

ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Hendricks, Holstege, MacDonald, Thurkettle

Absent: DeJong

Administration: Cooper, Park, Westra, Mullen, Murphy, VanderLaan

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.2 The Board acts on policy matters only after seeking and receiving pertinent information, receiving the superintendent's recommendation and following full Board discussion. (Trustee - Hendricks)

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 Cannata, seconded by Holstege, to approve the modification to the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Amendment 1: Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Hendricks, to add Action Item G, approve the Allendale Equestrian Team to attend overnight championships. Motion carried.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

August 8, regular meeting minutes

B. Financial Reports

a. Financial Statement Notes

- b. Cumulative Fund Activity Report
- c. General Fund Summary
- d. Check Register
Wires: #4424-4439
Checks: 149179-149233
EFT: 14767-14818
Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$1,013,962.54
- e. Business Services Checklists
- f. Bond Spending Summary

C. Personnel Report

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

IX. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wurst - Math and Lit Camps
- DeZwaan and Greinke - Reading Bus

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Halen Sherwood
Troy Lampen
Krista Yetzke
Ronnie Allen
Aaron Haight
Liz Ramey
Deb Meinderttsma

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dates**
Sept. 26 - Conversations with Cooper 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 - Half Day
Oct. 18 and 20 - Half Days and Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 21 - No School Y5-12
- B. Start of school update**
- C. Admin changes**
- D. District Scorecard**

- E. **M-Step scores**
- F. **Vape detection wand**

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Hendricks
Holstege
Cannata
Breen

XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

Thurkettle

XV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve 2023 ACDA National Honors Choir Trip

Background: Adam Wurst would like to invite students to audition for the 2023 ACDA (American Choral Directors Association) National Honors Choir program. This would be an incredible first for Allendale students should any of them qualify. Students selected to participate in the National Honor Choir program will travel to Cincinnati, OH, February 22-25, 2023. The trip would be planned, funded and facilitated by the parents, not our choir program.

Recommendation: Approve the 2023 ACDA National Honors Choir Trip February 22-25, 2023.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Breen, to approve the 2023 ACDA National Honors Choir Trip February 22-25, 2023. Motion carried.

B. Approve Changes to the Middle School Handbook

Background: The Middle School would like to change their handbook to reflect the decision to not allow personal electronic devices (cell phones, smart watches, tablets, etc.) during the school day.

Recommendation: Approve the Middle School Handbook modification.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Holstege, to approve the changes to the Middle School Handbook modification.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Breen, to table changes to Middle School Handbook until Policy Committee is able to review. Motion carried.

C. Approve Purchase of novel for AP Literature

Background: We have participated in the past with Hope College's Big Read project

and this year the text is *Circe*, by Madeline Miller. This will replace the *Great Gatsby* which will now be read in one of the new pilot ELA courses. *Circe* is a novel rooted in Greek mythology, and is an offshoot of the *Odyssey*.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of the novel *Circe* for use in AP Literature.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the purchase of novel *Circe*.

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

D. Approve Purchase of novel College Prep course

Background: *Educated* is a memoir by American author Tara Westover, and follows her childhood with her survivalist family in Idaho, with no formal education. As a 17-year-old, Tara fights to attend Brigham Young University, and goes on to earn graduate degrees at Harvard and Cambridge. Westover's thesis is that education can change our lives for the better, which is an empowering message for our nervous college-bound Seniors.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of the novel *Educated*.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Breen, to approve the purchase of the novel *Educated* for use in College Prep English class.

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

E. Approve the use of Shakespeares' "Twelfth Night" in 10th grade English

Background: *Twelfth Night* is a play by William Shakespeare that is a comedy with the theme, "you can't judge a book by its cover. It is a whimsical farce full of mistaken identities that is written in the formal structure of Shakespearean Language. This play satisfies the Common Core State Standards requirement for 10th grade English.

Recommendation: Approve the use of the "Twelfth Night" in 10th grade English.

Motion by Breen, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the use of the "Twelfth Night" in 10th grade English.

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

F. Approve the AHS Chamber Choir Field Trip to Camp Geneva on October 7 & 8, 2022

Background: On October 7 & 8, 2022, Allendale High School Chamber Choir will be attending a Choir Retreat at Camp Geneva, per your approval. On Saturday afternoon at 4 PM, we will hold a small performance for parents and guardians as an assessment to student learning.

Recommendation: Approve the Field Trip request as presented.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the AHS Chamber Choir Field Trip to Camp Geneva as presented. Motion carried.

G. Approve Field Trip Request for the Allendale Equestrian Team to Attend Overnight Championships.

Background: These are competitions for 1 student on the Equestrian Team if qualified to compete in the MIHA Championships. The student will have to stay overnight with their chaperone. Regionals are at Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Michigan and State is at Midland County Fairgrounds in Midland, Michigan.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Cannata, to approve the equestrian team field trips as presented. Motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Vissers
Administrative Assistant