ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS’ BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MINUTES, NOVEMBER 27, 2017, 6:00 PM
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM AT OAKWOOD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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, Pineiro, Thurkettle, Zickus
ABSENT: Modderman Jr.
ADMINISTRATORS: Cooper, Park, Remenap

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
The public participation process was shared by President Breen.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
17-87 Motion by DeJong, seconded by Haight, to approve the agenda as amended. ALL APPROVED

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Jeff DuCharme, Allendale Resident requested that the board should be prudent when considering the design of the Early Childhood Center building to ensure that the design makes accommodations for any future expansions.

VII. FINANCE REPORT
CFO Park shared the finance report revenues which reflect only one month of state aid payments while current expenditures include August election (bond) costs from township and county; audit, and personnel costs which were not reflected in the original budget presented in June, 2017. The amended budget will more accurately portray the revenue vs. expenditure projections for the 2017-18 fiscal years.

VIII. NEW OPTIONS UPDATES
Principal Remenap shared a presentation highlighting the new formatting for the program including:
• GED class – 9 of 11 graduates this year, current staff performance is exemplary
• Students are thriving in the new “round room” venue and the cohesive environment it provides to succeed
• Each student has an established plan and one third of students want to return to high school. Each student has pathway for success established in their personal space area.
• A new reward system has been established for attendance that includes alternatives to established required attendance
• Graduation requirements of 18 credits (all core) have been established
• Current enrollment – 21 AHS students, 8 non-resident School of Choice students
VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Cooper shared current legislative updates including: Proposed legislation regarding shortages in teacher areas of study-APS continues to receive high quality applications in all areas. Discussion on school calendars, and the potential of starting prior to Labor Day, while remaining student and staff friendly. Dr. Cooper will work on a letter of agreement and update the board in future meeting. He updated the board on other upcoming legislative issues including the Conceal & Carry Gun Legislation and PD hours for teachers currently being reviewed.

IX. REVIEW OF SEAB MEMBER CONFIGURATION

The first meeting for 2017-18 is scheduled for December 7. Members to determine number of participants for representative groups will be limited: Discussion determined a total not to exceed 25, including the mandatory groups of 7 mandatory members, 12 parents and 6 staff/board members. Dr. Cooper will follow up with administrators in the effort to reach parents who may want the opportunity to serve on the committee as correspondence was disseminated prior to Thanksgiving break.

X. COUNTY WIDE MILLAGE ENHANCEMENT

Dr. Cooper updated members regarding participating in millage enhancement with other districts in Ottawa County. Members would like additional information prior to further consideration. Dr. Cooper will provide additional updates as information becomes available.

XI. SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Dr. Cooper provided an updated plan for the new building, which is now configured to provide bus and parent drop off locations at the same corner of the building and alleviate potential traffic flow slowdowns. Plans have been forwarded lower elementary staff for review. Consensus from the board is that this new plan is good to submit.

XII. CHINA COLLABORATION

Dr. Cooper discussed specifics regarding the Memo of Understanding with the University of China and potential opportunities the collaboration will offer to APS Students and the community, including the possibly having middle school students participation in summer/robotics/learning camps/Lego. Updates will be provided as they become available.

Treasurer Pam DeJong shared a thank you to APS staff member Keith Piccard’s presentation at Fall Science Fair.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT at 7:42PM by consensus.