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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • April 20, 2026

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at the Riley Education Center in the Gym/Cafeteria, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, MI 48101

The regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comment by President Warren at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

	<i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda</i> There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
2026-032	The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent. • April 20th agenda • March 9th work session and regular minutes • March 18th special meeting minutes • Check registers: 3/6/2026=\$10,721.15; 3/9/2026=\$1,620,784.55; 3/18/2026=\$12,111.98; 3/19/2026=\$9549.01 3/24/2026=\$785,437.20; 4/9/2026=\$2,113,472.39; 4/16/2026=\$1,823.92; 4/17/2026=\$32.19; 5/8/2026=\$1,228,258.68 • Approval of wire transfers through March 31, 2026 \$2,361,414.33
	<i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly update from Barton Malow which included the middle school pool renovations, high school pool equipment replacement and the Bennie STEM addition and playground equipment.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> There were none at this time.
	<i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Representatives</i> • Allen Park High School – Kaden Hamel shared updates regarding student council and Interact Club. • Allen Park Middle School – Brayden Warren shared updates from Mr. Donohue and Mr. Andrews.
	<i>Citizen's Comments (Agenda Items)</i> There were no citizen's comments at this time.
	<i>Special Presentations:</i> • APHS Varsity Competitive Cheer Team - State Champs • APHS Sports Update • S.T.A.R. Club (Students and Teachers Against Racism)
2026-033	<i>Personnel:</i> <i>Employments/Services</i> • Kendra Farnham – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie • Reina Garza – Volunteer Track & Field Coach/APHS • Edward Hall – Custodian/APMS • Crystal Herring – Bus Driver/Maintenance & Transportation • Paul Larsen – Volunteer 7th Grade Asst. Softball Coach/APMS • Robert Marten – Athletic Coordinator/APHS • Deserae Norris – Food Service Worker/APHS • Tiffanie Wolan – Volunteer Softball Coach/APMS Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Trustee Baggage that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed.

	ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u> Resignations • Brandon Dylenski – Wrestling Coach/APMS – Effective 3/11/2026 • Marco Marchionada – Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach/APHS – Effective 4/10/2026 • Jeff Rubley – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach/APMS – Effective 3/27/2026
2026-034	<i>2026-2027 District Calendar</i> Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education, approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
2026-035	<i>Career Technical Education Cooperative Agreement with Taylor School District</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that that the Allen Park Board of Education, approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
2026-036	<i>APHS Cedar Point Field Trip</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Secretary Luecke that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the APHS Physics & Engineering Field Trip to Cedar Point on May 21, 2026 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
2026-037	<i>First Reading of Neola Policy Update 40-2</i> Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education accept for a first reading, the Neola Policy Updates 40-2 as presented with final approval being considered at the May 11th meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yea: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
	<i>Citizen's Comments (Non-Agenda Items)</i> – There were four citizens' comments at this time, three concerning an incident at Bennie Elementary and one concerning an unacceptable book at the middle school.
	<i>Superintendent's Report</i> This is a historic year for Allen Park Music—records broken, milestones reached, and students achieving at the highest level! Congratulations to our incredible music students across Allen Park Public Schools for their outstanding festival performances! For the first time in school history, our middle school choir has qualified for the State Festival. At the high school level, two of our three choirs are advancing to states, continuing a tradition of excellence with three consecutive years of state qualification. The Men of Champaign ensemble also earned straight Division I ratings in its very first year. For the first time in more than 30 years—and possibly ever—an Allen Park High School band has qualified for the State Festival. Even more impressively, not just one, but two bands have earned that honor this year. The Concert Band received straight Division I ratings from all judges, and the Symphonic Band

also qualified for states.

To our knowledge, this has not happened in at least 30 years—and possibly ever. If any alumni or community members remember a previous state-qualifying band, we would love to hear from you as we continue learning more about our program's history.

We are so proud of our students for their hard work, growth, and dedication in representing Allen Park Public Schools!

Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday is our annual PTA Founder's Day celebration to recognize outstanding teachers, students, volunteers, businesses and programs within the district.
- The first week in May is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week and we will be honoring ALL employees of the district for their hard work and dedication all year long.

Reports of Officers

Filipiak: The NSBA conference was fantastic. Highlights for her were the fact that they had sessions about teacher burnout, IEP models and Open AI.

Babbage: The conference was good and he learned a lot. His highlight was the ICE incident in Minnesota and people's rights.

Luecke: Enjoyed the conference very much. Loved the camaraderie and team building with fellow board members. Attended 11 total sessions and they were so inspiring and rejuvenating.

Martin: Keep the board in the loop about the incident at Bennie. Congratulations to all athletes! Condolences to an Allen Park family (Doute) Dad and all kids either graduated or are still attending APTS, the mom passed away.

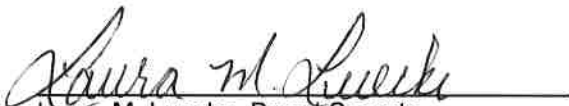
Klein: Keep the board posted about the Bennie incident.

Warren: Enjoyed the piece on teacher burnout and a session she attended that was led by students on High School Leadership. Thanked all for coming. There are so many little nuggets that you bring back from a conference.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary