



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
 Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
 Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm
 Central Elementary
 4252 Three Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President Hart called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Central Elementary, 4252 Three Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Robinson and Turner are present; Superintendent Hopkins and Director of Finance Gilchrist are also present. Member Roberts, Assistant Superintendent Bill Dinkelmann and Student Representative Zahrt are absent.
- D. President Hart appointed Member Courtade as a temporary secretary due to the absence of Secretary Roberts.
- E. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 6-0.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u>X</u> ___	Hart	<u>X</u> ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<u>X</u> ___
Gustinis	<u>X</u> ___	LaBotz	<u>X</u> ___	Robinson	<u>X</u> ___		

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence
 - 1. President Hart discussed an email from former board member Szczepaniak regarding a policy question. President Hart is consulting with MASB Attorney, Brad Banasik.
 - a. Member Gustinis questioned if additional information has been provided regarding the original details shared at a closed session in May, 2022.
 - b. Superintendent Hopkins shared related historic information given Member Robinson and Member Turner were not on this board in May 2022.
 - c. Member Courtade would like to receive a definition of when is it a conflict of interest when a board member works for a contractor employed by the district. She has also requested the legal opinion be reviewed in the near future in a closed session.
 - 2. President Hart shared an email from Mr. Mull from the athletic boosters expressing his appreciation for approving the purchase of the athletic field scoreboard.
- B. Recognition
 - 1. Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation several organizations and individuals who have donated items to the district. A list of contributions is available upon request.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE
ROLL CALL

APPOINT TEMPORARY SECRETARY

APPROVE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Information Items

A. Central Elementary Spotlight, Dr. Cherie Horner

1. New Central Elementary staff were introduced by Dr. Horner.
2. Dr. Cherie Horner provided a brief description about what a professional learning community (PLC) entails. Professional Learning Communities focus on the four guiding questions: 1) What is it we expect our students to learn? 2) How do we know when they have learned it? 3) How will we respond when they don't learn? 4) How will we respond when they already know it? Dr. Horner and staff demonstrated a brief example of what takes place in a professional learning community. Staff participating in this exercise include Shelby Brewer (Teacher Intern), Gretchen Zeuch (Teacher Intern), Rochelle Compau, Jodi Vandam, Nick Vanderhyde, Jamel Debri. Mr. Vanderhyde introduced the PLC exercise and what data will be used for best results at PLCs. Mrs. Debri discussed the four leading questions and what the sample PLC will show at this demonstration.

B. Student Representative Report, Elise Zahrt - Absent but her report shared below

1. The special olympic games were greatly attended by students from many of our schools across the district.
2. Met with High School Principal Robrahn and two high school student representatives to discuss ways to help form connections among students to help encourage student engagement inside and outside of the classroom.
3. The National Honor Society blood drive is March 7 and March 8. Please sign up to donate if you can.

C. Proposed 2023-2024 School of Choice Openings

1. Superintendent Hopkins discussed the resolutions schedule as action items tonight. The numbers of proposed school of choice openings were shared for the board to review before it will be an action item at a future meeting.
2. Board members reviewed proposed openings and rationale for recommendation was discussed.
3. The number of proposed openings is fewer than prior years to maintain lower class sizes and due to planned housing developments within our school boundaries.

IV. Public Comment - One person spoke.

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 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.

V. Action Items

A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the consent agenda.

Motion approved 6-0.

1. February 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
2. Certified Staff Personnel Report
3. MHSAA Middle School Cooperative Agreement

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		
Courtade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gustinis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaBotz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CENTRAL SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

ACTION ITEMS

02/13/23 COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES
 PERSONNEL REPORT
 MHSAA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

- B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve the Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes as presented by the City of Walker. Report #23-016.
Motion approved 6-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u>X</u> ___	Hart	<u>X</u> ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<u>X</u> ___
Gustinis	<u>X</u> ___	LaBotz	<u>X</u> ___	Robinson	<u>X</u> ___		

STRIKE DELINQUENT
 WALKER TAXES #23-016

- C. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Courtade to take action on the proposed high school and middle school course name changes and new middle school courses as listed below for the 2023-2024 school year. Report #23-017. **Motion approved 6-0.**

COURSE NAME
 CHANGES AND COURSE
 PROPOSALS #23-017

HIGH SCHOOL

1. Digital Media (Course Name Change)
2. Marketing (Course Name Change)
3. Knights' Strength (Course Name Change)
4. STEM Academy for Earth Science (Course Name Change)
5. STEM Academy for Physics (Course Name Change)
6. STEM Academy for Geometry (Course Name Change)
7. STEM Engineering 1 (Course Name Change)
8. STEM Engineering 2 (Course Name Change)
9. STEM Engineering 3 (Course Name Change)
10. STEM Engineering Capstone (Course Name Change)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. 8th Grade Humanities (New Class)
2. Peer to Peer (New Class)
3. Cultural Studies (Course Name Change)
4. Creative Collaboration (Course Name Change)

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u>X</u> ___	Hart	<u>X</u> ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<u>X</u> ___
Gustinis	<u>X</u> ___	LaBotz	<u>X</u> ___	Robinson	<u>X</u> ___		

- D. Motion by Member Gustinis supported by Member Courtade to approve the resolution to Opt Out of State Schools of Choice Section 105 Program for the 2023-24 school year. Report #23-018. **Motion approved 6-0.**

OPT OUT OF SOC 105
 #23-018

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u>X</u> ___	Hart	<u>X</u> ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<u>X</u> ___
Gustinis	<u>X</u> ___	LaBotz	<u>X</u> ___	Robinson	<u>X</u> ___		

- E. Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Robinson to approve a resolution to participate in the State 105c Schools of Choice Program for the 2023-24 school year. Report #23-019. **Motion approved 6-0.**

OPT IN KISD SOC
 #23-019

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u>X</u> ___	Hart	<u>X</u> ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<u>X</u> ___
Gustinis	<u>X</u> ___	LaBotz	<u>X</u> ___	Robinson	<u>X</u> ___		

- F. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2023-24 school year. Report #23-020. **Motion approved 6-0.**

OPT IN KISD SOC
 #23-020

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u>X</u> ___	Hart	<u>X</u> ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	<u>X</u> ___
Gustinis	<u>X</u> ___	LaBotz	<u>X</u> ___	Robinson	<u>X</u> ___		

- G. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Robinson to adjourn to closed session in order to consider the purchase of real property per MCL 15.268§8. Report #23-021. Temporary Secretary Courtade took a roll call vote. **Motion approved 6-0.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	ABSENT	Turner	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Robinson	X ___		

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:23 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:14 p.m.

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

- 03/13/23 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
- 03/27/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Alpine Elementary
- 04/12/23 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building (Wednesday)
- 04/24/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building

B. Go Around

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Courtade, Acting Secretary

CLOSED SESSION
#23-021

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT