

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 13, 2025 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**

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – Policy #5.1 - Trustees serve to assure that the mission of the district is achieved without discrimination. (DeJong - Treasurer)**

**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. Policy #167.3

**VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**VIII. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

- A. Election of Officers**
- B. Board Secretary designates Depositor of School Funds.**
- C. Board Secretary designates Board of Education Posting Designee.**
- D. Board Secretary designates Recording Secretary.**
- E. Meetings, Representatives, Miscellaneous Items**

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes**
- B. Financial Reports**
  - a. General Fund Summary
  - b. Budget Report
  - c. Cumulative Fund Activity Report
  - d. Business Services Checklists
  - e. Financial Statement Notes
  - f. Check Register

**C. Probation/Tenure Report**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Ad Hoc (SEAB)**

**XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Dates**

Jan. 13 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room

Jan. 16 - Y5 - 12 half day of school

Jan. 17- Y5 - 12 half day of school, End of first semester

Jan. 18 A Cappella Off, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center

Jan. 21 Parent Engagement Night, 6:00 PM, Coopersville High School

Jan. 28 Oakwood Singing Falcons/Talent Show, 7:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center

**B. Other**

**XIII. BOARD COMMENTS**

**XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT**

**XV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Resolution to approve Ballot language for Bond proposal**

**Background:** The District is preparing to take a proposal to the community through a ballot initiative during the election held on May 6, 2025. The Board needs to review and approve the resolution prepared by our attorneys in order to put this question on the ballot.

**B. Approve contracting with Galapagos Marketing**

**Background:** We have been researching ways to improve/update our communications for quite a while. Galapagos is a company that has been working with school districts throughout the State, and in particular, around the area. This company is adept with streamlining/standardizing communications, improving a district's social media presence, creating communications that reach all school and community stakeholders, recruit/retain students and teachers, and even help with bond initiatives.

**C. Approve a retainer with Thrun Law**

**Background:** The District is committed to using Kallman Law as our primary attorney but there are multiple reasons that having a secondary law firm makes sense. We have utilized Thrun for many years, including the past year, particularly for things like millages, elections, bond proposal, land purchase, special education law, etc. These are all areas that Thrun has decades of experience in, and make sense for us to tap into that expertise. The main reason it is suggested that we put them on retainer is because of the additional support that brings, with access to their monthly "Law Notes," as well as unbilled communications.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**