

ALLEN PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • September 14, 2026

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APPROVED ☒

The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 2026 in 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 7:24 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

2026-168	<i>Additions or Deletions to the Agenda</i> Julia Martin and Ava Mudreyko just finished their pre-employment requirements and will be added to the Agenda under Personnel Employments/Services for approval. Motion by Trustee Klein and supported by Treasurer Martin that the existing agenda for tonight's meeting be amended to include an item in new business to explore assessing the efficacy of the existing structure of the Human Resources position for the district. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Treasurer Martin, Trustee Klein, Trustee MacDonald Nays: President Warren, Vice President Filipiak, Secretary Luecke, Trustee Babbage <u>MOTION DENIED</u>
2026-169	The consent agenda items as presented were approved with unanimous consent. • Approval of September 14th agenda • Approval of August 10th regular meeting minutes • Approval of check registers: 8/10/2026=\$52,604.40; 8/10/2026=\$163,562.02; 8/12/2026=\$135,022.58; 8/12/2026=\$1,276.45; 8/24/2026=\$56,742.75; 8/24/2026=\$2,378,110.69; 8/25/2026=\$380,218.46; 8/25/2026=\$35.00; 8/27/2026=\$50.00; 9/10/2026=\$ 512,341.20 • Approval of wire transfers through August 30th - \$1,756,592.21
	<i>President's Communications:</i> President Warren shared the monthly update from Barton Malow which included: • APHS pool is open for competition • APMS renovations are in progress • Bennie/HS shared parking lot is complete • Bennie STEM addition and playground sitework is complete. • Bennie playground equipment to be installed the week of 9/21/26 • Arno, Lindemann and Riley Summer 2026 recap
	<i>Reading of Communications:</i> There were none at this time.

Special Presentation: State Data – Heather Rottermond

Mrs. Rottermond presented to the board a summary of 2026 M-Step, SAT and PSAT results. We partially use this data for ongoing improvement efforts across instruction and curriculum and to provide professional learning supports for our staff as well as instructional coaching. This is just one data point that doesn't define our students, our teachers or our school district as a whole, we use multiple data points to support the decisions that we make.

M-Step

- M-Step is part of a balanced assessment system to help inform curriculum and instruction as well as program evaluation. It is only given once a year so it is only a snapshot of our student performance against our grade-level Michigan academic standards.
- It provides standards-based data to help us understand a little bit more about where there might be strengths as well as opportunities to look at where we might have gaps in our curriculum and our pacing.
- The proficiency rate provides us with a more complete picture of student learning however it is combined with "layers" to give a much fuller picture of the student.
- In context, the M-Step data shows that our students are performing well. Mrs. Rottermond went through the charts and explained the results.

NWEA

- A norm-referenced, computer-adaptive assessment administered in the fall, winter and spring to K-8 students.
- Students are expected to answer half of the questions correctly, this is not a test of mastery.
- This is one measure of student achievement and growth and should be considered alongside multiple sources of data to inform instruction, monitor learning, and design experiences that support student success.
- NWEA does not determine which interventions are needed.
- Mrs. Rottermond also explained all of the NWEA charts and answered the board members' questions.

Citizen's Comments (Agenda Items): There were no citizen's comments pertaining to agenda items at this time.

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*Personnel:***A. Employments/Services**

- Danielle Bushaw – School Psychologist/APHS – Effective 8/25/2026
- Benjamin Church – Volunteer JV Boys' Soccer Coach/APHS – Effective 9/3/2026
- Kim Cox – Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 9/14/2026
- Brooke Crawford – Volunteer Varsity Volleyball Coach/APHS – Effective 9/10/2026
- Matt DeHaan – Strength Coach (Split)/APHS – Effective 8/26/2026
- Sherry Diaz – Independence Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 9/1/2026
- Kayla Filbin – Lunch Paraprofessional/Bennie – Effective 9/9/2026
- Nevaeh Harris – Volunteer Varsity Cross Country Coach/APHS – Effective 8/20/2026
- Tanness Headrick – Spanish Teacher/APMS – Effective 9/1/2026
- Chad Keisel – Strength Coach (Split)/APHS – Effective 8/26/2026
- Johnathan Klein – Volunteer JV Soccer Coach/APHS – Effective 9/3/2026
- Gerald Klos – Varsity Girls Basketball Coach/APHS – Effective 8/17/2026
- Cynthia Kornacki – Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 9/14/2026
- Steven Kozmor – District Substitute/APMS – Effective 9/15/2026
- Rachel Lafferty – Instructional Reading Aide/Bennie – Effective 9/2/2026
- Julia Martin – Volunteer Girls Varsity Basketball Coach/APHS – Effective 9/14/2026
- David McKinney – Volunteer Freshman Football Coach/APHS – Effective 8/24/2026

- Ava Mudreyko – Lunch Para/Bennie – Effective 9/14/2026
- Rebecca Petee – First Grade Teacher/Arno – Effective 9/1/2026
- Aidan Powell – Volunteer Freshman Football Coach/APHS – Effective 8/24/2026
- Faith Ridolfi – Volunteer JV Cheer Coach (Sideline & Competitive)/APHS – Effective 8/20/2026
- Jeff Rubley – District Substitute/APMS – Effective 9/15/2026
- Eric Sammons – Wrestling Coach/APMS – Effective 9/14/2026
- Noah Schaible – IT Technician/Central Office – Effective 9/8/2026
- Kent Sikora – Volunteer Football Coach/APHS – Effective 9/9/2026
- Nicole Tucci – Unified Sports Fall Assistant Coach/APHS – Effective 9/2/2026
- Timothy Whitlow – Freshman Class (2030) Advisor /APHS – Effective 8/31/2026

Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Klein that the recommendations for employment and services be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

B. Resignations

- Sarah Chafins – Special Ed Para/Arno – Effective 8/23/2026
- Isabela Hernandez – Food Service Worker/APCECE – Effective 8/20/2026
- Sean Laura – Volunteer Varsity Football Coach/APHS – Effective 2/1/2026
- April Lopez – Student Council Sponsor/APHS – Effective 8/18/2026
- Jamie Narkun – Speech/Language Pathologist/Bennie – Effective 8/25/2026
- Elizabeth Rozman – Reading Aide/Bennie – Effective 8/10/2026

C. Dismissal

- Avori Secco – Bus Driver/Transportation – Effective 8/13/2026

D. Retirement

- Karen Rodgers – Accounting Supervisor/Central Office – 20 Years

2026-171

High School Softball & Baseball and Middle School Little League Bleacher Replacement

Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the 2026 purchase of bleachers for the high school softball & baseball and middle school little league fields using bond funds in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$166,200.00).

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

2026-172

Allen Park Public Schools Emergency Operations Plan

Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Martin that the Allen Park Board of Education approve the district's Emergency Operations Plan as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren

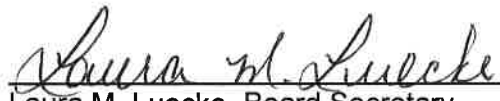
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

	<i>Citizen's Comments (Non-Agenda Items): There was one comment regarding non-agenda items from Ms. Rachel Trapani regarding kindergarten class sizes in the elementary schools.</i>
	<i>Superintendent's Report</i> Superintendent. Darga reported that we had an outstanding Welcome Back event to kickoff the school year. We have Homecoming week coming up with the parade and the game against Lincoln Park on Saturday and the dance on Sunday.
	<i>Reports of Officers</i> Board members had nothing to report at this time.
2026-173 2026-174	<i>CLOSED SESSION for Student Discipline</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Vice President Filipiak that the Allen Park Board of Education go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss student discipline. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u> Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee MacDonald that the Allen Park Board of Education to return to open session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-175	<i>Determination of Student Misconduct</i> Moved by Vice President Filipiak and supported by Trustee MacDonald that based on all of the evidence presented in closed session, the Allen Park Board of Education finds that Student 091436 committed misconduct in violation of the Code of Conduct. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
2026-176 2026-177	<i>CLOSED SESSION for Student Discipline</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Trustee Babbage that the Allen Park Board of Education re-enter closed session pursuant to Section 8(b) to further discuss the discipline matter of Student 091426. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u> Moved by Trustee Klein and supported by President Warren that the Allen Park Board of Education to return to open session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>

2026-178	<i>Student Expulsion Determination</i> Moved by Trustee MacDonald and supported by Vice President Filipiak that based on the information shared during the closed session, the Allen Park Board of Education upholds the permanent expulsion of Student #091426 with the student being able to begin a petition for reinstatement after 150 days to request reinstatement after the statutory 180 days. Also, that the district allow the student to enroll in Graduation Alliance through the district during this period of expulsion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas: Babbage, Filipiak, Klein, Luecke, MacDonald, Martin, Warren Nays: None <u>MOTION CARRIED.</u>
	<i>Adjournment</i> The meeting was adjourned by President Warren at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Laura M. Luecke, Board Secretary