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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes
Monday, September 8, 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, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner are present. Student Representative Micah Perry is present. Superintendent Hopkins, Director of Secondary Curriculum Dinkelmann and Director of Finance Long are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 7-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

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

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE
COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Department of Teaching & Learning
 - 1. PO8510- Wellness (First Reading) - Director of Food & Nutrition Services Megan Johnson provided an overview of the District Wellness Committee, its purpose, the process for updating the Wellness Policy, and the recommended revisions to this policy.
- B. Finance
 - 1. August 2025 Check Register
 - 2. State Budget Update - Director Long reported there has not been any measurable progress in Lansing to adopt the FY2026 State Budget. A state government shutdown would not have an immediate impact on our school operations, but some school districts are beginning the process of securing loans in the event of a government shutdown. We have enough cashflow to sustain a short shutdown.
 - 3. Network Electronics and UPS Replacement Purchase Recommendation - Director of Technology Webb provided an overview of this recommendation, which will be mostly paid with federal e-rate funds. The remaining balance will be paid with bond funds as part of our planned replacement of equipment. This will be an action item at the upcoming Regular Meeting.
- C. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Enrollment Update - Superintendent Hopkins provided current enrollment information that is reported by school secretaries each Friday through the Fall Count Day.
 - 2. Commemoration and Naming of School Facilities - This existing policy was discussed along with draft of an accompanying administrative guideline. There are current naming opportunities to consider.
 - 3. MASB Delegates - The Board can name up to 3 voting delegates and 3 alternate delegates for the upcoming MASB delegate assembly. This will be an action item at the upcoming Regular Meeting.

DEPARTMENT OF
TEACHING &

FINANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

IV. Public Comment: 0 members of the public 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.

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion passes 7-0.**

1. August 25, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. August 2025 Check Register: General Fund Expenditures of \$1,485,027.25 using checks #85621 through 85711; School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$39,507.97 using checks #11302 through 11305; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$26,654 accounting for checks #118 through 121; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$66,709 using checks #56-57; Student Activity expenditures of \$12,100.02 accounting for checks #97480 through 97486: Total expenditures for the month total \$1,056,668.18.

CONSENT AGENDA

AUGUST 2025 CHECK
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VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
1. 09/22/25 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Middle School
 2. 10/13/25 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
 3. 10/27/25 6:00 pm Regular Board Meeting - High School
 4. 11/10/25 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
 5. 11/24/25 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Pathways High School (MS LGI)
- B. Go Around

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary