

ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • February 9, 2026

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APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7:00 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 at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren

Absent: MacDonald

	<p><i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda</i> There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.</p>
2026-011	<p>The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of February 9, 2026 Agenda • Approval of January 12 organizational meeting minutes • Approval of January 29 special meeting/training minutes • Approval of check registers: 1/9/2026=\$1,021,275.13; 1/14/2026=\$364,784.36; 1/22/2026=\$605,682.55; 1/22/2026=\$500.00; 1/28/2026=353,640.75; 1/29/2026=\$4,732.79 • Approval of wire transfers through January 31, 2026= \$2,040,275.74
	<p><i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly update from Barton Malow which included recent and in progress work at the middle school pool, elementary lighting replacement and operations building along with the future construction schedule.</p>
	<p><i>Reading of Communications:</i></p>
	<p><i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Park Middle School – Brayden Warren shared updates regarding student council, NJHS, clubs, sports and activities. • Allen Park High School – Arianna Davis shared updates regarding Homecoming, class fundraisers and events, NHS and various clubs.
	<p><i>Citizen's Comments (Agenda Items)</i> There were no citizen's comments at this time.</p>
	<p><u><i>Special Presentation:</i></u> Strategic Plan Update - School and Community Relations Committee The focus areas that were presented by members of the committee included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal 1: Relationship Building • Goal 2: Meaningful & Inclusive Events <p>These areas were discussed the emphasis on Staff Engagement, Community Engagement and K-12 focus with board members' questions being addressed by the team.</p>
	<p><u><i>Special Presentation:</i></u> APMS: Credit-Based Promotion (Pat Donohue) Currently, students at APMS are promoted primarily based on grade-level completion rather than demonstrated academic mastery. This practice has resulted in some students entering APHS without the foundational skills, study habits and accountability required for success. A credit-based promotion model introduces clear expectations, encourages personal responsibility, and aligns middle school rigor with high school standards. This system aims to ensure every student entering high school has demonstrated readiness academic ally, socially and behaviorally.</p> <p>The committee discussed the proposed structure, student support systems, promotion criteria, credit recovery and intervention as well as their expected outcomes. The board members engaged in the discussion with all of their questions being addressed.</p>

	<p><u>Special Presentation:</u> 2025-2026 Budget Amendment Mrs. Tiffany Keith went over the proposed budget amendment which included the General Fund, Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund and the Enhancement Building & Site Capital Projects Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Fund Balance projection is roughly 14%. • Overall revenue is up by \$2,989,334. • State Aid per pupil funding is up to \$10,050 • Expenditures are up \$2,797,098 • 84% of expenditures is for payroll <p>Mrs. Keith discussed the other funds as well along with answering the board members' questions and addressing any concerns.</p>
	<p><u>Special Presentation:</u> Mid-Year Educational Goals Update Mrs. Heather Rottermond presented her mid-year data update to the board addressing any questions from the board members.</p>
	<p><i>President Warren called a recess from 8:17 p.m. – 8:24 p.m.</i></p>
2026-012	<p><u>Personnel:</u> Employments/Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad Bonmon – 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach/APMS • Lena Dluzynski – Food Service Worker/APMS • Scott Fowler – Girls' Soccer Coach/APMS • Steven Guerriero – Volunteer Softball Assistant Coach/APMS • Sophia Maldonado – Varsity Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach (Split) /APHS • Bryan Sparks – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie • Drake Steele – Girls' Track Head Coach/APMS • Thomas Stineman – JV Girls' Soccer Head Coach/APHS • Halena Sutowski – Girls' JV B Tennis Coach/APHS • Nicole Tucci – Resource Room Teacher/APHS <p>Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee Klein 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 Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED.</u></p> <p>Resignations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thamer Al-Amara – Lunch Paraprofessional & Latchkey Worker/Lindemann • Nick Church – Girls' JV Soccer Coach/APHS • Marissa Hamovitz – Lunch Paraprofessional/Lindemann • Mackenzie Lada – Track & Field Head Coach/APMS • Jacqueline Raidl – Special Ed Paraprofessional/Lindemann • Jeff Rubley – 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach/APMS • Christy Tyra – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie <p>Retirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanette Sabo – Head Custodian/APMS (21 years)
2026-013	<p><u>Banked Day Buy Back for Admin/Directors</u> Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the 10-year banked day buyback proposal for building-level administrators and district directors as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, Warren Nays: Martin Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2026-014	<p><u>Athletic Coordinator Proposal</u> Moved by Treasurer Martin and supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the creation of an Athletic Coordinator position and to hire and to post, interview and hire an individual to build a strong, collaborative relationship, coordinate event coverage, supervision, and</p>

	<p>operational needs across the secondary level as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: MacDonald <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2026-015	<p><i>2025-2026 Budget Amendment</i> Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Budget Amendment as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Filipiak, Luecke, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: MacDonald <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2026-016	<p><i>APHS Model UN Conference</i> Moved by Treasurer Martin and supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the APHS Model UN Conference in East Lansing from March 13 – 15, 2026 as presented. Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Filipiak, Martin, Warren Nays: None Abstain: Luecke (Model UN Sponsor) Absent: MacDonald <u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
	<p><i>Citizen's Comments (Non-Agenda Items)</i> – There were none at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Report</i> We received notification that two of Allen Park Public Schools board members earned awards from MASB in 2025 for their efforts to improve their leadership skills, demonstrating their commitment to student achievement and their own continuous improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Luecke is being honored for Advocacy Skills Specialty, Community Relations Specialty and Level 3 Award of Distinction. • Jason Babbage is being honored for Data Skills Specialty and Finance Certification Specialty <p>The district proudly recognizes these board members for their dedication to continuous learning through MASB certification. Their commitment to professional growth strengthens effective governance and informed decision-making. Our community is better served because of their willingness to lead with knowledge, purpose and integrity.</p> <p>January was School Board Appreciation Month since our January 26th meeting was cancelled due to the weather I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank ALL of the members of the Allen Park Board of Education for their ongoing dedication and support. These civic-minded individuals generously give their time and energy to serve our district, often facing complex and challenging decisions, always with the best interests of our students, staff, and families at the forefront.</p> <p>While January provides a special opportunity to formally recognize their service, we truly appreciate our Board members throughout the entire year. Their commitment, leadership, and thoughtful guidance play an important role in the success of our schools and the experiences of our students each day. As a small token of our gratitude, each Board member received a gift at the January 29th training session and are wearing their hoodies tonight. We are grateful for all they do and thank them for their continued service to the Allen Park school community.</p> <p>Upcoming Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday is Spring Count Day which aids in student funding. • February 16th and 17th is Mid-Winter Break • The first week in March will be Parent Teacher Conferences. <p>We have a lot of great performances coming up in the Center for the Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 12th is the High School Band Pre-Festival Concert at 6:30 • The High School Drama Department's Cupid Cabaret is on February 20th at 7 p.m. • February 26th is the High School Choir Pre-Festival Concert at 6:30 p.m. • And the APHS Spring Play will be March 6th through the 8th.

	<p><i>Reports of Officers</i></p> <p>Martin: Congratulations to Jason and Laura on their accomplishments</p> <p>Babbage: Thanks to all of the board members for understanding where all of his questions were coming from</p> <p>Warren: Following best practice, our future agendas will have Discussion Items and Action Items as opposed to Old Business and New Business. Congrats to the retiree and to Jason and Laura.</p>
2026-017 2026-018	<p>CLOSED SESSION: Student Discipline pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 8(b)</p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin that the board enter closed session at 8:56 p.m. pursuant to parent request.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> <p>Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Trustee Babbage that the board resume open session at 9:07 p.m.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2026-019	<p>Determination of Misconduct</p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin that based on all of the evidence presented in closed session, the Allen Park Board of Education finds that Student 011326 committed misconduct in violation of Code of Conduct Offense #40. Possession/Use of Nicotine Products/Inhalants.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2026-020 2026-021	<p>CLOSED SESSION: Student Discipline pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 8(b)</p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education re-enter closed session to further discuss the student discipline matter for student 011326 at 9:08 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee Babbage that the board resume open session at 9:18 p.m.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
2026-022	<p><i>Discipline Determination</i></p> <p>Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee Babbage that based on all of the evidence presented in closed session, the Allen Park Board of Education uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for Student 011326 to be expelled through the end of the 2025-2026 school year for a total of 90 days and placed in an online credit recovery program.</p> <p>Based on information shared during the closed session, I move that the Allen Park Board of Education uphold the Superintendent's recommendation for Student 011326 to be expelled through the end of the 2025-2026 school year for a total of 90 days and placed in an online credit recovery program.</p> <p>Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, Martin, Warren</p> <p>Nays: None</p> <p>Absent: MacDonald</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary