

ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 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, Cannata, DeJong, Hendricks, Holstege, MacDonald, Thurkettle

Administration: Cooper, Kleyn, Westra, Murphy, VanderLaan

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.4 The Board employs the most competent persons available for administrative positions. (Trustee - Holstege)

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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

October 10, regular meeting minutes

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial Statement Notes
- b. Cumulative Fund Activity Report
- c. General Fund Summary
- d. Check Register
 - Wires: #4484-4522
 - Checks: 149324-149385
 - EFT: 14935-15017

Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$951,152.44

- e. Business Services Checklists
- f. Bond Spending Summary

C. Personnel Report

D. Leave of Absence

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Troy Lampen
Emily Miller
Kyle Stelmach
Jeanine Gasper
John Stelmach

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dates**
 - Nov. 21 - Conversations with Cooper, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Boardroom
 - Nov. 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break - No School
 - Dec. 1 - Holiday Pops Concert, 7:00 PM, CFAC
 - Dec. 5 - Y5-12th Winter Art Show, 5:30 PM, CFAC
 - Dec. 8 - Falcon Kids Choir Concert, 7:00 PM, CFAC
 - Dec. 12 - Regular BOE meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Boardroom
- B. Bullying and Discipline Reports**
- C. Other**

XII. BOARD COMMENTS

Breen
Cannata
DeJong
Hendricks
Holstege
MacDonald

XIII. PRESIDENT COMMENT

Thurkettle

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Review a proposed change to the high school handbook regarding head coverings.**

Background: It has been proposed that the high school consider allowing students to wear hats during the school day. The group that made the request during public comment at the October BOE meeting provided some data to support this change. I did further research contacting the other school districts in Ottawa County and found that all but 2 of them are allowing high school students to wear hats. I have also received feedback from a school that started allowing this 3 years ago and their liaison officer stated no increased safety concerns.

Recommendation: Accept the request to modify the high school handbook to allow students to wear appropriate head coverings that meet our standards for other apparel.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Breen, to accept the request to modify the high school handbook to allow students to wear appropriate head coverings that meet our standards for other apparel. Motion carried.

B. Approve Science Olympiad Competition in Middlebury, Indiana

Background: The field trip request is to compete in a Science Olympiad Competition in Middlebury, Indiana . The experience helps prepare for Regional events by allowing students to engage with different competitors. Students will leave on Friday, January 13, 2023 after school and return Saturday, January 14, 2023, after the competition.

Recommendation: Approve Science Olympiad Field Trip as presented.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the request for the science olympiad team to attend the competition in Middlebury, Indiana. Motion carried.

C. Approve the 2023 Summer Tax Collection Agreement

Background: Districts are required to annually approve a Summer Tax Collection Agreement prior to December 31.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by Breen, seconded by Cannata, to approve the 2023 Summer Tax Agreement. Motion carried.

D. Approve purchase of SC4A Course and Ruth Crowe Field Trip

Background: Artist Ruth Crowe is an Allendale alumnus and a member of the Allendale Hall of Fame. She has specifically requested to work with the Allendale High School art department during her show.

“Social Emotional Learning as a tool for growth + self-expression. Utilizing creativity to create connections + build community. Literacy + Storytelling

Tuesdays from 9:56-10:54 (during Art 2 class). We will either begin programming January 31st or February 7, and end February 28th or March 7.

A field trip to Saugatuck Center for the Arts to see Ruth Crowe’s exhibit in early March, after on-site programming concludes. Depending on when we conclude, it could be the week of the 6th or 13th.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of SC4A Course and Ruth Crowe Field trip.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the proposal for SC4A Course and Ruth Crowe Field Trip.
Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Breen - YES; Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - NO; Holstege - NO; MacDonald - YES; Thurkettle - YES. Motion carried.

Motion by Breen, seconded by Cannata, to move to closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation discussion at 6:44 PM. Motion carried.

E. Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation

Move to open session at 8:01 PM.

F. Approval of Superintendent Summative Performance Evaluation Rating

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Breen, to approve Superintendent Summative Performance Evaluation Rating of 3.93.

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

G. Approval of Extension of Superintendent's Contract

Districts that complete the superintendent evaluation in November or December have traditionally voted to extend the contract at that time as well. The approval would extend the contract until June 30, 2026. Financial terms for the 2023/2024 school year will be determined in June, 2023.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Breen, to extend Superintendent contract until June 30, 2026.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Vissers
Administrative Assistant