

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
CEGLAREK FINE ARTS CENTER**

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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, MacDonald, Richards, Thurkettle

Absent:

Administrators: Cooper, Park, Reynolds, VanderLaan

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 1.1 Trustees are elected at large to represent the interests of all constituents. In determining policy, Trustees shall represent the general welfare and individual rights of all citizens. (Secretary MacDonald)

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

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

May 10, 2021, regular meeting minutes

B. Financial Reports

a. Financial Statement Notes

- b. Cumulative Fund Activity Report
- c. General Fund Summary
- d. Check Register – Wires: 3891-3924; Checks 148016-148085;
EFT 13577-13632; totaling \$906,868.01
- e. Business Services Checklists
- f. Bond Spending Summary

C. Personnel Report

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

IX. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHT

All-State Basketball - Hannah Schroeder and Grace Rosser

All-State Science Olympiad Winners - Violet DeHaan, Jaden DuCharme, Aiden Gross, Ben Gross, Allayna Haveman, Nolan Johnson, Andrew Kurmas, Emma Malkowski, Ben Meindertsma, Andrew Scholten, Casey Scott, Haden Sherwood, Zach Torno

All-State Track - Cam Battjes, Patrick Adams, Hannah Schroeder

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brandon Holstege

Laura Holstege

Ronnie Allen

Emily Underhill

Amber Ciesielski

Liz Ramey

Krista Yetzke

Leah Fox

Sylvia Rhodea

Steve Yetzke

Angela Loreth

Deanna Hunter

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

B. Policy

C. Ad Hoc (SEAB)

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Media Packet

B. Other

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Cannata

Holstege
Hendricks
MacDonald
DeJong

XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

Thurkettle

XV. ACTION ITEMS

A. Reconfirm the Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan

Background: On August 20, 2020, Governor Whitmer signed House Bill 5913 into law as Public Act 149. Section 98a states that in order to receive state aid for 2020-2021, districts must provide for instruction under an Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (“Plan”) that has been approved by an intermediate district or authorizing body. The Plan does not replace the District’s/PSA’s COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan, it is an additional plan that includes new assurances and sections on educational goals, instructional delivery, grading, and equitable access.

Recommendation: Approve as presented

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Cannata, to reconfirm the Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan as presented.

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

B. Approve Purchase of *Essential Health Skills* Textbooks for High School Health

Background: The High School Physical Education Department needs a new Health textbook. After reviewing many options, they decided on a textbook and online resources from Goodheart-Willcox Publishing. The new textbook was presented to the District Improvement Team on May 3. We are now recommending approval of the recommendations for a total 6-year cost not to exceed \$13,461.58.

Recommendation: Approve the purchase of High School Health books as presented.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of the *Essential Health Skills* Textbooks for High School Health for \$13,461.58.

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

C. Approve Changes to Middle School and High School Handbooks

Background: The Middle School and High School administration have been working with Thrun Law on updating our handbooks for both buildings. The handbooks now better reflect our current practices, as well as changes to educational law and policy.

Recommendation: Approve adoption of modified Handbooks for Middle School and High School.

Motion by Richards, seconded by DeJong, to approve the adoption of modified Handbooks for Middle School and High School. Motion carried.

D. Consideration to reinstate bussing in Hidden Shores neighborhood

Background: Going into the 2020/2021 school year we were informed by the State that we should prepare for an almost \$2 million cut to our State aid. With that in mind, we reviewed every department in the district making cuts to spending in order to balance our budget. At the same time, we were also struggling to find enough bus drivers to cover all of our bus routes. With these two concerns to consider, a decision was made to implement a “walk zone” that aligned with practices that are in place in every other Ottawa County school district. However, we are in better financial standing, our transportation staffing is full, and the unintended consequences that have led to increased campus traffic and additional student safety concerns, warrant a reconsideration of this policy.

Recommendation: Approve the reinstatement of bussing to the homes that fell in the “walk zone” radius.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by MacDonald, to approve the reinstatement of bussing to the homes that fell in the “walk zone” radius. Motion carried.

E. Consideration of Superintendent’s Contract

Background: The Superintendent’s evaluation has been moved to November based on recommendations from the Michigan Association of School Boards so that it better aligns with available student achievement data. The Superintendent’s contract, however, still runs on the school year calendar from July-June of each year. It is recommended that Dr. Cooper’s contract be approved as presented to run from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by Richards, to approve the renewal and extension of the Superintendent’s contract to run

through June 30, 2024.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Cannata, to pay full 2% off schedule merit pay based on 2021 salary.

Roll Call Vote for amendment: Cannata – YES; DeJong – YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - NO; MacDonald - YES; Richards – YES; Thurkettle - YES. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote for entire motion including amendment: Cannata – YES; DeJong – YES; Hendricks - NO; Holstege - YES; MacDonald - YES; Richards – YES; Thurkettle - YES. Motion carried.

F. Approval of the Custodial & Maintenance Agreement

Background: The Operations crew, which includes custodians, maintenance and grounds workers, disbanded their union affiliation with the Teamsters, and negotiated for the first time this year as a “meet and confer” group. Negotiations went well, with the major work done to modify a union agreement into a work agreement, and then to focus on the compensation part of the contract. We made a significant increase to most of our employees in order to raise their wages to a more competitive level with the job market. Those at the top end of the scale will receive a 2.75% increase this year. The agreement is for 3 years.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by Richards, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the Custodial & Maintenance Agreement as presented.

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

G. Approval of the Transportation Agreement

Background: The bulk of the negotiations this year focused on compensation. Ultimately, an agreement was reached that will provide a 2% increase in wages each year of the agreement. The longevity scale has been modified for all future drivers, bringing the compensation for longevity more in line with other districts in the area. Please note that this is a four (4) year agreement!

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

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

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

H. 2021-2022 MHSAA Membership Resolution

Background: This is an annual membership renewal with MHSAA for our middle school and high school athletic programs.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Cannata, to approve the 2021-2022 MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented.

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

I. General Appropriation Resolution to Amend 2020-2021 Budgets

Background: This resolution amends the current year budgets to more accurately reflect revenues and expenditures.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Richards, to approve the General Appropriation Resolution to Amend the 2020-2021 budgets.

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

J. General Appropriation Resolution for 2021-2022 Budgets

Background: This resolution approves the budgets for the next fiscal year (2021-2022). Line item information is available on your Moodle site. Based upon the best information at this time, we are recommending this budget for approval.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Cannata, to approve the 2021-2022 General Appropriation Resolution for the budgets as presented.

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

K. Tax Levy Resolution

Background: This is an annual resolution establishing our tax rate for collection of property taxes. The debt millage will remain at 12.0 mills which are 9.49 mills for the Qualified debt and 2.51 mills for the non-Qualified debt (2017 and 2020 bonds).

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by MacDonald, seconded by Cannata, to approve the Tax Levy Resolution for the 2021 tax levy, and to approve

the L-4029 Tax Rate Request

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

L. Resolution Authorizing Ratification of the 2021 Refunding Bonds

Background: On April 19, 2021 this Board authorized the issuance of bonds designated 2021 Refunding Bonds in the principal sum of Seven Million, One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$7,170,000.00). On May 25, 2021, six bids for the purchase of the Bonds, of which the lowest interest cost bid satisfied the Board-established parameters and the Superintendent awarded the sale to that low bidder, Fifth Third Securities, Inc.

Recommendation: Approve as presented.

Motion by Cannata, seconded by DeJong, to approve the award of the sale of the Bonds to Fifth Third Securities, Inc. as presented.

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kraai
Executive Assistant