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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • June 22, 2026

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, June 22, 2026 at the Riley Education Center in Conference Room B, 9601 Vine, Allen Park, MI 48101

The regular meeting called to order/Instruction for Public Comment by President Warren at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren
Vice President Filipiak was absent

	<i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda</i> There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
2026-149	The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent. • Approval of June 22nd agenda • May 11th and June 8th regular minutes • Approval of check registers: Check registers: 6/8/2026=\$906.89; 6/10/2026=\$1,269,418.11
	<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, the Bennie STEM addition and playground equipment, Elementary Interior Renovations, boiler room replacements, sitework and playground equipment replacement.
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> There were none at this time.
	<i>Special Presentations</i> • The APHS Robotics team shared a recap of this year with the board including their accomplishments and the team's financial status. • Mrs. Heather Rottermond shared her end-of-year educational goals update with the board. Highlights included: ○ District goal in alignment with the strategic plan ○ District Improvement Team meeting results ○ 10th Grade Professional Learning ○ K-12 Multilingual areas of growth and strength ○ K-5 Literacy Workgroup ○ K-12 STEM Workgroup ○ Looking ahead ○ Questions from the board members were addressed
	<i>Public Budget Hearing: 2026-2027 Proposed Budget</i> As required by law, a public hearing was posted and held for the purpose of reviewing the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Mrs. Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance, provided the first draft of the proposed budget at the June 8th 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.

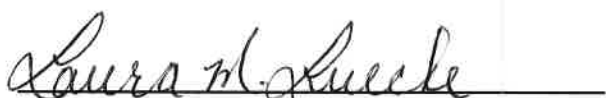
	<i>Citizen's Comments pertaining to the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget</i> There were no citizen's comments or questions at this time regarding the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.
	<u>Special Presentation:</u> Strategic Plan: Student Success Committee Update Cindy Marcero, Erica Saville and Mary McMaster all gave updates from the Student Success Committee. A copy of their presentation is included with these minutes.
2026-150	<u>Personnel:</u> A. Employments/Services • Kyle Davis – Volunteer Football Coach/APHS – Effective 5/18/2026 • Jennifer Green – Food Service Worker/APHS – Effective 6/5/2026 • Erika Herrera – Occupational Therapist/Special Services – Effective 9/1/2026 • Abigail Horne – Speech & Language Pathologist/Special Services – Effective 9/1/2026 • Joe Johnson – Volunteer Club Flag Football Coach/APHS – Effective 4/14/2025 • Jorge Medina – Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach/APHS – Effective 5/29/2026 • Kari Schutt – Girls' Cross-Country Coach/APMS – Effective 6/9/2026 • Avori Secco – Bus Aide/Transportation – Effective 6/17/2026 • Kari Tackett – 5th Grade Teacher/Lindemann – Effective 9/1/2026 • Harriet Theise – Volunteer Boys' Club Volleyball Coach/APHS – Effective 3/26/2026 Moved by Treasurer Martin and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u> B. Resignations • David Arnold – Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach/APHS – Effective 6/1/2026 • Phillip Bakken – Custodian/APHS – Effective 6/13/2026 • Jacob Barry – Assistant Football Coach/APHS – Effective 4/12/2026 • Barbara Blaszcak-Buckler – Instructional Aide/Lindemann – Effective 5/26/2026 • Kenneth Briere – 8th Grade Football Coach/APMS – Effective 6/9/2026 • Sarah Dailey – ECP Teacher/APCECE – Effective 6/15/2026 • Zoila Davenport – Summer Camp Worker/Community Services – Effective 6/8/2026 • Diane Fish – Social Studies Department Head/APMS – Effective 6/11/2026 • Allyson Giese – ECP Program Aide/APCECE – Effective 6/9/2026 • Kris Kinsey – Exploratory Department Head/APMS – Effective 5/5/2026 • Hannah Murray – Testing Coordinator Assistant/APHS – Effective 6/10/2026 • Brittany Ortey – ECP Program Aide/APCECE – Effective 6/11/2026 • Avery Reynolds – Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 6/16/2026 • Jeff Rubley – 7th Grade Basketball Coach/APMS – Effective 5/29/2026 • Ayden Salmons – ELA Teacher/APMS – Effective 6/10/2026 • Erica Saville – School Social Worker/Bennie – Effective 6/16/2026 • Ashley Somers – Auditorium Manager/APHS – Effective 5/29/2026 • Michelle Thompkins – Substitute Social Worker/APHS – Effective 6/10/2026 • Callie Walton – Bus Aide/Transportation – Effective 6/11/2026 • Heather Woelkers – Cross Country Coach/APMS – Effective 5/27/2026

2026-151	<i>Tenure Recognition</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the following teachers: • Amy Barnhart • Matt de Haan • Helen Solgot • Tracy Vetrano 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. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-152	<i>2025-2026 Final Budget</i> Moved by Treasurer Martin and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the proposed final budget for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-153	<i>2026-2027 Budget Adoption</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Treasurer Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-154	<i>General Appropriations Resolutions for 2026-27 Budget</i> Moved by Treasurer Martin and supported by Trustee Klein 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 2026-2027 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-155	<i>School Loan Revolving Fund- Michigan Department of Treasury</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education adopt the attached resolution allowing the District to borrow from the State of Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund in the amount of One Million, Six Hundred Forty-One Thousand, Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$1,641,079.00). ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>

2026-156	<i>Wayne-Westland Cooperative Education Program Agreement</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the Cooperative Education Program Agreement with Wayne-Westland Community School District for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-157	<i>Renewal of Probationary Contracts</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education extend the administrative contracts for Mary Kennedy, Joslyn Lazarevski, Heather Rotterdam and Dustin Wright to June 30, 2028. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-158	<i>Memberships</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the district memberships with MASB and Metropolitan Bureau of School Studies be renewed for the 2026-2027 school year. And further that the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the year August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027 be adopted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-159	<i>Drama Club Field Trip</i> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the request for the APHS Drama Club to attend the 2026-META Leadership Camp at Oakland University from August 3rd through August 5th as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-160	<i>APHS Cross Country Team Camp</i> Moved by Secretary Luecke and supported by Treasurer Martin 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 July 19th through July 23rd, 2026 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None Absent: Filipiak <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>

	<i>Discussion Item: Board President Award Criteria</i> President Warren shared that the committee got together and came up with some new criteria for the Board President's Award and information has been sent by email to the entire board. They went over the criteria and a nomination form. Any questions should be directed to the committee (Warren, Martin & MacDonald). Since this was not approved by the board before gradation the old criteria was used for the 2026 recipient. Trustee Klein wanted to point out that the student receiving the award may not want the story shared in public. This is something to consider going forward. Secretary Luecke pointed out that the monetary gift was never voted on and the committee minutes were never shared with the board. She is hoping any monetary fundraising, etc. would be managed by the board not put on a staff member. President Warren will share the minutes and details with the board.
	<i>Citizen's Comments (Agenda and Non-Agenda Items)</i> – There no citizens' comments at this time.
	<i>Superintendent's Report – Mid Year Update</i> Mr. Darga gave a handout to the board members that is attached to these minutes. The following topics were discussed: • 2025-2026 Board Presentations • Communication and Family Engagement • Student Success and Academic Achievement • STEM Innovation and Curriculum Advancement • College, Career, and Postsecondary Readiness • Social-Emotional Learning and Student Well-Being • Financial Stewardship • Bond Work & Construction Updates • Board Policy Review and Revisions With regard to board policies, we have a new Neola rep and will have a meet & greet with the board sometime in the fall. Mr. Darga is grateful for the trust and support of the Board of Education and looks forward to continuing to work together as we complete Year 3 of our Strategic Plan and pursue even greater accomplishments for our students and community during the 2026-2027 academic year.
	<i>Citizen's Comments (Agenda and Non-Agenda items)</i> - There were no citizen's comments at this time.
	<i>Reports of Officers</i> Klein: Strange that we charge for transportation for field trips but not for athletics.
	<i>Adjournment</i> The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary