# REGULAR SESSION ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, February 28, 2024

## CALL TO ORDER

7:00 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

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**

## MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

#### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

# **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report - Kathryn Perry, Jump Perry & Associates

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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#### **MINUTES:**

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

January 29, 2024 Regular Session January 29, 2024 Executive Session

## **PERSONNEL**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff member as mentor for our new teacher for the 2023-2024 school year as shown below:

Mentor	Mentee
Pamela Koutrakos	Allie Segalini {4 <sup>th</sup> GradeTeacher} {DOE Mentoring Program, \$550 pay funds ~ pro rated}

- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve three (3) days of transition {March 4, 5 and 6} to Employee #4687 upon the return of Employee #4388, at the daily substitute rate of \$150 per day.
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitute for the 2023-2024 school year:

Michele R. Dwelle	{Teacher}
Jill Blum	{Aide}

- 4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to accept the February 8, 2024 notice of resignation received from Maureen Fisher, Playground/Lunch Aide, effective April 19, 2023.
- 5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Ms. Lauren Doyle as a Full-Time Special Education Aide in the Allendale School District the 2023-2024 school year at a salary of \$29,618, Step 6 in the Salary Guide for Full-Time Special Education Aides {pending receipt of criminal background check} starting on or about March 11, 2024.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following staff members for the Stipend Position as shown below for the 2023-2024 school year, at the rates indicated:

Position	Name	Stipend Amount	Dates
Intramural Soccer	Jerry Goodman	\$1100	March 4-22, 2024

## **EDUCATION**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following field trips:

Grade Level	Destination	Date(s) of Trip	Cost Per Student	Curricular Goals
6	Lee Memorial Library	March 6, 2024	~ \$0 ~	Learning to identify reliable nonfiction resources available in the library and how to utilize all library services in general
3	Bronx Zoo	May 23, 2024	~ \$46.00 ~	The Bronx Zoo trip will enable students to observe the adaptational characteristics of animals that they are unable to observe in New Jersey
2	Team Makers NJ	May 24, 2024	~ \$35.00~	The goal is to engage, unite, enable and empower children through team-building, leadership, and play! This all connects quite well to our STEM and SEL goals. We break the children into typically 4 classes/teams. Team Makers would set up 4 different stations (Team Building, STEM, Engineering, Skills Games, and Science)
5	The Torch Run	June 7, 2024	~ \$0 ~	Connects with the LEAD Program
7	Ellen's Stardust Diner; Wintergarden Theatre ~ "Back to the Future"	June 12, 2024	~\$173.00~	Trip coordinates with playwriting unit-culminating activity

2. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Waiver of Requirements for the New Jersey State Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Allendale Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students in the District for the 2024-2025 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Interim Executive County Superintendent in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve Sue Messina, Special Education Aide, as chaperone on Field Trip to

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American Dream Mall on January 31, 2024 for an additional 3.5 hours at the hourly rate of \$24.34p/hour, {\$85.19 in total}.

- 4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the revised 2024-2025 District Calendar, as per Education Attachment I.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the listing of Field Trip Locations for the 2023-2024 school year, as per Education Attachment II.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., for Occupational Therapy services 1X/30 in a small group per week at the cost of \$49 per session for student # X001303, as recommended by the 504 Committee.
- 7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the HIB decision for the following case:

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Allendale Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") that the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Settlement Agreement and Release (hereinafter referred to as "Agreement") between the Board and the Parents of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent's office, and which Agreement is located in the student's file, are hereby adopted and approved by the Board. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Settlement Agreement and Release, and any other documents necessary to effectuate the settlement.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., to conduct an Occupational Therapy evaluation, at a cost of \$300, for Student #002619, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
- BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment for 30 minutes to Carlea Dries at her contracted hourly salary to provide makeup services for student #000110 as recommended by the Child Study Team.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Christina Jasper, BCBA for up to 10 hours per week at the rate of \$105/hour for the remainder of the 2023/2024 school year as recommended by the Child Study Team.

- 5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a contract and with Windsor Bergen Academy for student #000710 for the remainder of the 2023/2024 school year, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Rickard Rehabilitation Services for a Physical Therapy Evaluation for Student #001612 at a cost of \$470.00, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
- 7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Rickard Rehabilitation Services for 2x/15 minute Physical Therapy Consultations for student #000201 at a cost of \$37/session, as recommended by the Child Study Team.

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE/FINANCE**

- 1. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Bills List dated February 28, 2024 in the amount of \$218,968.76 as per Business Attachment I.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Food Services Bill List dated February 28, 2024 in the amount of \$34,760.12 as per Business Attachment IA.
- 3. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Report of the Treasurer for the month of January 2024, as per Business Attachment II.
- 4. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education for the month of January 2024, as per Business Attachment III.
- 5. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budgetary transfers for the month of January 2024 as per Business Attachment IV.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED to approve a request for transfers of funds greater than 10% for review and approval to the Bergen County Office of the DOE.
- 7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve unavoidable travel and costs as related in this resolution which are educationally necessary and fiscally prudent and are related to and within the scope of the employee's current responsibilities and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. The reimbursements listed in this resolution are in compliance with state travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and Board of Education policy in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et. seq. for the following seminars or workshops:

Name	Conference Title	Place	Date of Trip	Total Estimated Expenses*
M. Barcadepone M. Engleleit T. Lopez-Gonzalez J. Goodell B. Winkelstein A. Maroulis	2024 BCASA Job Fair	Montvale, NJ	3/9/24	~ \$0~
T. Lewis	2024 NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	5/31/24	~ \$390.00~
T. Demarco J. Kim	NJSBGA Conference/Expo	Atlantic City, NJ	3/17/24-3/20/24	\$1330.00
T. Demarco	Landscape New Jersey Trade Show & Conference	Secaucus, NJ	2/28/2024	\$40.00

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include mileage and sustenance as they are contractual

- 8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Allendale Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education, a Coordinated T Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the 2024/2025 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the coordinated transportation of public, nonpublic and special education students.
  - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the Region 1/Mahwah Board of Education and attached to this resolution.
- 9. BE IT RESOLVED, to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and the Auditor's Management Report (AMR) on Administrative Findings, of which there are none, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.
- 10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education does hereby approve the Budget Calendar for FY 23-24, as per Business Attachment V.

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

- BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the USE OF FACILITIES REQUEST submitted by ALEOOOP for the ALEOOOP 2024 Summer Camp and Summer Theater Session July 1, 2024 – July 26, 2024.
- 2. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the USE OF FACILITIES REQUEST submitted by the Allendale Girl Scouts for a meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> in the Hillside All Purpose Room from 3:30-5:30pm.

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## MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - NON AGENDA ITEMS

Board President will inform the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Angela C. Brauer to Board of Education, dated February 5, 2024

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the open meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. No action will be taken. The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions, which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session, pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231. The Board will disclose the information as soon thereafter as possible once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**