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ALLEN PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES • JANUARY 29, 2018 ALLEN PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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The regular meeting of the Allen Park Board of Education was held on Monday, January 29, 2018, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call/Present: DesJardins, Hall, Klenczar, Miller, Moynihan

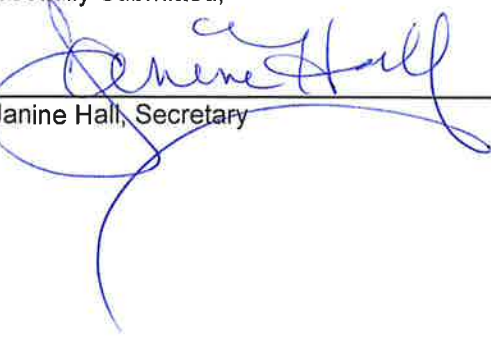
Absent: Marten, Sheppard

18-15	<p>Motion by Klenczar, supported by Moynihan, that the consent agenda items be approved as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Approval of January 29 agendab. Approval of register: 1/19/2018=\$110,594.06 <p>Yeas: DesJardins, Hall, Klenczar, Miller, Moynihan Nays: None Absent: Marten, Sheppard</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
	<p>President's Communications: None at this time.</p>
	<p>Reading of Communications: None at this time.</p>
	<p>Citizen's Comments (<i>pertaining to agenda</i>): None at this time.</p>
	<p><i>Special Presentation – School Board Recognition Month</i></p> <p>Mr. Darga shared that January is School Board Recognition Month across the State of Michigan and we join 541 local and 56 intermediate school districts in thanking each of you for your dedication to quality public education.</p> <p>Board members establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure our schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate for continuous improvement in student learning. The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. These are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our community. Too often we're quick to criticize school board members without really understanding the complex nature of their decisions.</p> <p>The State of Michigan is facing many challenges, but the key to a brighter future is a strong public education system. While the political climate in Lansing continues to present challenges for quality public education, I appreciate your work in focusing on a common goal – helping students achieve in school and life.</p> <p>On behalf of the entire school community, your efforts are to be commended and I want to thank you for the countless hours you freely give to Allen Park Public Schools and for the incredible support you have shown me personally during my first year as Superintendent.</p> <p>This year's recognition program was led by staff and students from Allen Park Middle School. Mr. Darga introduced Mr. Mark Lowe, APMS Principal for the recognition portion of the program. Ms. Kim Lappin and the APMS Jazz Ensemble provided amazing entertainment for the Board and audience members followed by a presentation from APMS Art Club student chairs, under the direction of Ms. Lisa Robertson and Mr. Paul Grix. APMS students created lovely painted landscapes and a personalized ruler made from wood preserved from renovations years ago at APMS.</p> <p>Mr. Darga concluded the program presenting Board Members with certificates of recognition from MASB, MASB lunch bags, a proclamation from the Governor and a plaque of recognition and cutting board created by students of Ms. Jelane Richardson and Mr. Jeff Goulasarian, and again, recognizing the dedication of our Board Members and the positive impact their efforts have on our students and schools.</p>

18-16	<p><i>Personnel:</i></p> <p>A. Employments/Services Motion by Hall, supported by Klenczar, that the recommendations for employment, services and volunteering be approved by the Board for the individuals as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Patsy Curnell – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach/APMS – Effective 2/1/2018 ▪ Alise Grant – Administrative Assistant Human Resources/Riley – Effective 2/5/2018 ▪ Karen Rodgers – Accounting Supervisor/Riley – Effective 2/5/2018 ▪ Wendy Stephens – ECP Instructional Aide/Arno – Effective 1/16/2018 <p>Yeas: DesJardins, Hall, Klenczar, Miller, Moynihan Nays: None Absent: Marten, Sheppard</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>B. Resignations/Retirements The following resignations/retirements have been received and accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Don Csont – Teacher/APHS – Retirement Effective 6/30/2018 ▪ Kayla Fondren – Custodian/Arno – Effective 1/15/2018
	<p><i>Superintendent's Reports:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Visit from Sheila Alles, MDE Chief Deputy Superintendent <p>We hosted a wonderful visit with Ms. Alles in Allen Park on January 18. Ms. Alles is very down to earth and loved interacting with our students. Since this was a short visit, the focus was on CTE programs/classrooms at Allen Park High School as well as a visit to Arno. Thanks to Dr. Tafelski for coordinating the visit, to Mrs. Moran for making the arrangements for the tour at APHS and to Mr. Zielinski for making the arrangements with teachers at Arno. This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our fantastic, friendly students as well as the outstanding work done by teaching staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lowe's Education Grant – Bennie Outdoor Learning Center <p>Kudos to Mrs. Metzger for going above and beyond in seeking grant opportunities to enhance the outdoor learning center at Bennie. We are so pleased so share that Bennie has been awarded the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant to enhance their outdoor learning center with white boards, benches, and a covered pavilion. Mrs. Klein has also reached out to the APHS NHS for garden assistance this spring as one of their community service projects. This will be a great collaborative project for elementary and high school students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cut Loose and Read! – APHS Drama Club Program for Elementary Students <p>More great news... a grant has been awarded to the APHS Drama Club for a "toe tapping opportunity for growth in literacy" project! Much like last year's "Reading with Belle" program, the APHS cast of the spring musical, Footloose, will read to elementary students and allow them to choose a book at their individual reading levels to take home with them to keep. Students will keep a reading log and teachers will be asked to record an end of program reading level for all students who participated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent Tech Survey <p>Dr. Tafelski has launched a district-wide parent technology survey to allow us to make informed decisions about technology and future facility use needs. Examples of questions: does your student have access to a computer with internet at home, what type of device(s) does your student use to access the internet outside of school, and questions related to use of technology in school as well as for homework purposes.</p>
	<p><i>Citizens' Comments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mrs. Jeni Sauve addressed the Board regarding the well-being of children and safety concerns at Arno. ▪ Mrs. Shannon Mihalik shared educational and safety concerns.
	<p><i>Reports of Officers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Hall attended the School Law & Finance Workshop last Saturday presented by Clarke Hill PLC and Plante Moran and found the workshop interesting. ▪ Board Members thanked the APMS students and teachers for sharing their creative talents and making the evening special. Seeing the students and performances and projects created under the direction of outstanding teachers emphasizes why Board Members want to serve the school community. ▪ Mr. Miller also shared that he attended the APHS Drama Class play, <i>Frog & Toad</i>, performed for elementary students. The play was well done and very impressive; quality that is seen time and time again.

18-17	Motion by Hall, supported by DesJardins, that the meeting adjourn at 7:38 p.m.
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Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Janine Hall, Secretary