

**REGULAR SESSION**

**ALLEDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 26, 2020**

The Regular Session of the Allendale Board of Education was held via the **ZOOM meeting** platform on Thursday, March 26, 2020. President Capano called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Capano.

Mrs. Engeleit announced that, "The public has been duly informed of this meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by posting at least 48 hours' prior notice on the District website, bulletin boards in Brookside School and Hillside School and by like 48 hours' prior notice to the Borough Clerk, the designated newspapers, and interested parties requesting such notification."

**Roll Call**      Present:      Mrs. Capano, President  
                                                 Mrs. Gundersen, Vice President  
                                                 Mr. Fliegel  
                                                 Dr. Prince  
                                                 Mrs. Rosner

Also Present: Dr. Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent, and Mrs. Maria Engeleit,  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Mrs. Capano informed the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures regarding the Open to the Public portion of the meeting, also available on the website.

No further comments or questions.

Meeting closed to the public for comments/questions on Agenda Items.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Capano welcomed those in attendance via the ZOOM call. She commented that this is the Board's second virtual meeting, the last one being held via conference call only. Mrs. Capano wanted to take the opportunity to thank everyone, and give a shout out to the Staff, Administrators, IT staff, Custodians, Parents, Students, and the amazing community of Allendale for coming together.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Barcadepone reiterated Mrs. Capano's comments, and gave a general thank you to everyone as the District endeavors to provide as much continuity and education as possible under these circumstances. He gave a big thank you to parents, especially those of students in the younger grades for helping their children get online to learn. He asked the parents attending the online meeting to share with their children that the District does not yet know what is happening with any upcoming events, i.e. field trips, or graduation. The only thing they should be responsible for is doing their best each day, and to attend to their lessons as best they can.

**MINUTES**

On motion by Dr. Prince and seconded by Mrs. Gundersen, and carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolution:

Mrs. Capano	YES
Mrs. Gundersen	YES
Dr. Prince	YES
Mrs. Rosner	YES
Mr. Fliegel	ABSTAIN

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

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**PERSONNEL**

On motion by Mrs. Rosner, and seconded by Mrs. Gundersen, and carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize Superintendent, Michael J. Barcadepone, Ed. D., to hire personnel for the 2019 - 2020 and 2020 - 2021 school years during the NJ State mandated COVID-19 pandemic school closure with limited scheduling of Board of Education meetings with Board approval for these hires to follow at the next meeting held.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve payment to regular staff for scheduled hours and / or positions that are a normal course of business, that have been previously approved by the Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

**EDUCATION**

On motion by Mrs. Rosner, and seconded by Mr. Fliegel, and carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve changes to the 2019-2020 District Calendar.

Board discussion ensued explaining the calendar change and supporting the educational rationale for the change of the Spring Break week from 5 full days, to 5 weeks of 4 days of education with Friday being the off day, or the day school is closed.

**BUSINESS OFFICE/FINANCE**

On motion by Mrs. Rosner, and seconded by Mr. Fliegel, and carried by roll call vote, the Board approved the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Bills List dated March 19, 2020 in the amount of \$121,948.52, as per Business Attachment I.

BE IT RESOLVED to approve continued payment for only the 2019 - 2020 year to District contracted service providers who otherwise would not be paid, nor have the ability to perform their respective services and recoup lost revenue, provided these funds are used to compensate workers, who are assigned to Allendale Schools, and are not receiving full compensation from said provider during the term of the current mandatory school shutdown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to compensate providers at a negotiated rate for management services provided directly to the District during the normal course of business

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Capano informed the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures regarding the Open to the Public portion of the meeting, also available on the website.

A parent asked about the impact of the students attending school online until the end of the year. Dr. Barcadepone answered that the Governor of NJ made the indefinite timeframe, but has committed until at least April 17, 2020. As things are changing, the DOE and the State are reviewing the situation but with no specific timeframe. Mrs. Capano commented the Board will not make a unilateral decision about closing, but are continually discussing the situation as advisements are received from the State.

A teacher asked in the unlikely event that school returns to the buildings prior to the end of the 5 weeks of 4 day school weeks, will the District continue the 4 day weeks. Mrs. Capano responded, yes, those 4 day weeks will continue through the committed 5 week schedule.

A parent asked if, when the students return to the buildings and full days of learning, there will be an assessment of where they stand educationally from their home learning. Mrs. Capano responded yes, and Dr. Barcadepone commented that even though standardized testing has been terminated for this year in NJ, there is still assessment of the students occurring now, it is just not what the students are used to. Any formal assessments will be determined depending upon how long we are out, and when we are allowed to return to school.

A parent asked about parent-teacher conferences taking place via the Zoom platform. Dr. Barcadepone commented that we do not yet have a definitive answer. Teachers are currently working on report cards. They are due to their administrators next week, with the Principals reviewing and getting them out after that. Based upon those results, a determination will be made to see where conferences may be needed.

No further questions or comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mrs. Rosner, and seconded by Mrs. Gundersen, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mrs. Maria Engeleit  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary