

**ALLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 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, Hurrell, Murphy, VanderLaan, Voss

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT – PRINCIPLE 4.1 Individual Trustees as locally elected officials with state delegated responsibilities, by their words and actions, reflect upon all Trustees, even beyond their own district.
(Trustee - Holstege)

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 Holstege, seconded by Cannata, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Yes - 7, No - 0

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

October 14, 2024 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: #5404 - 5440; Checks: 228422 - 228498;
EFT: 17259 - 17377; Wires, EFT, & checks totaling = \$1,146,529.88

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Cannata, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Yes - 7, No - 0

IX. EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- A. All State Boys' Cross Country Individuals
- B. All State Boys' Cross Country Team

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcie Hurlbutt
Emily Miller

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Ad Hoc (SEAB)

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Dates
Nov 20 & 21 2nd and 3rd Grade program, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, CFAC
Nov 25 Board of Education Work Session, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
Nov 27-29 No School for Young 5s - 12th Grade, Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00 PM, Oakwood Board Room
- B. Election Results
- C. Property purchase update
- D. Other

XIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Thurkettle
DeJong
Holstege
Hendricks
Ramey
Cannata

XIV. PRESIDENT COMMENT

Mango

XV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **High School and Middle School Science Olympiad Field Trip Request**
Background: High School and Middle School Science Olympiad students to compete at Northridge in Middlebury, IN Science Olympiad Invitational November 22-23, 2024.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Holstege, to approve the High School and Middle School Science Olympiad Field Trip as presented. Motion carried.

Yes - 7, No - 0

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 feedback regarding the first proposal that was voted down in August. The biggest changes in this proposal are the addition of an auxiliary play space at the ECC, and a Robotics wing of the multi-purpose field house. This plan reflects suggested changes, yet maintains the projects that were given a lot of support from the community.

Motion by DeJong, seconded by Holstege, 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; Thurkettle - YES

C. Pass Resolution to join in Insulin Litigation

Background: A nationwide class action lawsuit against various insulin manufacturers and PBMs regarding artificially inflating insulin prices, has begun and schools have a chance to join. Our West Michigan Health Pool, which is the vendor for our non-teaching staff health care, is signing on to this litigation, and it has been suggested that member schools should join as well. Frantz Law Group, a California law firm specializing in mass litigation, is representing entities in the insulin litigation, with Thrun acting as their local support only for contacting potential clients. Thrun is not co-counsel in this action.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Ramey, to approve the Resolution to join the Insulin Litigation Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Cannata - ABSTAIN; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Ramey, to move to closed session for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation discussion at 7:06 PM. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

D. Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation

Move to open session at 8:09 PM.

E. Approval of Superintendent Summative Performance Evaluation Rating

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Hendricks, to approve Superintendent Summative Performance Evaluation Rating of 98% . Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

F. Approval of Extension of Superintendent's Contract

Background: Districts that complete the superintendent evaluation in November or December have traditionally voted to extend the contract at that time as well. The approval would extend the contract until June 30, 2028. Financial terms for the 2025/2026 school year will be determined in June, 2025.

Motion by Holstege, seconded by Thurkettle, to extend Superintendent contract until June 30, 2028. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL: Cannata - YES; DeJong - YES; Hendricks - YES; Holstege - YES; Mango - YES; Ramey - YES; Thurkettle - YES

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Thurkettle, seconded by DeJong, to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Motion carried.

Yes - 7, No - 0

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Vissers