

**REGULAR SESSION
ALLENDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, January 29, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

7:00 p.m.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Report Period I: Student Safety Data System {SSDS}
2. Bus Drill Report I: September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings & Grounds

Policy

Finance

Education

Technology

Negotiations

MINUTES:

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

January 3, 2024 Reorganization Meeting

January 3, 2024 Executive Session

January 3, 2024 Regular Session

PERSONNEL

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year:

Ellen Vengraitis	{Teacher}
Ava Ebnetter	{Teacher}
Jill Blum	{Teacher}

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the appointment of Ms. Olivia Singeltary as a Full-Time Special Education Aide in the Allendale School District the 2023-2024 school year at a salary of \$27,185, Step 4 in the Salary Guide for Full-Time Special Education Aides {pending receipt of criminal background check} starting on or about February 1, 2024.
3. 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
L. Heitman	\$40.00	1	\$40.00

4. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve additional payment to Mauricio Souza, Art Teacher, for an extra ten {10.0} hours on 2/5/24 through 2/16/24 for working on the new Allendale Community Mural project, at his current hourly rate of \$66.12/hour {Total: \$661.20}, as per the approved Supplemental Payment Request.
5. WHEREAS, a non-certificated employee whose name is on file in the Board office was issued an employment agreement for the 2023-2024 school year which contained a thirty-day (30) notice of termination provision; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education desires to invoke the notice of termination provision of the employment agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby invokes the notice provision of the non-certificated employee's employment agreement and authorizes the Board Secretary to provide written notice to the employee that his/her employment agreement has been terminated, effective January 26, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the non-certificated employee shall not be required to perform his/her duties during the notice period and shall be suspended with pay through February 29, 2024.

EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2024 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Allendale Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Allendale Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, school boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of Education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2024 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Allendale Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the HIB decision for the following case:

HIB Case #:257506_HS_01022024	January 2024
HIB Case #:257500_HS_01022024	January 2024

3. BE IT RESOLVED, in order to be in compliance with the Student Safety Data System Reporting of violence, vandalism, and harassment, intimidation and bullying to the District Board of Education for Report Period I, September 1 through December 31, 2023, the Chief School Administrator has reported the following: there was zero incidents of violence and vandalism, and there were 7 unfounded HIB incidents.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, in order to be in compliance with the Student Safety Data System Reporting of HIB Training and Program Reporting, The Chief School Administrator has confirmed the Trainings and Programs which took place during Report Period I, September 1 through December 31, 2023.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, to affirm that all reporting information, as outlined in Resolutions 3 and 4 above, was submitted to the NJ State Department of Education, as per Education Attachment I.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the Bus Drill Report for Period I: September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, as per Education Attachment II.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the request for Amanda Leonard, a student from Fordham University, to intern under Dr. Carlea Dries, District Psychologist, to attend meetings and evaluations, starting February 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
8. 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 X001303, as recommended by the 504 Committee
9. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., for Occupational Therapy services twice per month at a cost of \$190/month for student X000413, as recommended by the 504 Committee.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve the following field trip:

Grade Level	Destination	Date(s) of Trip	Cost Per Student	Curricular Goals
5	Arena STEM (GSP Mall)	March 19, 2024	~ \$41.00 ~	STEM ARENA ~ classes relate to our science curriculum and our MARS unit Study.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Region V for bilingual social, speech & language, and psychological evaluations at a cost of \$637 Bilingual (includes 7% admin fee for non-Region V) for Student #001916, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve a contract with Bergen County Special Services Board of Education for tuition at the prorated amount of \$66,960.00 for Student #001418 at HIP - MP Godwin for the 2023-2024 school year, services to commence on January 16, 2024, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Luke Zottoli for providing Home Instruction services for Student #001025, not to exceed five hours, at the rate of \$40/hour, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Bergen County Special Services for three additional hours of Augmentative Communication Consultation during the 2023/2024 school year for student #001025, at a cost of \$600, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Bergen County Special Services an Audiological Consultation during the 2023/2024 school year for student #001403, at a cost of \$600, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., for a change in Occupational Therapy services from 1x weekly group to 1x weekly individual, at a cost of \$49/session, for Student #001414, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., for five 30 minute Occupational Therapy consultations, at a cost of \$245, for Student #000110, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
8. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., to conduct (15) fifteen 15 minute consultations of Occupational Therapy, at a cost of \$367.50, for Student #001022, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
9. 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 #001204, as recommended by the Child Study Team.

10. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to Dr. Carlea Dries for two and one half hours (2:30) at her contracted hourly salary for a student risk assessment, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
11. 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 #001212, as recommended by the Child Study Team.
12. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to approve payment to School Based Therapy Services, Inc., for Occupational Therapy services 1x weekly individual, at a cost of \$49/session, for Student #000710, as recommended by the Child Study Team.

BUSINESS OFFICE/FINANCE

1. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Bills List dated January 29, 2024 in the amount of \$346,795.21 as per Business Attachment I.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Food Services Bill List for the months of November and December in the amount of \$46,005.66 and \$36,992.51 respectively, as per Business Attachment IA.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the Report of the Treasurer for the months of November and December 2023, as per Business Attachment II.
4. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Report of the Secretary to the Board of Education for the months of November and December 2023, as per Business Attachment III.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the budgetary transfers for the months of November and December 2023 as per Business Attachment IV.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, A district board of education, after review of the school business administrator/board secretary's and treasurer's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate school district school officials hereby certifies that no fund has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
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:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Conference Title</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Date of Trip</i>	<i>Total Estimated Expenses*</i>
J. Costanza S. Bailey	NJECC 2024 Annual Educational Technology Conference	Montclair, NJ	March 12-13 2024	\$20.00

*Does not include mileage and sustenance as they are contractual

8. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the donation and/or disposal of library books, with a zero current net book value, from Hillside School, as per Business Attachment V.
9. BE IT RESOLVED to approve a contract for residency review services with TrueView BSI, LLC. In an amount not to exceed \$2500.
10. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Brookside School HVAC Replacements project, State Project # 02-03-0040-101-23-R501, SDA # 0040-010-23-G5AE, G5-6408, utilizing capital reserve funds in the amount of \$3,597,950 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget with an approved Grant amount of a 40% reimbursement to the District, and to authorize Business Administrator to advertise for bids as needed for this same project.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

1. BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the USE OF FACILITIES REQUEST submitted by Cub Scout Pack 59 & 252 for a pack meeting on February 9, 2024 in the Hillside All Purpose Room from 6pm to 8:45 pm.
2. BE IT RESOLVED authorizing the execution and delivery of the Grant Agreement for State Project # 02-03-0040-101-23-R501, SDA # 0040-010-23-G5AE, G5-6408, Brookside School HVAC Replacements.
3. BE IT RESOLVED to approve the delegation of authority to the School Business Administrator for supervision of the school facilities project, State Project # 02-03-0040-101-23-R501, SDA # 0040-010-23-G5AE, G5-6408, Brookside School HVAC Replacements.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Board President will inform the public of Bylaw 0167 procedures.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Interview of Board Candidates

MISCELLANEOUS

CORRESPONDENCE

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