

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 8, 2022 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 - Breen, DeJong, Holstege, MacDonald, Thurkettle

Absent - Cannata, Hendricks

Administration - Cooper, Park, Russell, Westra

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.1 The Board causes policy to be developed and adopted based upon the best knowledge, research available and superintendent's counsel. Each Trustee adheres to and supports adopted policies until altered. (Trustee - Breen)

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.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Breen, seconded by Holstege, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

July 25, regular meeting minutes

B. Financial Reports

a. Financial Statement Notes

b. Cumulative Fund Activity Report

c. General Fund Summary

- d. Check Register – Wires: #4389-4420
Checks: 149136-149178
EFT: 14719-14766
Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$1,456,832.50
- e. Business Services Checklists
- f. Bond Spending Summary

C. Personnel Report

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion by Breen, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IX. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Troy Lampen

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Finance - DeJong**
- B. Policy**
- C. Ad Hoc (SEAB)**
- D. Ad Hoc (One-room Schoolhouse) - Cooper and MacDonald**

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dates**
 - AUG. 17-18 ~ Middle School and High School schedule pick up, check calendar for times
 - AUG. 18 ~ Orientations: 6th Grade, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, and Freshman, 8:45-11:45 AM
 - AUG. 24 ~ Open House: Evergreen, 5:30-7:00 PM, and Oakwood, 7:00-8:30 PM
 - AUG. 25 ~ ECC Open House, 5:30-7:00 PM
 - AUG. 29 ~ First Day of School Y5-High School
 - AUG.29 ~ High School and New Options Open House, 6:30-8:00 PM
 - AUG. 31 ~ Middle School Open House, 6:30-8:00 PM
 - SEPT. 2-5 ~ Labor Day break
 - SEPT. 12 ~ Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, Oakwood Board Room
- B. Summer Construction updates**
- C. Other**

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Breen
DeJong
Holstege
MacDonald

XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

XV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys Soccer Teams Trip to overnight camp August 12-14, 2022

Background: Varsity Coach Mark Gotberg would like the Teams to take this trip for team-building, goal setting and seasonal conditioning opportunities. The teams would be staying at Portage Lake Bible Camp, Onekema, MI. Students would not engage in any religious activities during the trip.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Breen, to approve the request for the Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer teams to attend overnight camp, August 12-14, 2022, as presented. Motion Carried.

B. Approve High School Varsity Girls Cross Country Teams Trip to overnight camp August 19-21, 2022

Background: Varsity Coach Taylor Evans would like the team to take this trip for team-building, goal setting and seasonal conditioning opportunities. The team has taken this trip in previous years and the trip has been received very positively by team members. The team would be staying at the Leelanau Outdoor Center, Leelanau County , MI.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by DeJong, to approve the request for the Girls Cross Country team to attend overnight camp, August 19-21, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

C. Approve Changes to Middle School and High School Athletics Handbook

Background: The Athletic Director and High School principal have been working on updating our athletic handbook. There are just a couple of minor adjustments to the handbook that we are seeking. One is related to the frequency with which we pull student grades for eligibility, and the other is a slight adjustment to our discipline procedures for athletics. The handbook now better reflects our current practices, as well as changes to MHSAA and conference guidance and standards.

Recommendation: Approve adoption of the modified Athletic Handbook for all APS athletics.

Motion by Breen, seconded by DeJong, to approve the adoption of the modified Athletic Handbook for all APS athletics. Motion carried.

D. Approve Purchase of novels for AP Literature and College Prep courses

Background: We have participated in the past with Hope College's Big Read project and this year the text is *Circe*, by Madeline Miller. This will replace the Great Gatsby which will now be read in one of the new pilot ELA courses. *Circe* is a novel rooted in Greek mythology, and is an offshoot of the *Odyssey*. *Educated* is a memoir by American author Tara Westover, and follows her childhood with her survivalist family in Idaho, with no formal education. As a 17-year-old, Tara fights to attend Brigham Young University, and goes on to earn graduate degrees at Harvard and Cambridge. Westover's thesis is that education can change our lives for the better, which is an empowering message for our nervous college-bound seniors.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of novels *Circe* and *Educated*.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the purchase of *Circe* and *Educated* for use in our AP Lit and College Prep courses respectively.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Breen to table the purchase of *Circe* and *Educated* for use in our AP Lit and College Prep courses until next month. Motion carried.

E. Approve Purchase of updated editions of Beowulf for new science fiction ELA pilot course

Background: Beowulf is already a district approved text for HS English classes. We would like to purchase updated editions for use in the science fiction ELA pilot course. This version takes the Old English and translates it into a more accessible English poetic verse.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of the translated version of Beowulf.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the purchase of the translated version of *Beowulf* for use in our HS science fiction ELA pilot course.

Roll Call Vote: Breen - YES; Cannata - Absent; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - Absent; Holstege - YES; MacDonald - YES; Thurkettle - YES. Motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Vissers
Administrative Assistant