I. CALL TO ORDER
President Breen Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. MISSION STATEMENT
President Breen read the mission statement.

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

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

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT - PRINCIPLE 2.3
Trustee Modderman Jr. read Principle 2.3.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
President Breen shared the public participation process with the audience.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
President Breen moved to amend the agenda to add item number XIII for a closed session for discussion regarding the Superintendent Evaluation process.

18-08 Motion by Haight, seconded by DeJong, to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION APPROVED

VIII. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

A. Wellness Committee Update-Principal Dan Remenap

Principal Remenap briefed the board on the Wellness committee, including staff fitness incentives, and mental health awareness (Be Nice program); Healthy Challenges coming up to include: eating right, moving more and all around good mental health. Dr. Cooper thanked Principal Remenap for leading the initiatives for this vital district committee.

B. Recognition of Deputy Ortman – President Breen

President Breen, members and audience acknowledged Deputy Ortman for his actions on January 24, 2018 when he performed life saving measures to save an APS student who was choking.
IX. CONSENT AGENDA

18-09 Motion by DeJong, seconded by Modderman Jr., to approve the Consent Agenda as presented including:

a. January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting/Work Session and January 22, 2018 Work Session minutes
b. Financial Reports
c. Tenure approval for Tricia Hallack

MOTION APPROVED

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1) Dr. Cooper updated members on pertinent dates, personnel changes, and district happenings.

2) Quarterly anti-bullying report and discipline report results were analyzed and members appreciate the intentional separation of incidents to differentiate actual bullying from misbehaving incidents.

3) The February enrollment preliminary data indicates a potential gain of 8 FTE increased projections for kindergarten. Although initial statistical data can fluctuate, current estimates appear to show student gains for the next school year.

4) Space Rental Usage of Ceglarek Fine Arts Center

   Due to increased wear and tear to CFAC facilities and repetitive usage, Dr. Cooper is recommending a pause to renting out the facility on a continuous basis. Member consensus is in agreement with the current policy, which provides for the superintendent to determine the frequency and regular usage for the facility. President Breen requested a listing of entities that have current rental agreements with APS. In addition, the complete ballot language when the bond was approved for the construction and if it included the intention for community access.

5) Dr. Cooper initiated a discussion regarding the Sex Education Advisory Board and why the district allows teachers who are not certified and highly qualified to teach the subject matter to APS students. Dr. Cooper would like to instruct the board that they can concentrate on the curriculum, but not who will teach the courses.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the “Willing to Wait” program and a corresponding recommendation letter from Calvin College were shared.
XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attendee Luke Merreman introduced himself; Mr. Merreman is running for the 88th House Seat, being vacated by Roger Victory. He shared his platform, and passion for pursuing public office.

XIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Field Trip Request

18-10 Motion by Haight, seconded by DeJong to approve the annual trip to Camp Henry as presented. 

MOTION PASSED

B. Softball Camp Trip

18-11 Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by Modderman Jr., to approve a trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama to participate in softball camp as presented.

MOTION PASSED

C. First Robotics Requests for District, State and possible World competitions

18-12 Motion by DeJong, seconded by Modderman Jr., to approve First Robotics Requests for District, State and possible World competitions as presented.

MOTION PASSED

D. Approve Increasing Special Education Director FTE from .4 to 1.0

18-13 Motion by Haight, seconded by DeJong, to increase Special Education Director FTE from .4 to 1.0 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION PASSED

E. Amend Approved Work Session Minutes for October 23, 2017

18-14 Motion by Haight, seconded by Pineiro, to amend approved minutes from October 23, 2017 work session to remove any personally identifiable data from XI as presented.

MOTION FAILED

Secretary Pineiro requested to be quoted in the official minutes as follows:

"While the exact wording in the approved minutes might not always be hers, they accurately portray what happens during meetings. She admitted that at times, pertinent details (such as names) might not initially be included in her rough draft and appreciates the administrative secretary's work in refining her notes and improving accuracy, which are then sent to Secretary
Pineiro for approval. Secretary Pineiro would also like to reiterate the fact that she would NEVER approve minutes that do not accurately reflect what happened during the meeting. Furthermore, board members always have a chance during every meeting to approve/not approve the minutes, and, in fact, had advised the specific member who requested a change of that fact before the minutes were formally approved by the board.”

18-15  Motion by DeJong, seconded by Aaron Haight, to move into closed session at 7:12 PM to discuss the superintendent evaluation process.

MOTION APPROVED

Short recess was taken from 7:12 to 7:17 PM. Members moved into closed session at 7:17 PM.

F.  Closed Session Superintendent Evaluation Process Discussion

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:45 PM.

XIV.  ADJOURNMENT at 7:45 PM by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by

Sheryl Pineiro
Board of Education Secretary