I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by President Breen at 6:00 PM.

II. MISSION STATEMENT
President Breen read the mission statement.

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

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
President Breen recited the public participations process.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
18-06 Motion by Haight, seconded by Modderman, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Passed

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Allendale resident Jeff DuCharme inquired regarding two areas of interest:

A. Clarification on timeframe of when Mi-School Data Dashboard testing information is released and available on our website. Dr. Cooper shared that the data is updated by the State of Michigan and available the winter semester of the following school year pursuant to student testing.

B. Professional development requirements and what the APS district provides for staff. Dr. Cooper advised that 30 hours of in-district provided training as per negotiated; including days on site, in addition on-line learning; monthly staff meetings also provide hours.

VII. FINANCE REPORT
Controller Kucharczyk reported on 2017-18 fiscal budget status to date. All budget line items are within normal expenditure parameters; including the BOE expenses to date, which only appear higher due to yearly audit costs being included.

A. Members requested that going forward a more comprehensive listing by building; including new building expenditures and accommodations for staffing are provided with each budget amendment presented, including extended time allotments for in-depth assessment by line item.

B. Update on China program - what would be the financial impact for APS? Dr. Cooper advised that APS could have up to 10 students (10 FTE equivalent potential) coming into the junior class. Host families will need to be procured but collaborative partnership would be cost effective for the district.
C. Some administrator salaries were discussed pertaining to raise amount in July 2017. There will be an increase going forward to equal an additional ½ of one percent compensation for designated staff.

VIII. SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFING

Dr. Cooper discussed the increasing need for APS District to procure a full-time Special Education Director allowing for better service to the growing student population that benefit from individual specialized learning and instruction. Members requested breakdown of what is the current fiscal commitment regarding the position and the budgetary impact with full time position since currently APS contributes 40% for shared services. Item will be added to next meeting and members will be provided with cost vs. benefit breakdown for the position, including plan for position recruitment.

Potential cost of expanding the GSRP program at APS to full days to better serve the community needs. Data and need assessments will be presented to members at next meeting.

IX. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULING

Because of differences in calendars, this often comes up in administrative meetings. Some of the questions that pertain to the process include:

1. Is there really a need for more than one set of conferences since on-line technology makes it less necessary?
2. Should we have a survey for the community?
3. Should conferences occur in the fall for all students and invitation only conference for spring?
4. Should longer blocks of time be available by invitation only for parents who may have concerns?
5. Should a link be included in email for easier scheduling of conferences?

Dr. Cooper will provide further assessment after discussing with administrators and report back to members at a future meeting.

X. STRATEGIC PLANNING QUARTERLY REPORTS

The strategic planning quarterly reports were reviewed including:

The success of on-line classes for New Options students, and anti-bullying initiatives. Changes in the communications plan are proving successful with coordination from building administrators and key personnel.

XI. DISTRICT REBRANDING DISCUSSION

What does it mean to re-brand the district? Should it include website redesign, logo, and letterhead? Changes to logo, letterhead were completed previously and provide a cohesive appearance. A website redesign is currently under consideration including potential costs that was presented to members.

Regarding tagline for APS, do we still want Powered by Possibilities? Potential alternatives included A Destination District? Big City Conveniences…Small Town Feel. Additional suggestions will be discussed at future meeting.
A reminder from members regarding the superintendent evaluation and performance survey which is completed by staff. Administrative Assistant will be providing links of both documents to members via email.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT** at 7:24 p.m. by consensus.