



# Kenowa Hills Public Schools Education inspired.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Early Childhood Center

3971 Richmond Court NW, Grand Rapids, MI

### I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center, 3971 Richmond Court NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins and Director Gilchrist are also present along with Student Representative Alex Cappendyk. Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman and Student Representative Elise Zahrt are absent.
- D. Motion by Courtade supported by Szczepaniak to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 6 - 0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

### II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition
  - 1. Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation a donation of donuts by Ludwick's to Central Elementary.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE  
COMMUNICATION

### III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Early Childhood & Special Education Spotlight, Mr. Luke Scholten
  - 1. Great Start Readiness Preschool is located at the Early Childhood Center but administered by the Kent Intermediate School District. This program is for four-year students and is free to qualifying families. Students attend full days Monday-Thursday during the school year in preparation for attending kindergarten the following school year.
  - 2. Bright Beginnings, Ready by 5, Community-Based Vocational Education and Pathway Interns have all been great partners with programs at the Early Childhood programs.
  - 3. Social emotional learning continues to be a focus with our young learners. Our commitment to kindergarten readiness programs is a priority when determining instruction utilized for programming.

BUILDING SPOTLIGHT

B. Student Representative Report

1. Elise Zahrt provided a message with Superintendent Hopkins to share with the board due to her absence.

STUDENT REPORT

C. Superintendent Hopkins' Report

1. Details regarding the addition of instructional space at the High School for STEM instruction was highlighted. The new instructional space will bring the STEM Academy to the High School Campus and allow for greater collaboration with Project Lead the Way instruction.
2. A plan to repurpose some of the existing media center for the new STEM instructional space was reviewed.
3. Construction will begin June of 2023 and end by January of 2024. Superintendent Hopkins noted the STEM Academy will temporarily move to the former auto shop at the back of the Middle School until the construction is complete. The business that leases the Northridge facility and allowed Kenowa Hills to sublease space for the STEM Academy is expanding and needs the extra square footage to accommodate their growth.

SUPERINTENDENT

IV. Public Comment - three attendees provided comments.

*The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. There will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Audience members who wish to make comments are invited to complete the appropriate form located at the entrance. Each speaker has a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board. Inquiries requiring a response will be referred to the superintendent in the cases where contact information is provided. We ask all individuals making public comments to follow our board policy. Any person in violation of the policy for disruptive conduct will be asked to leave. Any threats or suggestions of violence will be turned over to law enforcement.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Courtade and student representative Alex Cappendyk left the meeting during public comment.

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Szczepaniak supported by Roberts to approve the Consent Agenda.  
**Motion approved 6 - 0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. April 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade				Absent for vote	Hart	X	___		Roberts	X	___		Truskoski	X	___
Gustinis	X	___			LaBotz	X	___		Szczepaniak	X	___				

- B. Motion by Roberts supported by LaBotz to approve the recommended revisions to the K - 12 Student Handbooks and the Athletic Code of Conduct. Report #22-033. **Motion approved 6 - 0.**

STUDENT  
 HANDBOOKS  
 Report #22-033

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade				Absent for vote	Hart	X	___		Roberts	X	___		Truskoski	X	___
Gustinis	X	___			LaBotz	X	___		Szczepaniak	X	___				

C. Motion by Roberts supported by Szczepaniak to approve the Board Policy addition/revisions as outlined in report Report #22-034. **Motion approved 6 - 0.**

1. Policy 1616 - Staff Dress and Grooming (New)
2. Policy 3216 - Staff Dress and Grooming (Revised)
3. Policy 4216 - Support Staff Dress and Grooming (Revised)
4. Policy 5511 - Dress and Grooming (Revised)
5. Policy 6110 - Grant Funds (Revised)
6. Policy 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds (Revised)
7. Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A	
Courtade				Absent for vote	Hart	X			Roberts	X		
												Truskoski
												X
Gustinis	X				LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X		

D. Motion by LaBotz supported by Gustinis to approve the Staff Appreciation Day Resolution. Report #22-035. **Motion approved 6 - 0.**

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A	
Courtade				Absent for vote	Hart	X			Roberts	X		
												Truskoski
												X
Gustinis	X				LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X		

Member Courtade and student representative Alex Cappendyk returned to the meeting.

**VI. Future Items for Consideration**

A. Future Meetings

1. 05/09/22 6:00 pm Committee of Whole Meeting - Administration Building
2. 05/23/22 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - High School
3. 05/25/22 9:00 am Board of Education Retreat - location to be determined

B. Go-Around

**VII. Adjournment**

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the regular board meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

POLICY UPDATES  
 Report #22-034

STAFF  
 APPRECIATION  
 Report #22-035

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT