

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 15, 2024, 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: Cannata, Hendricks, Holstege, Mango, Ramey, Thurkettle

Absent: DeJong

Administration: Cooper, Park, Haraburda, Murphy, Torno, Voss

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.10 The Board develops policy to maintain a program of public information. (Vice President - 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. Policy #167.3

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

March 11, regular meeting minutes

March 25, work session minutes

B. Financial Reports

a. General Fund Summary

b. Budget Report

c. Cumulative Fund Activity Report

d. Business Services Checklists

d. Financial Statement Notes

e. Check Register

Wires: #5137 - 5174; Checks: 227997 - 228068;
EFT: 16565 - 16654; Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$1,068,849.44

C. Personnel Report

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

IX. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

A. All-State Wrestlers

Addison Schmidt - Sophomore

MacKenzie Maka - Junior

Jaxon Ramos- Junior

Terra Booe - Senior

Jack Guerrero - Senior

Harrison Meekhof - Senior

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc (SEAB)

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Dates

April 19 MSVMS State Solo & Ensemble, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM, AHS

April 20 MSVMS State Solo & Ensemble, 8:00 AM - 5: PM, AHS

April 24 National Honors Society Blood Drive, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, CFAC

April 29 Board of Education Work Session, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room

May 1 High School Art Show, 6:30, CFAC

May 1 High School Collage, 7:00 PM, CFAC

May 2 High School Collage, 7:00 PM, CFAC

May 3 No School Young Five - 12th Grade

May 13 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room

B. Other

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Cannata

Holstege

XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

None

XV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Proposal to purchase new curriculum materials for Middle School math

Background: Curriculum Director Beth Voss has been working closely with a team of teachers to review potential new resources for our middle

school math (grades 6-8) curriculum. After months of review and discussion, the committee recommends the purchase of the Reveal Math Resource.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of the new middle school math program Reveal at a total cost of \$80,122.00 for 6 years as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

B. Proposal to purchase new curriculum materials for High School math

Background: Curriculum Director Beth Voss has been working closely with a team of teachers to review potential new resources for our high school math (grades 9-12) curriculum. After months of review and discussion, the committee recommends staying with our current primary resource, Big Ideas, and purchasing a supplementary resource called Edia to work in collaboration with the main curriculum.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of the new high school math supplement Edia.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Holstege, to approve the purchase of the new high school math supplement Edia at a total cost of \$22,750.00 per year as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

C. Proposal to purchase new curriculum materials for High School ELA

Background: Curriculum Director Beth Voss has been working closely with a team of teachers to review potential new resources for our high school English/Language Arts (grades 9-12) curriculum. After months of review and discussion, the committee recommends purchasing a new curriculum resource called CommonLit.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the purchase of the new high school ELA resource CommonLit at a cost of \$34,500.00 for six years, and \$30,000 for the purchase of class novels and book club books as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

D. Proposal to purchase new curriculum materials for Middle School ELA

Background: Curriculum Director Beth Voss has been working closely with a team of teachers to review potential new resources for our middle school English/Language Arts (grades 6-8) curriculum. After months of review and

discussion, the committee recommends staying with our current primary resource, MAISA units, and purchasing a supplement resource called NoRedInk to work in collaboration with the main curriculum for writing and grammar.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of the new middle school ELA supplement NoRedInk at a total cost of \$10,262.00 per year as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

E. Proposal to purchase new security fencing at the AECC

Background: As part of a grant, we propose replacing the 4-foot high fencing around the AECC playgrounds with 6-foot high fences. This project will be paid for from the 31aa Security and Mental Health grant funds. We will also repurpose the current AECC fencing by installing it along areas of the Oakwood playground that need additional fencing.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Ramey, to approve the purchase of 6-foot high fencing around the AECC playgrounds at a total cost of \$132,440.00 as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

F. Proposal to purchase new lift-top student desks for elementary

Background: These desks would be replacing desks that are over 15-years old. The 2017 bond still has funds remaining and the bond request in 2017 approved using the funds for furniture needs. These desks will be paid for from the 2017 bond dollars.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Ramey, to approve the purchase of 230 lift-top student desks at a total cost of \$47,008.80 as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

G. Proposal to purchase new task/work chairs for all staff in Evergreen, Oakwood, Middle School and High School

Background: The work furniture in these buildings is getting quite worn down. It is important to make sure that our staff know that they are appreciated for the work they do, and making sure that they have work furniture that is comfortable and supportive is a big part of that. Staff were given several options to choose from so it is not one-size fits all! This total is not broken down by the individual style choices, so the expenditure request reflects the total of all the chairs regardless of vendors. We will be replacing 375 staff chairs throughout the

district. The cost of these chairs will come from the funds that are still associated with the 2017 bond allocated towards furniture costs.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of the new staff work chairs at a cost not to exceed \$190,000.00 as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

H. Proposal to purchase new MS and HS wrestling mats

Background: We are in need of upgrading our wrestling mats both at the MS and HS. We are requesting 2 new competition mats for the middle school and 2 new practice mats for the high school. The 2 middle school mats will come from EZFlex at a cost of \$23,583.00. The 2 high school mats will come from Resilite at a cost of \$36,460.00. The total request for all 4 mats is \$60,043.00

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of four (4) new wrestling mats at a total cost of \$60,043.00 as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

I. Approve NEOLA Policy Updates

Background: Approve the Spring 2024 updates to NEOLA policies #1240, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800. These changes are primarily in response to new evaluation laws approved by the legislature, as well as required regulations related to prevailing wage. There are also changes to policy for Religious/Patriotic ceremonies.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the Spring 2024 NEOLA policy updates to Board Policy #1240, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800, as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

J. Approve Final Bond Proposal Resolution Amendment

Background: This resolution is to approve the application for preliminary qualification of bonds. The district is seeking these bonds to make additions and renovations to various facilities throughout both campuses.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented by the Administration for filing with the Michigan Department of Treasury, and that the Secretary of this Board be authorized to sign the same. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -ABSENT; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

K. Approve Allendale Robotics VEX VRC team 61187D field trip to VEX World Championship April 28-30, 2024 in Dallas, TX

Background: We have a middle school team of 6-8 grade students who have qualified for this tournament in Texas. The families of these students will be providing the transportation and all costs associated with the event.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the Allendale Robotics VEX VRC team 61187D field trip to the World Championship event as presented. Motion carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT at 6:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Vissers