I CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by President Breen at 6:04 PM.

II MISSION STATEMENT
The mission statement was read by President Breen.

III ROLL CALL
PRESENT: Breen, DeJong, Haight, Modderman Jr., Pineiro, Thurkettle
ABSENT: Zickus

IV PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Members and audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

V STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT - PRINCIPLE 1.6
President Breen shared Principle 1.6.

VI PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
President Breen recounted the public participation process.

VII APPROVAL OF AGENDA
17-70 Motion by DeJong, seconded by Haight, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL APPROVED
Request was made by Trustee Modderman Jr. to move Section C from consent agenda for discussion.

VIII CONSENT AGENDA
17-71 Motion by Haight, seconded by Modderman Jr., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with amendment C held for a separate discussion. ALL APPROVED

Trustee Modderman Jr. requested a more comprehensive understanding of the anticipated growth plan to increase the fund balance. While the board wants to ensure that every student’s academic needs are fulfilled to the best of our ability, it is also the responsibility of the board to be fiscally responsible with the funds that are entrusted by tax payers.

Upon further discussion which included potential areas for cost savings, members agreed to include the budget as a regular agenda item each month with a goal of increasing the fund balance by 1% within the next fiscal year.

17-72 Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by Haight to approve item C of the Consent Agenda as presented. ALL APPROVED

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

X EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
Dr. Cooper presented the Strategic Plan Scorecard results for 2016-17 and summarized the progress that has been made in year one of the APS District-3 Strategic Plan and the goals that have been achieved including: Enhance college/career offerings, awareness and student participation by 5%, enhancing district facilities and determining capital needs which were accomplished with the passage of the bond. Examining the current goals and redefining them to meet current needs will be discussed at the September Work Session.
XI SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Cooper presented his report including:

A. Sharing pertinent dates for the upcoming school year.

B. The results of the 4th Quarter Bullying and Discipline reports were discussed. Dr. Cooper clarified the definition of “Bullying” according to the Michigan Department of Education; the behavior must be repeated in order to be considered bullying. Members have concerns that the definition is limited—Dr. Cooper advised that each district has received a grant from the OAISD to hire a Behavior Specialist. Bullying and Discipline will be one of the assignments given to the new hire.

C. The Personnel Report was shared. All new hires were procured with existing funding created by employee resignations or retirement. The only new position was the previously approved Assistant Superintendent designation.

D. The Announcer was reviewed, including pertinent information required by law to provide to Allendale residents on a yearly basis.

F. Legislative news at the state level was discussed including: The $120 per pupil increase approved budget item, MPSERS retirement legislation and the potential impact, school calendar pertaining to beginning year start dates and making all school calendars more cohesive.

G. August 8 Election Results. All members are appreciative of the support that township residents provide. Dr. Cooper suggested investigating adopting a 4 year plan going forward for the non-homestead millage votes.

XII CORRESPONDENCE

President Breen read aloud a letter commending the wrestling team and coaching staff regarding the service and dedication to students, West Michigan and beyond.

XIII ACTION ITEMS

17-73 Motion by DeJong, seconded by Pineiro, to approve the School Bond Qualification & Loan Program Application & Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Breen- YES DeJong- YES Haight- YES Modderman Jr.,- YES Pineiro- YES Thurkettle- YES

ALL APPROVED

17-74 Motion by Haight, seconded by DeJong, to approve the purchase of five (5) 2018 Bluebird, 77 passenger school buses from Holland Bus Company, including the additional required equipment to outfit them purchased from MidCom Service and Zonar Systems for a total amount of $444,299.28 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Breen- YES DeJong- YES Haight- YES Modderman Jr.,- YES Pineiro- YES Thurkettle- YES

ALL APPROVED

Dr. Cooper will provide a comparison on expenditures vs. value added associated with staff and technology costs within the transportation department at the October 2017 work session.

President Breen asked for nominations from the floor for the position of APS Board Vice-President. Treasurer DeJong nominated Aaron Haight for the position of APS Board Vice-President and seconded seconded by Trustee Modderman Jr.

17-75 Motion by DeJong, seconded by Pineiro, to approve nomination of Aaron Haight as nominated.

Roll Call Vote:

Breen- YES DeJong- YES Haight- YES Modderman Jr.,- YES Pineiro- YES Thurkettle- YES

ALL APPROVED

XIV. ADJOURNMENT at 7:20 PM.