

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 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 PM**

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

Allendale Public Schools commit to educate, inspire, and support all students.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** DeJong, Hendricks, Holstege, MacDonald, Richards, Thurkettle

**Absent:** Cannata

**Admin:** Cooper, Kleyn, Mulder, Reynolds, VanderLaan

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 1.4** The Board recognizes that the authority to act rests with the entire Board of Education and that business shall be transacted only in official meetings. (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 open forum.

**VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes**

August 9, 2021, regular meeting minutes

**B. Financial Reports**

a. Financial Statement Notes

b. Cumulative Fund Activity Report

c. General Fund Summary

d. Check Register – Wires: 3990-4014; Checks 148287-148357;

EFT 13755-13804; totaling \$944,652.23

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

**C. Personnel Report**

**D. Tenure**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Butkus  
Ella Weinberg  
Alyssa Wynberg  
Ronnie Allen  
Aylah Ashbay  
Kelly Ashbay  
Liz Ramey  
Reese Allen  
Lauryn Allen  
Amber Ciesielski  
Tonya Harris  
Krista Yetzke  
Steve Yetzke  
Emily Underhill  
Dave Rhodea  
Todd Allen

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Finance**
- B. Policy**
- C. Ad Hoc (SEAB)**

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Dates**
  - Sept 20 - Cookies and Conversation with Cooper
  - Sept 24 - Y5-12 Half Day for all students; Staff PD
  - Oct 6 - Count Day
  - Oct 6 - NHS Blood Drive, 8 AM - 2 PM, CFAC
  - Oct 7 - HS Choir Concert, 7 PM, CFAC
  - Oct 9 - AHS Marching Band Invitational, 9 AM, Falcon Stadium
  - Oct 11 - Board of Ed meeting, 6 PM, Oakwood Board Room

- B. MASB Delegate Assembly**
- C. Cookies and Conversation with Cooper**
- D. Other**

**XII. BOARD COMMENTS**

Holstege  
Hendricks  
Richards  
MacDonald  
DeJong

**XIII. PRESIDENT COMMENT**

Thurkettle

**XIV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of New Book for English 11A**

**Background:** Since AHS is switching to semesters this year and has more instructional minutes to use with students, it was the perfect time to add poetry to our list of classroom texts. This year, for the first time, the NEA (National Endowment for the Arts) Big Read Lakeshore, sponsored by Hope College, has selected a collection of poetry called *An American Sunrise*, by Joy Harjo, the current US Poet Laureate. In English 11A, we begin our study of the textbook in Collection 1, which includes diary entries and primary documents written by Colonial settlers like John Smith and William Bradford, as well as Native American voices from the Iroquois and Shawnee tribes. We will move from these voices of the 17th and 18th centuries and transition to Harjo's poems, a collection reflecting on the impact of history on Native Americans today, and a message equal parts sorrow and celebration. By the end of the unit, students will be able to read and analyze a poem written by a contemporary indigenous poet.

**Recommendation:** Approve as presented

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the new book for English 11A as presented. Motion carried.

**B. Approve the Purchase of Replacement Staff Laptops**

**Background:** As we work our way through Phase II of the 2017 bond, we are at a point where we need to replace our second set of staff laptops. The laptops needed replacement were purchased in 2014 and are 7 years old. The REMC program, which allows us to get the best possible price for the district, awarded the bid to Inacomp TSG. It is an HP ProBook 450 G8 and will cost \$599.22 per unit. We need to purchase 200 for a total price of \$119, 844. This purchase is being recommended at this time because the bid price guarantee ends September 30 and we are being told there is a lead time of approximately 6 months.

**Recommendation:** Approve the bid as presented

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Richards, to approve the purchase of 200 laptops from Inacomp TSG for \$119,844, as presented.

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

**C. Change the date of the November Board of Education meeting**

**Background:** The Board President will not be in town on November 8, 2021. This is the month when the Superintendent evaluation is completed so it would be important for Josh to be present.

**Recommendation:** Approve changing the date of the November Board meeting to November 15, 2021.

Motion by Richards, seconded by DeJong, to approve changing the date of the November Board meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:07 PM.