



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes

Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 4 Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the Committee of the Whole Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2325 4 Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49544.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart (arrived 6:14), LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Director of Finance Long, Director of Innovation, Grants & Secondary Curriculum Dinkelman, and Director of Human Resources Horner are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Turner to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence
- B. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE
BOE
COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Bond Construction Update - The final phase of construction at the Middle School is due to be completed prior to the start of the school year. Phase 1 of the athletic construction under the 2024 bond proposal is on schedule to be completed in time for the spring athletic season. Bid award recommendations for Phase 2 of the athletic construction will be brought to the Board for action at the August 25th Regular Meeting. The tentative schedule for Phase 2 construction was reviewed.
- B. Finance
 1. June 2025 Check Register
 2. July 2025 Check Register

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

JUNE CHECK
REGISTER
JULY CHECK
REGISTER

IV. Public Comment: 0 person addressed the Board.

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. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**
 1. August 1, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

2. June 2025 Check Register: General Fund Expenditures of \$1,573,531.42 using checks #85344 through 85450; School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$26,250.33 using checks #11291 through 11296; 2016 and funds in the amount of \$500 using check #3; 2020 Series II Bond funds in the amount of \$500 using check #3; Capitol Project expenditures of \$187,713.00 using checks #20 through 21; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$375,862.47 using checks #101- 107; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$573,440.63 using checks #45-50; Scholarship funds of \$2,000 using check #1; Student Activity expenditures of \$22693.65 accounting for checks #97451 through 97466: Total expenditures for the month total \$1,680,312.26.

JUNE 2025 CHECK
REGISTER

3. July 2025 Check Register: General Fund expenditures of \$3,692,058.10 using checks #85451 through 85620; School Lunch Fund Expenditures of \$46,496.35 using checks #11297 through 11301; 2010 Qualified School Construction Bond expenditures in the amount of \$2,500 using check #3; Capitol Projects funds of \$21,499.00 using checks #22-24; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$445,844.15 using checks #108-117; 2024 Athletic Bond expenditures of \$111,977.50 using checks #51-55; Student Activity expenditures of \$19,456.42 using checks #97470 through 97479. Total expenditures of \$2,004,562.78 for the month of July.

JULY 2025 CHECK
REGISTER

4. Certified Staff Personnel Recommendations

CERTIFIED STAFF
PERSONNEL

i. New Hires

Abigail Derry; Special Ed Resource Room Teacher, Central & Zinser Elem (effective August 12, 2025)
Angie Anderson; Math/Engineering Teacher, High School (effective August 12, 2025)

Michelle VanPortFliet; K-Knights Teacher Teacher, Central Elementary (effective August 12, 2025)

Abby Wiseman; Principal, Central Elementary (effective TBD, 2025)

Starting Salary: \$119,609 (to be prorated based on start date/215-day contract)

Length of Contract: TBD, 2025 - June 30, 2026

VII. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. 08/25/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Administration Building
2. 09/08/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting @ Administration Building
3. 09/22/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Kenowa Hills Middle School
4. 10/13/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting @ Administration Building
5. 10/27/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Kenowa Hills High School

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary