



# Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, August 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm**  
**Kenowa Hills Public Schools**  
**2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. President Hart called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner are present. Student Representative Jacob (Jake) Jonker, Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann and Director Gilchrist are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the agenda.  
**Motion approved 7 - 0.**

**II. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Correspondence - none
- B. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

**III. Information Items**

- A. OK Conference Realignment
  - 1. Superintendent Hopkins met with various district superintendents regarding the OK conference realignment. Five districts are ready to commit to leaving the conference. Other districts are concerned of the timing but would be interested at a different time.
  - 2. OK Conference bylaws allow for districts to withdraw from the OK Conference with a 75% approval from the member schools within the conference. A district can withdraw from the OK conference, with Board of Education approval, with a two-year notice.
  - 3. The board discussed options if the decision is made to leave the OK Conference.
- B. Retreat Update

**IV. Public Comment - none**

*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.*

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

**V. Action Items**

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Robinson to approve the consent agenda. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**
  - 1. August 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
  - 2. Certified Staff Personnel Report

**VI. Future Items for Consideration**

- A. Future Meetings
  - 1. 09/11/23 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
  - 2. 09/25/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Zinser Elementary
  - 3. 10/09/23 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
  - 4. 10/23/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting -  
Pathways High School at the Middle School

- B. Go Around

**VII. Adjournment**

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

PERSONNEL REPORT

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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Danielle M. S. Roberts