to make sure that students who are struggling are on teacher and administrator radars with interventions as necessary.

***Reconfirmation of Learning Plan***

- The Plan is posted on the district website and hasn't changed.
- This should be the last year we have to do this.

All board members' questions were addressed.

2025-075

***Personnel:***

***Employments/Services***

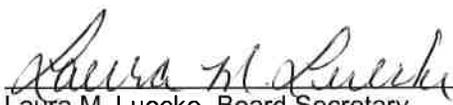
Motion by Trustee MacDonald, supported by Vice President Filipiak, that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:

- Jennifer Chapman – ASD Teacher/APMS – Effective 8/26/2025
- Caroline Demou – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher/Bennie – Effective 8/26/2025
- Steven Ellison – Resource Room Teacher/APHS – Effective 8/26/2025
- Stephanie Fischer – Kindergarten Teacher/Arno – Effective 8/26/2025
- Brittney Hartley – Link Crew/APHS – Effective 7/1/2025
- Melissa Hool – Science Department Chair/APMS – Effective 7/1/2025
- Steven Johnson – Volunteer Basketball Coach/APHS – Effective 7/1/2015
- Ava Kuczmariski – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher/Bennie – Effective 8/26/2025
- Raymond Lauth – Volunteer Tennis Coach/APHS – Effective 7/1/2025
- April Lopez – Student Council Co-Chair/APHS – Effective 7/1/2025
- Julie Risher – Link Crew/APHS – Effective 7/1/2025
- Heather Rottermond – Curriculum Director/Central Office – Effective 6/24/2025
- Gwen Ruetz – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher/Arno – Effective 8/26/2025
- Ayden Salmons – ELA Teacher/APMS – Effective 8/26/2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morgan Sizemore – Summer Camp Worker/Community Services – Effective 6/16/2025</li> <li>• Emily Smith – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher/Arno – Effective 8/26/2025</li> <li>• McKenna Wiejacha – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher/Arno – Effective 8/26/2025</li> <li>• Heather Woelkers – Girls' Cross-Country Coach/APMS – Effective 8/18/2025</li> <li>• Joseph Wojnar – Robotics Club Sponsor/APHS – Effective 7/1/2025</li> </ul> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></b></p> <p>Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandra Bennett – Substitute Social Worker/APHS – Effective 6/17/2025</li> <li>• Alisea Bowns – Independence Para/Lindemann – Effective 6/10/2025</li> <li>• Michelle Buchanan – SSD Test Coordinator/APHS – Effective 6/4/2025</li> <li>• Joshua DeChane – Summer Camp Worker/Community Services – Effective 6/13/2025</li> <li>• Jasyn Krastes – Summer Camp Worker/Community Services – Effective 6/13/2025</li> <li>• Brittany McCone – Substitute Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 6/9/2025</li> <li>• Melody Maggard – Independence Paraprofessional/Lindemann – Effective 6/11/2025</li> <li>• Dallas Minni – Lunch Paraprofessional/Lindemann – 6/6/2025</li> <li>• Marielys Roldan – Summer Camp Worker/Community Services – Effective 6/13/2025</li> <li>• Lori Ross – School Psychologist/APHS – Effective 6/13/2025</li> <li>• Nicole Smith – Color Guard Coach/APHS – Effective 6/12/2025</li> <li>• Emily Vickers – School Psychologist/APHS – Effective 6/13/2025</li> <li>• Amy West – Test Coordinator/APHS – Effective 6/4/2025</li> </ul>
2025-076	<p><i>Reconfirmation of Learning Plan</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Reconfirmation of Learning Plan as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-077	<p><i>2024-2025 Final Budget</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the proposed final budget for the 2024-2025 school year as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-078	<p><i>2025-2026 Budget Adoption</i></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-079	<p><i>General Appropriations Resolutions for 2025-26 Budget</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the General Appropriations Resolutions for the General Fund Budget, Building and Site Capital Projects Fund Budget, Food Service Fund Budget, Debt Fund Budget and Activity Fund Budget as presented for the 2025-2026 school year.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-080	<p><i>School Loan Revolving Fund- Michigan Department of Treasury</i></p> <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education</p>

	<p>adopt the attached resolution allowing the District to borrow from the State of Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund in the amount of Four Million, Seven Hundred Seven Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$4,707,186.00).</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-081	<p><i>Renewal of Auditorium Manager Contract</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education extend the administrative support contract for Ashley Somers, Auditorium Manager for the Allen Park Center for the Arts to June 30, 2026 as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-082	<p><i>Memberships</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the memberships with MASB and Metropolitan Bureau of School Studies be renewed for the 2025-26 school year. And further, that the attached Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the year August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026 be adopted as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-083	<p><i>Drama Club Field Trip</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the request for the APHS Drama Club to take 5 of their students to the Michigan Thespians Leadership Camp at Northern Michigan University from July 22nd – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
2025-084	<p><i>APHS Cross Country Team Camp</i></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the request for the APHS Cross Country team to attend camp at Proud Lake Recreation Area in Commerce Township, Michigan from Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None</p> <p><b><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></b></p>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments:</i> There were no citizen's comments at this time</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <p>Warren – Thanked Dr. Tafelski for everything, said goodbye and wished him well as Superintendent at Royal Oak Schools.</p>
	<p><i>Adjournment</i></p> <p>The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 8:00 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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 Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary