

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2023 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, DeJong, Hendricks, Holstege, Mango, Ramey, Thurkettle

Administration: Cooper, Park, Bol, Luban, Mullen, Murphy, Plain, Smolen, Torno, VanderLaan, Westra

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

VI. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.6 Individual Board Members will keep the superintendent advised of community concerns, listen courteously to citizens without promising outcomes, refer persons with personal requests and criticisms to the appropriate authority. (Vice-President - Cannata)

VII. 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.

VIII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Amendment: Motion by Mango, seconded by Hendricks to modify the Agenda's Organizational Meeting item E. **Meetings, Representatives, Miscellaneous Items** to vote on each item separately. Motion carried as amended.

IX. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Election of Officers

The President will ask for nominations from the floor for the position of board president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

1. Motion by Cannata, seconded by DeJong, to approve Josh Thurkettle as APS Board President.

Roll Call Vote for Thurkettle: Cannata -YES; - DeJong -YES; Hendricks -NO; Holstege -NO; Mango -NO; Ramey -NO; Thurkettle -YES. Motion fails.

1.a. Amended motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve Corey Mango as APS Board President.

Roll Call Vote for Mango: Cannata -NO; DeJong -NO; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango -YES; Ramey -YES; Thurkettle -NO. Motion carried.

2. Motion by DeJong, seconded by Thurkettle, to approve Kim Cannata as APS Board Vice-President.

Roll Call Vote for Cannata: Cannata -YES; DeJong -YES; Hendricks -NO; Holstege -NO; Mango -NO; Ramey -NO; Thurkettle -YES. Motion failed.

2.a. Amended motion by Ramey, seconded by Holstege, to approve Anna Hendricks as APS Board Vice-President.

Roll Call Vote for Hendricks: Cannata -NO; DeJong -NO; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango -YES; Ramey -YES; Thurkettle -NO. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Cannata, seconded by DeJong, to approve Josh Thurkettle as APS Board Secretary.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata –YES; DeJong –YES; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango -YES; Ramey –YES; Thurkettle -YES. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Cannata, seconded by Thurkettle, to approve Pam DeJong as APS Board Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata –YES; DeJong –YES; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango -YES; Ramey –YES; Thurkettle -YES. Motion carried.

B. Board Secretary designates Depositor of School Funds.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Holstege, to appoint Allendale Public Schools' Chief Business Official, Accounting Supervisor, and Board of Education Treasurer as Depositors of School Funds. Motion carried.

C. Board Secretary designates Board of Education Posting Designee.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Ramey, to appoint Administrative Assistant as Posting Designee. Motion carried.

D. Board Secretary designates Recording Secretary.

Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by Hendricks, to appoint Administrative Assistant as Recording Secretary. Motion carried.

E. Meetings, Representatives, Miscellaneous Items

Meeting Schedule, Times, and Dates

Following are the dates for the regular/work session meetings scheduled for the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office – Board Meeting/Conference Room # 301 unless otherwise posted.

Regular Meetings

2023

February 13	June 12	October 9
March 13	July 10	November 13
April 17*	August 14	December 11
May 8	September 11	

2024

January 15, 2024**

*This is the third Monday of the month due to Spring Break

** Organizational Meeting for 2024 calendar year. Third Monday in January due to Winter Break

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Ramey, to add work session dates to the fourth Monday of the month for the 2023-2024 calendar.

Work Meetings

2023

January 23	May 22	September 25
February 27	June 26	October 23
March 27	July 24	November 27
April 24	August 28	December (not mtg - Christmas)

Roll Call Vote: Cannata - NO; DeJong - NO; Hendricks - YES; Holstege -YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - NO. Motion carried.

Committee Members, Representatives, Delegates and Alternates

Finance Committee Members	<u>dissolved</u>
Policy Committee Members	<u>dissolved</u>
SEAB Committee Members	<u>Cannata, Hendricks, Ramey</u>
Discipline Committee Members	<u>Cannata, Holstege, Mango</u>
OASBA Representative	<u>DeJong</u>
MASB Delegates (2)	<u>Postpone</u>
Alternates (2)	<u>Postpone</u>

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks to dissolve the Finance and Policy Committee. Finance and Policy will be discussed during Work sessions. Motion carried.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to postpone MASB delegate selection until after all Miscellaneous items discussed. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Items

Postings - Regular board meetings, informational meetings, executive sessions, and/or committee meetings where majority of board members are present. Notices will be posted on the outside entrance doors of the District Administration Office.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Organizational Meeting - Will be held during the board meeting in January.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Holstege, to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Public Participation Process - Members of the audience will be able to make public comments at the time designated on the agenda. Names will be taken in advance and will be called in the same order. Each participant has 3 minutes.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Thurkettle, to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote - Expenditures of funds, purchase of property, and resolutions.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to amend the roll call vote to include policy changes. Motion carried as amended.

Compensation - Board members will be paid \$40.00 for each board meeting attended, and reimbursed at the end of each school year.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Ramey, to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Mileage - Reimbursement shall be set at current IRS rate.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Ramey, to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Organizations - Annual members of MASB.

Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to withdraw membership in MASB and replace it with NSBLC.

Amendment: Motion by Cannata, seconded by Thurkettle, to table the motion for 30 days.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -YES; Hendricks -NO; Holstege -NO; Mango -NO; Ramey -NO; Thurkettle -YES. Motion failed.

Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by Holstege' to table the decision until the next regular board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Cannata -YES; DeJong -YES; Hendricks -NO; Holstege -YES; Mango -NO; Ramey -NO; Thurkettle -YES. Motion carried.

Auditor - Maner Costerisan.

Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by DeJong to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel on Retainer - Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by DeJong, to retain Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

Amendment 1: Motion by Ramey, seconded by Hendricks, to utilize Kallman Legal Group, PLLC.

Amendment 2: Motion by Cannata, seconded by Thurkettle, to postpone the decision until the next regular board meeting.

Roll Call Vote for Amendment 2: Cannata -YES; DeJong -YES; Hendricks -NO; Holstege -NO; Mango -NO; Ramey -NO; Thurkettle -YES. Motion failed.

Roll Call Vote for Amendment 1: Cannata -NO; DeJong -NO; Hendricks -YES; Holstege -YES; Mango -YES; Ramey -YES; Thurkettle -NO. Motion carried as amended.

Depositories - As presented in the Resolution Authorizing Depositories for Allendale Public School District Funds.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

December 12, regular meeting minutes

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial Statement Notes
- b. Cumulative Fund Activity Report
- c. General Fund Summary
- d. Check Register

Wires: #4563-4600

Checks: 149460-149499 & 6122024-6122040

EFT: 15116-15204

Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$1,667.025.80

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

C. Personnel Report

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

XI. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

A. One-room Schoolhouse

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Emily Miller
Troy Lampen
Ronnie Allen
Emily Underhill
Kyle Stelmach
John Stelmach
Steve Yetzke
Jeanine Gasper
Mike Eickberger
Tonya Harris

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dates**
 - Jan. 19 - Y5 - 12 half day of school
 - Jan. 20 - Y5 - 12 half day of school, End of first semester
 - Jan. 23 - Work Board of Education meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
 - Jan. 31- Oakwood Singing Falcons/Talent Show, 7:00 PM, CFAC
 - Feb. 7 - MS/HS Band Pre-fest Concert, 6:30 PM, CFAC
 - Feb. 13 - HS Choir Pre-fest Concert, 7:00 PM, CFAC
 - Feb. 13 - Regular Board of Education meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
- B. Board Appreciation**
- C. Other**

XV. BOARD COMMENTS

Cannata
Ramey
Holstege

Thurkettle
Hendricks
DeJong

XVI. PRESIDENT COMMENT

Mango

XVII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve new Environmental Science Course

Background: Students need to take three years of science to meet the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum for graduation. This course would provide a science credit option that is not advanced/college bound. Incoming 9th graders earn a science credit from Chemistry I and Physics I. 10th graders earn a credit from Biology. 11th-12th graders can earn credit from Chemistry II, Physics II, Anatomy & Physiology, AP Biology, or AP Chemistry. Environmental Science will provide another standards (NGSS) based elective course.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the request to create an Environmental Science elective course for high school juniors and seniors as presented. Motion carried.

B. Approve new Advanced Residential Structures Course

Background: Advance Residential Structures is a hands-on course that further builds on the concepts and fundamentals from Introduction to Residential Structures. This class is intended for students who have an interest in the construction career pathway and may provide occupational employment opportunities available in the construction industry. The class will have an advanced focus on residential construction techniques in the areas of: proper hand and power tool uses, blueprint reading, framing, roofing framing, electrical wiring, drywall, interior finishes, industry terminology and math concepts.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the request to create an Advanced Residential Structures elective course. Motion carried.

C. Field Trip Request – Spain Trip 2024

Background: The field trip request is to promote education on location as well as application of Spanish Language learned in class. Travel will occur over spring break

2024 plus up to two additional days to travel to Spain. This trip has been taken every other year.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Holstege, to approve the Spain 2024 field trip as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by Hendricks, to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 9:10 PM.

D. Closed Session - Negotiations

Move to open session at 9:55 PM

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT at 9:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Vissers
Administrative Assistant