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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Workshop Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 4 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building at 2325 4 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544. CALL TO ORDER

B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence. MOMENT OF SILENCE

C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz (left at 8:01), Robinson, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Director of Finance Long, and Student Representatives Chay'ce Smith and Aaron Coleman are also present. Member Roberts is absent. President LaBotz appointed Trustee Courtade to serve as Temporary Secretary. ROLL CALL

D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.** APPROVE AGENDA

II. Recognition and Correspondence

A. Recognition RECOGNITION

B. Correspondence

C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated. BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

A. Department of Teaching and Learning DEPT. OF TEACHING & LEARNING

1. 2024-25 Student Achievement Data Overview - Directors Greemann and Dinkelmann provided a summary of the spring 2025 testing results, including NWEA, M-STEP, and SAT data.

B. Finance FINANCE

1. September 2025 Check Register
2. Investment income
3. Audit Update - Director Long noted the audit is taking longer than antcipated and will likely extend into November before it is completed. A status update will be provided at each board meeting until the audit is presented to the Board.
4. State Budget Update - The School Aid Fund has been approved. Details on the impact of the budget are still emerging. Media headlines highlight increases to education funding; however, there is concern regarding the means by which the increases are being funded and the sustainabiility of the increases.

C. Superintendent's Report SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Enrollment Update - 2,883 students were counted on Count Day. This unaudited count matches the projected enrollment that was used when developing the FY2026 budget.
2. Enhancement Millage - An update on the measures that have been taken to inform voters on the upcoming this upcoming countywide ballot initiative was provided.

3. Board Budget - The board budget related to board member professional development was reviewed. Regular status updates will be provided with the opportunity for future conversations should board members find constraints with their allocated professional development funds.
4. Ice Hockey Agreement - High School Atheltic Director Willick provided an update on the steps taken to enter into a new cooperative agreeement. It is recommended the existing cooperative agreeement in which Kenowa Hills is the host district be dissolved and a new cooperative agreement being entered into with Grand Rapids Christian being the host. The new cooperative agreement also includes Cedar Springs.

IV. **Public Comment:** No audience member(s) addressed the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

V. Action Items

A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 5-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. September 2025 Check Register
3. Ice Hockey Cooperative Agreement

B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to go into closed Session under M.C.L. 15.268§8k for review of Site Vulnerability Assessment Results and Biennial Emergency Operations Plan Review. A roll call vote is taken by Temporary Secretary Courtade. Report No. 25-050. **Motion carries 5-0.**

CLOSED SESSION
Report #25-050

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X __ __	Hart	X __ __	Roberts	__ __ __	Turner	X __ __
Gustinis	X __ __	LaBotz	__ __ __	Robinson	X __ __		

The meeting convened to closed session at 8:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:39 p.m.

C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to amend the agenda to add an Action Item "D" titled "Emergency Operations Plan."

AMDEND AGENDA

D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to approve the Emergency Operations Plan as presented during the Closed Session portion of this meeting, October 13, 2025. **Motion carries 5-0.**

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

1 10/27/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting, Kenowa Hills High School
2. 11/10/25 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop, Administration Building
3. 11/24/25 6:00 pm Regular Meeting, Pathways High School
4. 12/10/25 6:00 pm Special Meeting, Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation
5. 12/15/25 6:00 pm Regular Meeting, ZInser Elementary

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, VIce-President Gustinis adjourned the meeting at 9:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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