

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.
CEGLAREK FINE ARTS CENTER**

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: Cannata, DeJong, Hendricks, Holstege, Mango, Ramey, Thurkettle

Administration: Cooper, Park, Nyboer, Torno, VanderLaan

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.8 The Board conducts its meetings based on a planned written agenda prepared by the superintendent in consultation with the Board President and/or Vice President and in accordance with the Board bylaws and state law. (Treasurer - DeJong)

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 Holstege, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

February 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes

February 27, 2023 work session minutes

B. Financial Reports

a. General Fund Summary

b. Year-to-Date Budget Report

c. Cumulative Fund Activity Report

- d. Business Services Checklists
- e. Financial Statement Notes
- f. Check Register
 - Wires: #4645 - 4679
 - Checks: 149571 - 149641
 - EFT: 15303 - 15399
 - Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$930,849.01

C. Personnel Report

Motion by Holstege, seconded by DeJong, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IX. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wurst - National Honors Choir

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ronnie Allen
- Emily Miller
- Troy Lampen
- Krista Yetzke
- Debbie Culbertson
- Jeanine Gasper
- Kyle Stelmach
- John Stelmach
- Kevin Crowe

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc (SEAB)

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Dates

MAR 14~ 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 MAR 15~ 1st Grade Music Program, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 MAR 17~ Y5-12 No School
 MAR 21~ Elementary Fine Arts Fair, 6:30-8:00 PM, Evergreen Elementary School
 MAR 24~ MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble, 4:00-5:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 MAR 25~ MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
 MAR 27~ Board Work Session, 6:00 PM, location TBD
 MAR 27~ 4th Grade Fine Arts Fair, 6:30-8:00 PM, Oakwood Intermediate School
 MAR 28~ 5th Grade Fine Arts Fair, 6:30-8:00 PM, Oakwood Intermediate School
 MAR 31-April 7~ Spring Break, No School
 APR 10~ School Resumes
 APR 17~ Regular Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, CFAC

B. Update on building security plans

C. Other

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

- Cannata
- Ramey
- DeJong
- Thurkettle
- Holstege

XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

- Mango

XV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Purchase of 3 Pre-owned buses

Background: Holland Bus has several 2016, 77-passenger Blue Bird buses on the lot. These buses have approximately 50,000 miles on them and should last nine more years. Cost for 3 buses \$183,000 and would be paid for out of our capital projects fund. We have explored the cost of leasing new buses but the cost is prohibitive, especially given the current interest rates. It is important we make a decision soon to be ready for the Spring sports season.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the purchase of 3 Pre-owned buses at a cost of \$183,000.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES ; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES. Motion carried.

B. Approve New Textbook for 7th grade Social Studies

Background: Switching to TCI for the 7th grade social studies text will positively impact students as this resource aligns with the 6th and 8th grade texts. Students at the middle school also use TCI text for science and so they are familiar with the tools, activities and style of TCI. The current resource for 7th grade social studies is over 10 years old.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Holstege, to approve the purchase of New Textbooks for 7th grade Social Studies.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES. Motion carried.

C. Approve New Textbook for AP Economics

Background: The College Board has revised the AP Macroeconomics curriculum twice over the past three years, once regarding the format of the course, and once regarding the content covered on the exam. The adoption of an updated textbook will allow the materials given to students to accurately reflect those changes. For the past nine years, we have used the first edition of “Krugman’s Economics for AP” by Anderson and Ray. Updating to the 4th edition would allow course materials to cover the necessary content, as well as bring our course structure into alignment with the College Board.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by DeJong, to approve the purchase of New Textbooks for AP Economics.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thirkettle - YES. Motion carried.

D. Approve New Course, AP World History

Background: This course is considered an introductory college-level AP course. We believe that this course will appeal to students at all grade levels, but will eventually become the preferred first AP course for students to take, even as early as 9th grade. Taking this course will help to prepare students for the rigors of other more challenging AP courses they may wish to take later in their HS career. The proposed text is Bentley Traditions and Encounters, AP Edition. We would like to purchase 30 copies of the textbook.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the purchase of the New AP World History course.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thirkettle - YES. Motion carried.

E. Approve New Course, Exploring Technology

Background: This class is intended for students who have an interest in Technology and how things work. The class will combine background knowledge from math, science, and computers to connect those subjects to real-world applications. The class will also provide a gateway into other classes offered at the high school along with developing interest in a few of our extracurricular clubs that are offered. Students may have the opportunity to submit their projects to regional and state competitions. Currently, there are over 40 students interested in the course.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Ramey, to approve the purchase of the New Exploring Technology course.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thirkettle - YES. Motion carried.

F. Approve New Course, Musical Theater

Background: Allendale High School currently holds a budding musical theater program. In 2022, AHS put on the musical Bye Bye Birdie. Around 17 students were on stage singing, dancing & acting. In 2023, around 30 students are preparing to sing, dance & act in Allendale High School's spring production of Little Shop of Horrors. Including a musical theater course in the AHS schedule will allow students to expand on their performing arts skills. This course will give students the confidence to audition for APS Theatre productions and more.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the purchase of the New Musical Theater course.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Therkettle - YES. Motion carried.

G. Approve the High School Music Department Field Trip to New York

Background: Mrs. Bolton and Mr. Broom, our choir and band directors respectively, are trying to continue building enthusiasm for our musical programs. This trip would be educational in nature, and feature trips to see two Broadway productions, such as trips to the Empire State Building and the Museum of Natural History.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the High School Music Department Field Trip to New York as presented. Motion carried.

H. Approve the Middle School Music Department Field Trip to Chicago

Background: The field trip request is for 8th grade band and choir to experience cultural and performing arts in a professional theater. The experience helps students understand live musical theater and many of the components included in performing arts.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by DeJong, to approve the Middle School Music Department's Field Trip to Chicago as presented. Motion carried.

I. Approve Changes to Board Policy #5310

Background: The recommendation is to add an additional line at the end of the policy to provide better clarification pertaining to invasive physical examinations.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Holstege, to postpone vote on Board Policy #5310 until April 17, 2023, Board of Education meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Therkettle - YES. Motion carried.

J. Approve Changes to Board Policy #3112

Background: The change to this policy adds clarity to the communication process.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the changes to Board Policy #3112 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Therkettle - YES. Motion carried.

K. Approve Changes to Board Policy #2340

Background: The current wording of the policy sometimes creates issues because teams, both athletic and co-curricular, earn trips to advanced competitions with short notice, making it difficult to get Board approval in time. Due to this, most districts do not ask the Board to

approve overnight trips within the State. The revised wording proposed would make that adjustment.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Holstege, to approve the changes to Board Policy #2340 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Therkettle - YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter for negotiations at 7:30 PM.

L. Closed Session - Negotiations

Move to open session at 8:44 PM.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Vissers
Administrative Assistant