



Kenowa Hills Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm
High School Commons
3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the High School, 3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49544.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis (arrived at 6:32), Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner (arrived at 6:08) are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann, and Director of Finance Gilchrist, along with Student Representatives Ronan Jameyson and Jake Jonker are present.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 5-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF
SILENCE
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition
 - 1. Board of Education Student Representatives
 - 2. 2024 Retirees (*will not be present)
 - i. David Bentley
 - ii. Mary Crawley*
 - iii. Linda Debski
 - iv. Lynée Gilbert
 - v. Charlotte Hartley
 - vi. Lori Robinson*
 - vii. Aaron Shaw
 - viii. Janet Sitar
 - viiii Deb Smith*
 - x. Jim Wicking
 - xi. Lisa Wisneski
- B. Recess Meeting for a brief reception at 6:40 P.M.
- C. Reconvene meeting at 6:58 P.M.
- D. Correspondence
- E. Board District Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.
- A. Student Representative Reports - Ronan was very pleased with how the last day for seniors went, which included a walkthrough of their elementary school. Jake expressed gratitude for being a student representative. He reported on the senior academic awards presentation as a point of pride, and how well the district and the high school responded to power outages and inclement weather days. He lauded the district offerings in extracurricular activities, the performing arts, and athletics, highlighting the various teams that won district, regional, and state honors. He shared advice to improve communications, and recommended the development of a chain of command for Student BoE reps to follow when presented with various topics.

RECOGNITION

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RECONVENE

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE
COMMUNICATION

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTS

- B. Student Presentation - Kenowa Hills High School seniors Jackson Ratajczak and Rayan Belkhouda presented their Capstone Project on suggestions to improve the district's crosswalk safety between the high school and the athletic complex.
- C. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. Comprehensive Functional Curriculum Purchase Recommendation (2nd Reading)
 - 2. 2024-25 School Year Student Handbooks (2nd Reading)
 - i. Elementary
 - ii. Middle School
 - iii. High School
 - iv. Pathways High School
 - v. Athletic Code of Conduct
- D. Finance
 - 1. 2024 Millage Rates

STUDENT
PRESENTATION

OFFICE OF
TEACHING &
LEARNING

FINANCE

IV. Public Comment: no comments were made.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Action Items

- A. Consent Agenda
 - 1. May 6, 2024 Committee of the Whole Workshop Minutes
 - 2. May 9, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
 - 3. Certified Staff Report

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Member Hart support by Member Courtade to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

- B. Motion by Member Courtade support by Member Hart to approve the Teach Town/Encore Comprehensive Functional Curriculum in the amount of \$48,157.70 from the District's General Fund as outlined in Report #24-034. **Motion Carries 7-0.**

REPORT 24-034

- C. Motion by Member Courtade support by Member Hart to approve the recommended revisions to the K-12 Student Handbooks and the Athletic Code of Conduct as outlined in Report #24-035. Request is made to revisit the handbook language associated with chronic absenteeism. **Motion carries 7-0.**

REPORT 24-035

- D. Motion by Member Hart support by Member Courtade to approve the Kent ISD budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year as outlined in Report #24-036. **Motion carries 7-0.**

REPORT 24-036

- E. Motion by Member Hart support by Member Courtade to approve the purchase of student devices not to exceed \$377,350.00 using 2020 Series II Bond Funds as outlined in Report #24-037. **Motion carries 7-0.**

REPORT 24-037

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 06/10/2024 6:30 pm Budget Hearing followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting - Admin Building
 - 2. 06/24/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
 - 3. 08/12/2024 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
 - 4. 08/26/2024 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
 - 5. 09/09/2024 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
 - 6. 09/23/2024 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Middle School L.G.I. Room
- B. Go Around - Gratitude and well wishes for the student reps were shared.

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Courtade, Secretary