

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 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 6:00 PM**

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

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

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

**Administration:** Cooper, Park, Mullen, Murphy, VanderLaan, Voss

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 3.9** The Board maintains long-range plans including school improvement plans which anticipate the future needs, trends and fiscal requirements of the district. (Treasurer - DeJong)

**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 DeJong, seconded by Holstege, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes**

February 19, regular meeting minutes

March 4, special meeting 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: #5094 - 5136; Checks: 227918 - 227996;

EFT: 16462 - 16564; Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$1,155,011.37

**C. Personnel Report**

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Troy Lampen  
Sarah Matwiejczyk  
Emily Miller  
Ronnie Allen

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Ad Hoc (SEAB)**

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Dates**

March 13, 14 Half Day, Young Five - 12th Grade, Parent Teacher Conferences  
March 15 No School, Young Five - 12th Grade  
March 19 Elementary Fine Arts Fair, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, Evergreen Elementary  
March 25 Oakwood Fine Arts Fair, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Ceglarek Fine Arts Center  
March 25 Board of Education Work Session, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room  
March 29 - April 5 No School, Young Five - 12th Grade, Spring Break  
April 15 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room

**B. Other**

**XII. BOARD COMMENTS**

DeJong  
Holstege  
Ramey

**XIII. PRESIDENT COMMENT**

None

**XIV. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approve Allendale Robotics VEX VRC team field trip to VEX World Festival April 28-30, 2024 in Dallas, TX**

**Background:** We have a middle school team of 6-8 grade students who have qualified for this tournament in Texas. The families of these students will be providing the transportation and all costs associated with the event.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Cannata, to approve the Allendale Robotics VEX VRC field trip to the World Festival event as presented. Motion carried.

**B. Approve proposal to be presented to the Michigan Department of Treasury to sell bonds for needed district improvements and additions**

**Background:** The district has several significant needs, including an expansion of the AECC, as well as athletic additions and improvements. There are also multiple areas in each building that need to be addressed/updated given the age of our buildings. A steering committee has met multiple times to review facility needs and has created a proposal to be presented to the Treasury.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Cannata, to approve the bond proposal to be presented to the Michigan Department of Treasury as presented. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Holstege, to move to closed session at 6:47 PM for the purposes of personnel issue discussion. Motion carried.

**C. CLOSED SESSION**

Move to open session at 8:00 PM.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT at 8:01 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Vissers