

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 19, 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 6:01 PM**

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Cannata, Hendricks, Holstege, Mango, Ramey

**Absent:** DeJong, Thurkettle

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.8** The Board conducts its meetings based on a planned written agenda prepared by the superintendent in consultation with the Board President and/or Vice President and in accordance with the Board bylaws and state law. (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**

January 15, regular meeting minutes

January 29, 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: #5054 - 5086; Checks: 227858 - 227917;  
EFT: 16366 - 16461; Totaling = \$854,776.31

- C. **Personnel Report**
- D. **Probation and Tenure Reports**

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Troy Lampen  
Krista Yetske  
Rich Houtteman  
Ronnie Allen

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Ad Hoc (SEAB) - Cannata/Ramey**

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. **Dates**
  - Feb. 24 HS/MS Science Olympiad, 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM, High School & Middle School
  - Feb. 27 Young 5/Kindergarten Informational Meeting, 6:00 PM, ECC Gym
  - Feb. 28 Young Five/Kindergarten Information Night, 6:00 PM, AECC Cafeteria
  - March 7, 8, 9 High School Musical, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center
  - March 11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
- B. **Bullying and Discipline Report**
- C. **Bond update**
- D. **Other**

**XII. BOARD COMMENTS**

None

**XIII. PRESIDENT COMMENT**

Mango

**XIV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **Approve FIRST Robotics field trip to World Championship event in Houston, TX**  
**Background:** If the FIRST Robotics team qualifies at the state competition, they will be traveling to the World Championship event April 15-21, 2024, in Houston, Texas. This is an out of state and overnight competition, therefore requires Board approval.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Ramey, to approve the FIRST Robotics field trip to the World Championship event as presented. Motion carried.

- B. **Approve High School Field Trip Request to the Art Institute of Chicago**  
**Background:** This trip is for high school students who have taken either art, history or literature, to be able to see the general collection at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Ramey, to approve the high school field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago as presented. Motion carried.

**C. 2023-2024 Budget Resolution Amendment**

**Background:** This is the first of two amendments done on our approved June 2023-24 budget (the other occurs in May-June 2024). This amendment better reflects changes in revenues and expenses based on updated budgetary assumptions.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the General Appropriation Resolution to amend the General Fund Budget for 2023-2024 as presented. Motion carried.

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

**D. Approve NEOLA Policy Updates**

**Background:** Approve the Special PERA updates to NEOLA policies #0122, 1420, 3131, 3142, 3220. These changes are all in response to new employment laws approved by the legislature and governor last year that go into effect this month.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the Special NEOLA policy updates to Board Policy, as presented. Motion carried,

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

**E. Proposal to purchase new vehicles for food service**

**Background:** Per Michigan Department of Education guidelines, school fund authorities (SFA) must operate food services on a nonprofit basis. The fund balance of the food service fund at APS has exceeded the allowable amount and so we must spend that balance down, primarily by purchasing equipment used for food service. The two trucks being requested would be used to transport food between buildings on our campuses. They would be replacing two vehicles that are 15 and 20-years old.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve the purchase of the new vehicles at a total cost of \$138,985.00 as presented. Motion carried.

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

**F. Proposal to new sound system for HS Field House**

**Background:** The sound system in the high school is in need of replacement. The speakers are original (almost 30 years old), and many of the other system components have had to be replaced over the years. The gym is used for many athletic events, as well as our high school

graduation ceremony. This proposal would replace all of the speakers and all of the sound equipment. Using Parkway for this project will maintain consistency as we have used this company for other projects throughout the district.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by hendricks, to approve the purchase of a new sound system for the high school gym at a cost of \$79,750 as presented. Motion carried.

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

**XV. ADJOURNMENT at 7:06 PM**