

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
OAKWOOD BOARD ROOM**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 PM

II. MISSION STATEMENT

Allendale Public Schools commit to educate, inspire, and support all students.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: DeJong, Harris, Hendricks, Holstege, Ramey, TenBrink

Absent: Thurkettle

Administration: Cooper, Park, Mullen, Murphy, Torno, VanderLaan, Voss

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – Policy #1.3 - The Board as the legal policy making body, delegates executive responsibilities to the superintendent to administer the district in accordance with statutory law, requirements prescribed by the State Constitution, the State Board of Education and adopted bylaws and policies of the Board of Education. (Ramey - Vice-President)

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Members of the audience are welcome to make comments at the time designated on the agenda. Please register on the sign-up sheet and limit your comments to 3 minutes when your name is called. Out of respect for all individuals, please refrain from personal criticisms in an open forum. Policy #167.3

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

March 10, regular meeting minutes

March 24, work session minutes

B. Financial Reports

- a. General Fund Summary
 - b. Budget Report
 - c. Cumulative Fund Activity Report
 - d. Business Services Checklists
 - e. Financial Statement Notes
 - f. Check Register
- Wires: #5604 - 5648; Checks: 228778- 228842;
EFT: 17791 - 17871; Totaling =\$695,092.88

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Carried.
Yes - 6, No - 0

X. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

All State Wrestlers

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc (SEAB) - Ramey

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Dates

April 23 NHS Blood Drive, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 April 25-26 MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble
 April 28 Board of Education Work Session, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
 April 30 High School Art Fair, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 April 30 Collage Concert, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 May 1 Collage Concert, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 May 2 No school Young 5 - 12th Grade
 May 6 Election Day
 May 12 Middle School Art Show, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 May 12 Board of Education meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room

B. Other

XIV. BOARD COMMENTS

DeJong
TenBrink

XV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

Holstege

XVI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Purchase of new Math Resource for K-5

Background: The APS Curriculum Director, along with a team of K-5 teachers, reviewed different options for a new math curriculum. After their research and review, the committee unanimously selected the program named Reveal. This is the same resource that the middle school selected last year for their new math curriculum.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Ramey, to approve purchase of Reveal Math as K-5 curriculum resource as presented. Carried.

Roll Call Vote: DeJong - YES; Harris - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Ramey - YES; TenBrink - YES; Thurkettle - ABSENT

B. Bus Purchase

Background: Allendale Public Schools was awarded a total of \$222,123 in 2024 toward the purchase of 5 new propane buses. Buses are bid through the MSBO cooperative bidding system and the bid from Holland Bus Company was selected. The purchase price of three (3) 2026 Bluebird, 77 passenger and two (2) 2026 Bluebird, 53 passenger Special Needs school buses from Holland Bus Company totaled \$810,887 of which \$222,123 is covered by the grant for a net cost of \$588,764. We were informed that an immediate \$2,500 per bus tariff was going to be added to the purchase price if we did not place the order by March 24. This would have added an additional \$12,500 to the total purchase price. We were also made aware that Holland Bus had two (2) 2025 Bluebird, 77 passenger buses that were available immediately if we agreed to purchase right away. This would reduce the cost for each bus by approximately \$10,000. Ordering all five buses right away helped us to avoid the tariff costs and also allowed us to buy two comparable buses for \$20,410 less than the original quote.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of five buses as presented. Carried.

Roll Call Vote: DeJong - YES; Harris - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Ramey - YES; TenBrink - YES; Thurkettle - ABSENT

C. New Course - AP European History

Background: This Advanced Placement (AP) study of European history since 1300 introduces students to economic, cultural, social and political developments. The Advanced Placement course in European History is designed to provide students with the factual knowledge and analytical skills necessary to understand and evaluate the evolution of European history from approximately 1450 to the present. The course has a focus on the intellectual and cultural, political and diplomatic, and social and economic developments in

Europe, examining these themes as they interconnect and show changes over time in European history. Analysis of primary source material, including readings, maps, art, cartoons, graphs, and charts, is a vital aspect of the course. The course will utilize the AP Classroom practice activities at the College Board site to maximize the AP Exam preparation experience. This course will count as an elective course.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by DeJong, to approve the new AP European History course as presented. Carried.

Roll Call Vote: DeJong - YES; Harris - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Ramey - YES; TenBrink - YES; Thurkettle - ABSENT

D. New Course - Middle School CTE

Background: The Michigan Department of Education's Office of Career and Technical Education (MDE-OC TE) is excited about the opportunity to establish a Manufacturing and Engineering Education Reimagined for All (MEERA) training center in Michigan. The MEERA program's goal of inspiring and training the next generation of the manufacturing workforce aligns seamlessly with Michigan's commitment to increasing enrollment in career and technical education (CTE) programs and strengthening the foundation for economic growth in our state. Middle School Principal Travis Plain was approached about creating a middle school program at AMS starting next year. The startup cost of approximately \$120,000 would be covered by the OAISD through grant money. The annual recurring costs of approximately \$14,000-20,000 per year would be covered by APS. It was deemed by the OAISD that AMS was an ideal site to start this program because we are centrally located in Ottawa County and West Michigan has a strong regional network committed to the MiSTEM state strategy that engages local leaders in education and the business community to create pathways for students to experience science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning that can prepare them for the future and serve as a pipeline to the MEERA program.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the new Middle School CTE course as presented. Carried.

Roll Call Vote: DeJong - YES; Harris - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Ramey - YES; TenBrink - YES; Thurkettle - ABSENT

E. Approve Salary Schedules for Non-Affiliated Staff

Background: The Office of Retirement Services (ORS) is pushing districts to establish salary schedules for all employees that project out for 5 years. Many of our work groups are either covered by a collective bargaining agreement (union) or a work agreement (non-union). The staff covered under these

proposed salary schedules are not affiliated with any union or non-union work group.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Hendricks, to approve salary schedules for non-affiliated staff as presented. Carried.

Roll Call Vote: DeJong - YES; Harris - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Ramey - YES; TenBrink - YES; Thurkettle - ABSENT

F. Approve Spain 2026 Field Trip

Background: The field trip request is to promote education on location as well as application of Spanish Language learned in class. Travel will occur over spring break 2026.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by DeJong, to approve the Spain 2026 Field Trip as presented. Carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0

G. Approve Co-Chair for Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB)

Background: One of the SEAB co-chairs stepped down and the State guidelines, as well as the APS SEAB Bylaws, state that there needs to be two co-chairs. The State guidelines also require that the Board of Education make the appointment. It has been recommended by the SEAB that Liz Ramey be appointed to that role.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Harris, to approve Liz Ramey as SEAB co-chair. Carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by TenBrink, seconded by Hendricks, to adjourn at 6:44. Carried.

Yes - 6, No - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Vissers