

**REGULAR SESSION
ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

The Regular Session of the Allendale Board of Education was held in the Brookside School Auditorium on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. On motion by Mrs. Rosner and seconded by Mr. Fliegel, Mrs. Gundersen reconvened the meeting to at 7:25 pm.

Roll Call	<u>Present:</u>	Mrs. Gundersen, President Mrs. Rosner, Vice President Mr. Verbel Mr. Fliegel
	<u>Absent:</u>	none
	<u>Also Present:</u>	Dr. Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent and Mrs. Maria Engeleit, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mrs. Gundersen informed the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures regarding the Open Public portion of the meeting also available on the website. No comments from members of the public in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Barcadepone welcomed everyone back and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. He explained the accolade of Allendale being named the number one K-8 in New Jersey by School Digger. This measure is strictly based on student test scores and not other soft statistics. On behalf of Dr. Barcadepone and the Board they thank the staff for their hard work and the students as well; he also thanked the parents, community and the Board of Education for their support. He also indicated that Joe Beckman, motivational speaker, will be here on January 9th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Verbel indicated the committee did not meet
Policy: Mrs. Gundersen indicated the committee did not meet
Finance: Mrs. Rosner indicated the committee did not meet
Education: Mrs. Gundersen indicated the committee did not meet
Technology: Mr. Verbel indicated the committee did not meet
Negotiations: Mr. Fliegel indicated the committee did not meet

MINUTES:

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

Mrs. Gundersen	YES
Mr. Fliegel	YES
Mrs. Rosner	YES
Mr. Verbel	YES

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

December 6, 2023 Regular Session

PERSONNEL

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to retroactively approve an extended absence, utilizing available sick days, for employee #4686 effective December 7, 2023, with an anticipated return on or about December 14, 2023.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a stipend payment of \$175/night, \$75/returning day, \$30/incidental expenses as well as chaperones on the Grade 6 Disney Field Trip, from January 29, 2024 through February 1, 2024, as per Personnel Attachment I.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a stipend payment of \$175/night, \$75/returning day, \$30/incidental expenses as chaperones on the Grade 8 Boston Field Trip, from May 29, 2024 through May 31, 2024, as per Personnel Attachment II.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to the following staff members for attending the Kindergarten Orientation on January 31, 2024 {Snow Date: February 1, 2024}, as follows:

Name	Hourly Rate	Hours per Participant	Total Amount
K. Meko	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
K. Termini	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
D. Walter	\$40.00	1	\$40.00
K. Depol	\$40.00	1	\$40.00

5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the revised appointments for the 2023-2024 stipend positions; payment will be in accordance with the rates as shown, as per Personnel Attachment III.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Ms. Brittany Kangas as a Full-Time Special Education Aide in the Allendale School District the 2023-2024 school year at a salary of \$31,543, Step 8 in the Salary Guide for Full-Time Special Education Aides {pending receipt of criminal background check} starting on or about January 4, 2024.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the 2023-2024 school year substitute hourly and/or per diem rate of pay, as follows:

Teacher	\$150
Classroom/Library Aide	\$120
Playground/Cafeteria	\$15.25/hour
Greeter	\$15.25/hour
Nurse	\$180
Secretary	\$120
Custodian	starting at \$15.85/hour

EDUCATION

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the second reading of the following Policy from Alert # 205 & 231, as per Education Attachment I:

Policy & Regulation *3212 Attendance*

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement, Revisions 2023, between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2023-2024 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to submit five (5) duly signed copies of the 2023-2024 MOA Update, together with the District’s Emergency Contact List and the Certified Resolution, to the Interim Executive County Superintendent.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the *American Rescue Plan* (ARP Safe Return). This is a required six month update. (per Education Attachment II)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Bergen County Special Services for Occupational Therapy Services 1.5 hours weekly, effective January 2024 through June 2024. An additional one hour has been added for Progress Report Writing, for student #001025, at a cost of not to exceed \$4,625.00, as recommended by the Child Study Team.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Bergen County Special Services for Speech & Language Therapy Services 1.5 hours weekly, effective January 2024 through June 2024. An additional one hour has been added for Progress Report Writing, for student #001025, at a cost not to exceed \$4,625.00, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Rickard Rehabilitation Services for a Physical Therapy Evaluation for Student #000201 at a cost of \$470.00, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a revised contract with Bergen County Special Services to reduce services from Teacher of the Deaf to 1X/week at the rate of \$330 for student # 001705 as recommended by the Child Study Team.
5. 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 the Student #001414, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve Physical Therapy services for Student #001025, 3X45 ~~times~~ minutes per week for the 23/24 school year, provider to be determined, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent to approve an anticipated placement and contract with Bergen County Special Services; Hearing Impaired Program (HIP) for student #001418 as recommended by the Child Study Team.

BUSINESS OFFICE/FINANCE

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Bills List dated January 3, 2024 in the amount of \$166,016.01 as per Business Attachment I.
2. 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*
P. Gomez	Techspo 2024	Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City, NJ	~ 1/24-1/26/24 ~	\$748.00 {Includes Registration /Hotel Fees}
T. Lewis	AI Tools for the Language Classroom	TCNJ	~ 1/25/24 ~	\$285.00
K. Corrigan	ABAI 50 th Annual Convention	PA Convention Center and Marriot Philadelphia Downtown	~5/25-5/27/24~	\$440.00 {Registration Fee}
Jen Goodell	Council for Exceptional Children	San Antonio TX	3/12-3/15/24	\$2500
Crystal Santiago	Mindfulness Based Tools to Improve Self-Regulation	Region V; 700 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell	1/17/24 9-12 pm	NA

*Does not include mileage and sustenance as they are contractual

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the use of the Brookside Gym for Highlands Travel Basketball Saturdays noon to 7pm and Sundays 8am to 5pm from January through April 2nd.
2. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the disposal of 16 cafeteria tables, sending to another Bergen County district.
3. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the submission of the Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the Health and Safety checklists for the 2023-2024 year.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Board President will inform the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures.

No Comments

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Gundersen stated that they are still gathering information on overnight field trips so they are moving this forward for discussion to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

none

MISCELLANEOUS

none

CORRESPONDENCE

none

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

On motion by Mrs. Rosner and seconded by Mr. Verbel, and unanimously carried by voice vote, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Engeleit
Business Administrator/Board Secretary