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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES • September 8, 2025

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APPROVED

The work session of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Riley Education Center in the Gym/Cafeteria, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, MI 48101.

The work session was called to order/Instruction for Public Comments: President Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

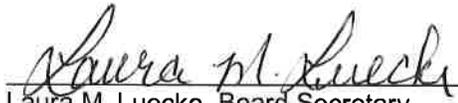
Roll Call/Present: Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Absent: Babbage, Filipiak (late)

2025-100	Motion by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee MacDonald, that the September 8th work session agenda be approved as presented. Yeas: Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
	Vice President Filipiak arrived at 6:09 p.m.
	<i>Presentation: Summer School Wrap-Up by Mr. Steve Zielinski</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any student at risk is invited to attend summer school. Special ed students are invited based on teacher input.• This past summer 185 students had registered and bussing was provided to Bennie and Lindemann students.• Mr. Zielinski explained the daily schedule, enrichment sessions this year were focused on STEM.• Literacy for K-2 focused on UFLI and interventions were delivered through small group instruction.• Math interventions were delivered through small group instruction using Math Extensions. Hands-on games were also used through Math Recovery.• Data bar graphs show growth over the summer in literacy and math. 100% of students attending summer school defeated the summer slide!• There were lots of positive comments from parents and staff.
	<i>Presentation: School Climate Survey Summary by Mrs. Heather Rottermond</i> <p>Mrs. Rottermond went through all of the school climate surveys from all of the buildings, summarizing them for the board. Staff, parents and students were all given the opportunity to complete a survey. Based on those who actually took the survey, some results included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EC parents were highly satisfied and would recommend the program to others, teachers reported high ratings in dealing with parents and colleagues.• Elementary parents commented that they would like less screen time and consistent communication. Teachers commented on needing to improve the cleanliness of the buildings.• MS comments had a lot of strengths according to the parents. Teachers felt supported and appreciated the high expectations of them. 82% of students participated in a group or club. Parents want to see increased opportunities for themselves.• HS teachers are finding high student engagement following the new cell phone policy. 87% of students feel they have a teacher that they feel comfortable with. <p>Mrs. Rottermond will look into sharing the survey results with the staff and parents.</p>

	<p><i>Discussion about High School Ranking by Mrs. Rottermond</i> There was some concern about the high school rankings that recently came out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data that used in that ranking was from 2022-23 and it focused on seniors taking AP classes. At Allen Park we offer AP classes at all levels not just in 12th grade. • Graduation & Dropout rates also affect the data. Mrs. Rottermond discussed this with Mr. Skiba and the importance of “finding” the students that leave the high school to get them off our list. • Trustee MacDonald noted that there were 18 students who did not graduate. We need to check and see why. Maybe some of them graduated after credit recovery over the summer.
	<p><i>Discussion about District Attorney Representation</i> Superintendent Darga had provided options for the board to consider since Ms. Gouri Sashital, our district attorney, was moving to a new firm. Each firm to consider had submitted information for review. All board members seemed happy with Kevin Foley’s firm regarding pricing and what they had to offer. If the board decides to go with Foley & Robinette they would like to set up a meet & greet at the next board meeting.</p>
	<p>Citizens’ Comments – There were no citizen’s comments at this time.</p>
	<p>The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 7:08 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary