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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • MAY 20, 2019 ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at Allen Park High School, Large Group Instruction Room, 18401 Champaign, Allen Park, Michigan.

Regular meeting called to order/Solicitation of Comment Cards – 7:00 p.m. by Member Moynihan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Moynihan, Sheppard, Warren

Absent: Miller


19-043	<p>Motion by Loyd, supported by Sheppard, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Approval of May 20 agendab. Approval of April 15 meeting minutes and April 15 closed session meeting minutesc. Approval of registers: 4/12/2019=\$4,029.10, 4/15/2019=\$1,346.79, 4/16/2019=\$2,756.64, 4/25/2019=\$609,970.89, 5/9/2019=\$205,534.53, 5/10/2019=\$1,289.96d. Approval of wire transfers: 4/11/2019 thru 5/15/2019=\$1,343,944.21 <p>Yeas: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Moynihan, Sheppard, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
	<p>President's Communications: None at this time.</p>
	<p>Reading of Communications: None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments (pertaining to agenda):</i> None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>"In the Spotlight" – Student Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ High School Representative: Emelia Mihuc <p>Emelia shared class and club activities that included a successful Senior prom held at Arnaldo's Banquet Center, Junior class has selected the Roostertail in Detroit as next year's prom venue, Student Council is conducting election of officers for next year and choosing a homecoming theme, ASD Club is planning a trip to the Detroit Zoo and Dairy Queen, Link Crew will be holding a training session for next year's Link Leaders and the World Language Club dined at La Fork in Dearborn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Community School Representatives: Taylor Johnson, Diego Villalobos <p>Taylor and Diego shared information regarding recent PTSA Council Scholarship interviews, Henry Ford College placement exams, recent field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank of Detroit, PBIS Challenge Course, and a successful Senior prom at the Crystal Park Banquet Center. The students also thanked the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park for sponsoring them at the Kiwanis Key Leader Camp held in April. The campers participated in team building activities, working together and having fun, while learning to respect differences.</p>
	<p><i>"Cause for Applause" – Recognition of Exemplary Staff and Programs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Arno Reading Program with Therapy Dogs – Ms. Sara Bleau, Mrs. Jeanine Haskin, Mrs. Katie Jensen, Mrs. Rachel Warneck & Students <p>The main objective of this reading program is to provide a relaxed and 'dog friendly' atmosphere, which allows students to practice the skill of reading. Research says that students who read to dogs have a more positive outlook on reading. Since they have a more positive outlook on reading, their reading fluency and comprehension also improves. The students can't wait for their turn to read to therapy dogs, Gunner or Honey! Mr. Darga also extended appreciation to Cathy ('dog mom'), Gunner, Honey and Arno students Ariana, Luke, Matthew and Gwen for participating in the evening presentation along with their teachers!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lindemann Peer Mentoring Program – Mrs. Kendra Payette-Linn, Ms. Adrianna Soranno & Students <p>Student mentors encourage and help younger students set goals each day, giving them advice on how to reach goals. Mentors visit their mentee each morning and also check out with mentees at the end of the school day – cheering them for doing well or giving them advice and encouragement to do better the next</p>

	<p>day! Sophia, Greg and Griffin, 5th graders at Lindemann, shared 'what is a peer mentor,' as well as the program benefits for mentees, and mentors! Hat's off to Lindemann staff for continuing this rewarding program!</p>
	<p><i>Special Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adaptive Physical Education & Life Skills – Mrs. Stella Boyer <p>After serving as a Speech-Language Pathologist for 25 years, Mrs. Boyer was excited to launch an Adaptive P.E. & Life Skills program in Allen Park for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Mrs. Boyer was pleased to share that through a generous donation from Unified Champion Schools/Special Olympics new physical education equipment was purchased and secondary students participated in bowling at Roosevelt Lanes once a month. In addition, Lowes donated a washer and dryer to enhance the functional life skills aspect of the program, and Biggby Coffee donated coffee and bagels to enhance the life skills/merchandising program for high school students through a Wednesday morning 'coffee shop' project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Sub-Committee: Mental Health for Early Learners (Training) – Mrs. Maureen Klein <p>Mrs. Klein, Bennie Teacher, shared information about a committee that is being formed to address training and best ways to support students who have experienced trauma in their lives and provide additional mental health resources at the elementary level. Early learners experience trauma in a variety of ways – divorce, family death, substance abuse in the home, physical and/or mental abuse and stresses from poverty. The individual student in trauma affects all students in the classroom. Dr. Warren, Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Lauth visited both Lincoln Park and Woodhaven school districts to observe programming. Next steps are to broaden the committee to include principals, social workers, occupational therapist, school psychologist, teachers and parents. There are things we can do immediately for little or no cost, and then the bigger picture for when we are financially prepared. The district is grateful to Mrs. Klein and committee members for their initiative and proactive approach.</p>
19-044	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p>A. Award of Excellence – Officer Marcos Madrigal, School Resource Officer/APPD</p> <p>On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire school community, Mr. Darga expressed gratitude and best wishes to retiring School Resource Officer – Marcos Madrigal. For the past five years, Officer Madrigal has helped with the district's top priority – the safety and security of our students and staff.</p> <p>Through our partnership with the Allen Park Police Department, we have been so very fortunate to have an individual of Officer Madrigal's caliber at our schools, helping to create a welcoming environment in our buildings while ensuring the safety of our students and staff. Officer Madrigal played a key role in bringing ALICE training to Allen Park Public Schools and has been a tremendous support and invaluable resource to building administrators and school social workers, providing guidance as a highly trained law enforcement officer. Officer Madrigal has become a familiar, trusted face for our students, building a sense of trust and community between law enforcement and our students, parents and staff. The district wishes Officer Madrigal a retirement filled with good health, joy and fulfillment.</p> <p>B. Employments/Services</p> <p>Motion by Warren, supported by Sheppard, that the recommendation for employment of David Cornett as afternoon custodian at Lindemann Elementary be approved as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Moynihan, Sheppard, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>C. Resignations/Retirements:</p> <p>The following resignations/retirements have been received and accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jill Beesley – Food Service/APHS – Effective 6/14/2019 ▪ Theresa Brown – Principal/Lindemann – Effective 6/30/2019 ▪ David Cornett – Afternoon Custodian/Lindemann – Effective 5/17/2019 ▪ Jennifer Fairbanks – ASD Teacher/APHS – Effective 6/30/2019 ▪ Patricia Nowak – Food Service/Lindemann – Effective 4/23/2019
19-045	<p><i>Resolution for Wayne County RESA Board Election</i></p> <p>Motion by Moynihan, supported by Loyd, that this Board approve the designation of Robert Loyd as the representative of this Board for the electoral body and Dr. Jennifer Warren as the alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend, which body will elect two candidates to the vacancies on the Wayne RESA Board on June 3, 2019. And further, that the designated representative is directed to cast a</p>

	<p>vote on the first ballot on behalf of the Board for candidates James Beri and Lynda Jackson and that the attached resolution be approved as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Moynihan, Sheppard, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
19-046	<p><i>Resolution for Wayne County RESA General Fund Operating Budget 2019-20</i></p> <p>Michigan law requires each constituent school board of Wayne County to participate in Wayne RESA's budget development process. Each local school board must review the proposed budget, adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed budget with rationale and submit to Wayne RESA no later than June 1. Board members received the 2019-20 Wayne RESA Preliminary Budget, FAQ of budget related questions, as well a resolution for review via email.</p> <p>Motion by Klein, supported by Sheppard, that the Wayne RESA General Fund Operating budget for the 2019-20 school year be supported and that the attached resolution be approved as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Sheppard, Warren Nays: Moynihan Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
19-047	<p><i>APHS Summer Athletic Camps:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ APHS Varsity Cheer Camp – Alma College ▪ APHS JV Cheer Camp – Alma College ▪ APHS Football Camp – Alma College ▪ APHS Girls' Basketball Camp – Northwood University <p>Motion by Sheppard, supported by Loyd, that the proposals for Allen Park High School summer team camps – APHS Varsity Cheer Camp at Alma College, APHS JV Cheer Camp at Alma College, APHS Football Camp at Alma College and APHS Girls' Basketball Camp at Northwood University be approved as presented. And further, that all necessary parent consent forms, medical treatment forms and emergency health forms be processed prior to departure.</p> <p>Yeas: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Moynihan, Sheppard, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
	<p><i>Presentation of Financial Information: 2019-20 Proposed Budget – Mrs. Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance</i></p> <p>Mrs. Keith presented the proposed budget based on assumptions of a property tax reduction for Non-Homestead due to Headlee Rollback similar to 2018-19, enrollment of 3,800 student blend, a flat increase in foundation allowance, reduction in state revenue for categoricals (22n, 61d and 102d). Preliminary figures for Title I, IIA and IV (Federal Grants) indicate a reduction from 2018-19. The proposed budget does not include any steps or salary increases, a 1.9% increase on hard cap for health insurance and a MPERS retirement rate increase of an estimated 1%. The proposed budget does not include a transfer of enhancement millage funds for 2019-20.</p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Report:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Schools of Choice Update</i> <p>The district received 285 applications for Schools of Choice for the 2019-20 school year. At this time, we have accepted 45 siblings in various grades – 30 of them for kindergarten. We have also accepted 25 new kindergarteners and 1 first grader. There are 213 students on the wait list, 77 of them for kindergarten. We will continue to monitor summer enrollments and student withdrawals prior to taking students off the wait list. Hats off to Mrs. Alise Grant and Mrs. Kathy Andrews for an outstanding job streamlining this process, following MDE guidelines-affording fairness to all families and providing our incoming families with a warm, helpful welcome!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Data Dive Protocol – Kudos to Lisa Wojtowicz, Teacher Consultant</i> <p>Kudos to Mrs. Lisa Wojtowicz, Teacher Consultant at the Riley Education Center. The district has a standard data dive protocol to go with MTSS at the elementary level, and has expanded the MTSS theory to the MS and HS. However, we did not have a standard for the data dive meetings until Lisa created it. Dr. Tafelski provided Lisa with a brief description of what he was looking for and she ran with it! MTSS and data dives have eluded secondary schools until now, and Lisa has perfectly captured simple, measurable categories to allow staff members to ensure our students are getting the proper interventions. Lisa has created something</p>

	<p>we believe can be a template for the district, the county and beyond and we are so proud to say she is a member of the APPS Family!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>APMS Trip to Chicago</i> <p>Earlier this month, 7th graders at APMS enjoyed a field trip experience to Chicago – arrangements were made with Corporate Travel. Mr. Darga was proud to share an email he received from Marcia Novak, Tour Manager at Corporate Travel stating that our 7th graders were the most polite and attentive group she has ever escorted, not just to herself, but to each other as well as toward others who observed them.</p>
	<p><i>Citizen's Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Gail Brickey shared her concern for a statement made at an earlier Board meeting in regard to consideration for granting a diploma to eligible Beacon Day Treatment program students obtaining required credits per the Michigan Merit Curriculum, and the granting high school that would be named on the diploma. (Member Loyd responded to the concern, sharing that he retracted his earlier statement/motion and had apologized to Mr. Laura and APCS Staff)
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Klein was moved by Greg's (Lindemann Student/Mentoring Program) statement that "kids listen to other kids" and that APPS has a strong, supportive team and sense of community, and he is excited to see that in students and adults. ▪ Mr. Loyd enjoyed the positive presentations this evening, and appreciates our creative staff. Mr. Loyd also thanked Mrs. Klein for her initiative and extended best wishes to Officer Madrigal on his retirement. ▪ Dr. Warren loved the therapy dogs and reading program and thanked the entire group for the amazing presentation. Dr. Warren also loved the Peer to Peer Mentoring Program – it touched her heart when hearing that "kids listen to other kids" and thanked the adults for their continued efforts on this program. Dr. Warren thanked Mrs. Boyer for her hard work, she and had been hearing wonderful things. Dr. Warren gave a shout out to Mrs. Klein and is looking forward to growing the 'Mental Health for Early Learners Committee.' Dr. Warren also thanked Mrs. Tiffany Keith, Director of Finance, for taking the initiative to visit the school buildings with Patrick Ward, Director of Operations, and compile a prioritized list of facility needs. ▪ Mrs. Sheppard enjoyed the "Cause for Applause" and "Special Presentations" from building staff this evening and also thanked Mrs. Keith for an informative financial presentation. Mrs. Sheppard also announced that the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park reached their goal with the recent city-wide shoe drive and thanked Mr. Sean Laura and the Allen Park Community School Staff & Students for their assistance with this project. Mrs. Sheppard was also proud to share that for the first time, two Allen Park Community School students participated in the Kiwanis Key Leader Camp. ▪ Mrs. MacDonald echoed comments made by fellow board members and is excited about the amazing programs in Allen Park. Mrs. MacDonald thanked all staff for putting themselves out there, and being creative. ▪ In closing, Mr. Moynihan echoed comments made by fellow board members and was pleased to see the great work done by staff to benefit the students of Allen Park Public Schools.
19-048	<p>Motion by Sheppard, supported by Warren, that the meeting be recessed at 8:18 p.m. to consider attorney/client privilege information in compliance with Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Yeas: Klein, Loyd, MacDonald, Moynihan, Sheppard, Warren Nays: None Absent: Miller</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
19-049	<p>Motion by Sheppard, supported by Warren, that the closed session be adjourned and return to the regular open meeting at 10:04 p.m.</p>
19-050	<p>Motion by Sheppard, supported by Warren, that the meeting adjourn at 10:04 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,


Julia Sheppard, Secretary