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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING/WORK SESSION MINUTES • AUGUST 29, 2016

WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY – ROOM 250

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APPROVED

A regular meeting and work session of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, August 29, 2016, at the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency, 33500 Van Born Road, Room 250, Wayne, MI 48184.

Regular meeting called to order/Solicitation of Comment Cards – 6:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

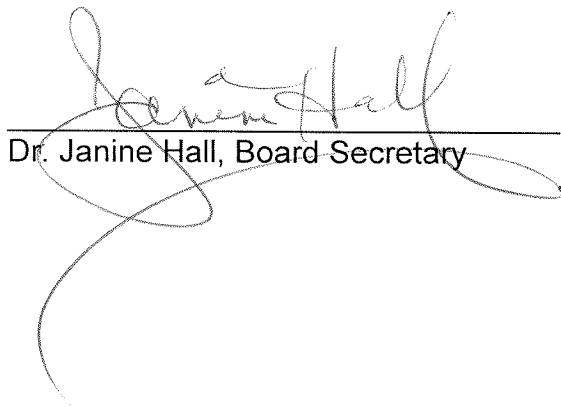
Roll Call/Present: DesJardins, Hall, Marten, Miller, Moynihan, Sheppard

Absent: Klenczar

16-107	Motion by Miller, supported by Moynihan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Yeas: DesJardins, Hall, Marten, Miller, Moynihan, Sheppard Nays: None Absent: Klenczar Motion carried.
	Citizen's Comments (<i>pertaining to agenda</i>): None at this time.
	Dr. Sturock began the work session by welcoming Board Members and the Administrative Team.
	<i>Long Range Strategic Plan 2012-17: Status Update</i> Administration presented a status update to the Long Range Strategic Plan citing evidence to support the strategic actions to the eight, identified plan goals. A comprehensive written report was also provided to the Board Members.
	<i>Departmental Updates:</i> Karen Guobis, Director of Food Services, shared departmental highlights including professional development opportunities such as food safety classes and customer service, examples of fiscal responsibility, direct certification and new Horizon software. John Brataniec, System Administrator, provided highlights and initiatives for the 2016-17 school year for the newly restructured Technology Department. The goal is to meet the service demands in a more efficient manner; the department received and serviced 1,630 HELP desk requests last school year. Mr. Brataniec provided an equipment update – (15) interactive projectors for a pilot program, 1,500 Chromebooks, 200 Chromebox's in Elementary and MS labs, Surface Pro Laptops for Principals, and completion of CPU replacement project for all teachers. In looking ahead, the department is working on updating the camera system and alarm system. Rebecca Westrate, Director of Community Services, reported a new record of students attending Summer Camp (118 to 145), Rapid Tuition Program for Preschool, Latchkey offerings on Teacher Professional Development Days, as well as a host of swim programs for the community. Ms. Westrate also commended Debbie Burgess and Gail Brickey for their outstanding leadership with Summer Camp in the absence of the Community Services Coordinator. The department is currently brainstorming rental revenue considerations for the Center for the Arts. Dr. Matthew Sokol, Director of Special Education, shared departmental highlights including building capacity in center-based programs (Cognitively Impaired and ECP), updated curriculum, resource room level services and the importance of early intervention, specifically in grades K-3. Dr. Sokol was also pleased to report that the MS will offer 9 co-taught classes, 8 direct instruction and 1 academic support class this year and the HS will offer 8 co-taught classes (up from 3) and 6 direct instruction for the 2016-17 school year. Dr. Sokol and building principals are working collaboratively to implement MTSS (Multi-tiered System of Supports), an integrated, multi-tiered

	<p>system of instruction, assessment and intervention designed to meet the achievement and behavioral needs of all learners. Data will be used to determine students who need immediate support, without waiting for a student to qualify for a specific program. MTSS will build capacity for general education teachers and provide intervention supports for both general education and special education staff.</p> <p>Phillip Pittman, Director of Curriculum, shared that while only with the district for a short time, he is impressed with the talent and professionalism of colleagues and is looking forward to building relationships with staff. Mr. Pittman shared big picture goals – a systemic approach to professional development, tightening alignment, strengthening use of data, with a mindset that we will grow as a district and get better every day.</p> <p>Lastly, building administration shared program highlights and building initiatives for the 2016-17 school year.</p>
	<p><i>Superintendent's Reports:</i></p> <p>Dr. Sturock reported that Wayne County is seeking a county-wide school enhancement millage on the November ballot. Of the 33 local school districts in Wayne County, 26 Boards of Education supported the ballot proposal of 2 mills for 6 years. Approval by the voters would result in an additional \$1.4M for APPS over the next 6 years.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments:</i> None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i> Board Members expressed their appreciation to administration for their dedication and thought-provoking reports. Remarks also included that "People want to come to schools in Allen Park because of the outstanding work being accomplished led by a committed, cohesive group of administrators," "Very impressed with collective group of educational leaders," "Great program tonight," "Improved communication is a common thread," and "It is evident that administration is working as a team." Board members also commended Dr. Sturock for his exceptional leadership, integrity and personal qualities.</p>
	<p>Dr. Sturock concluded the meeting by expressing his appreciation to an outstanding group of educational leaders and program directors, further sharing that he has indeed "been blessed" with his experiences in Allen Park Public Schools.</p>
16-108	<p>Motion by Moynihan, supported by Marten, that the meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m.</p>

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Janine Hall, Board Secretary