



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot 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 Middle School, 3950 Hendershot 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 (arrived at 6:04) are present. Also present are Superintendent Hopkins, Director Long and student representatives Aaron Coleman and Chay'ce Smith.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

II. Recognition and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Dr. Horner lauded the Pathways teachers, sharing success stories that demonstrated their tireless support for their students.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Cooperative Education Agreement - The Board discussed the long-standing partnership with Berrien Springs Public Schools to provide a Link Learning location within the District and the prospect of continuing this partnership for another 5 years.
- B. Finance
 - 1. Early Childhood Center Phase 2 Bid Award Summary & Recommendations
 - 2. Annual Summer Tax Resolution
 - 3. Audit Update
- C. Pathways High School Spotlight - Principal Cappy-Cantu shared the ways in which Pathways staff differentiate their approach to education. They have an intentional focus on supporting students to have a plan for not just the path to graduation, but also for what comes after, whether it's continuing education, joining the workforce, or enlisting in the military.
- D. Student Representative Reports: Chay'ce shared that the countywide student-led event was a great experience. Aaron echoed the points highlighted in the Pathways High School Spotlight, calling attention to the support from staff and visits to area businesses to prepare for workforce entry.
- E. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. Student Achievement Action Plans - The building principals and Directors Dinkelmann and Greemann provided an overview of the steps that are being taken to support student learning.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

FINANCE

PATHWAYS SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTS

OFFICE OF TEACHING &
LEARNING

POLICY CHANGES

- F. Policy Revisions/Deletions/technical corrections (1st Reading)
1. Policy 1422/3122/4122 - Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (Replacement)
 2. Policy 1422.02/3122.02/4122.02 - Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Delete/Rescind)
 3. Policy 1623/3123/4123 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Technical Correction)
 4. Policy 1662/3362/4362 - Anti-Harassment (Delete/Rescind)
 5. Policy 2210 - Curriculum Development - Approved Courses (Revised)
 6. Policy 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Technical Correction)
 7. Policy 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (Technical Correction)
 8. Policy 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)
 9. Policy 2412 - Homebound Instruction Program (Revised)
 10. Policy 4162 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle ("CMV") Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions (Revised)
 11. Policy 5517.01 - Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior toward Students (Revised)
 12. Policy 6144 - Investments (Technical Correction)
 13. Policy 7455 - Accounting System for Fixed Assets (Technical Correction)
 14. Policy 7540.02 - Digital Content and Accessibility (Revised)
 15. Policy 7541 - Electronic Data Processing Disaster Recovery Plan (Rescind)
 16. Policy 8300 - Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (Revised)
 17. Policy 8305 - Information Security (Revised)
 18. Policy 8400 - School Safety Information (Technical Correction)
 19. Policy 9130 - Public Complaints (Technical Correction)
- G. Knight Strength Class - Superintendent Hopkins noted an ad hoc committee would be convened to examine ways in which to ensure equitable access to this high school class. The District Title IX Coordinators will facilitate these meetings and bring a recommendation to the Board of Education.

IV. Public Comment: One audience member 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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**
1. November 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Workshop Minutes
 2. Cooperative Education Agreement
 3. Annual Summer Tax Resolution
- B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by member Hart that the Board authorize Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. to issue Notice of Pending Awards, in the amount indicated, to the contractors and suppliers as listed in the Summary and Recommendations, pending confirmation that all requirements of the Contract Documents have been met. Furthermore, that upon receipt by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. of the Appropriate documentation, contracts be awarded to those contractors and suppliers by the District. Report #25-060. **Motion carries 7-0.**

REPORT #25-060
ECC PHASE 2 BID
AWARD SUMMARY &
RECOMMENDATIONS

- C. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to go into Closed Session under MCL 15.243(1) (g) to review an attorney-client opinion regarding waiver of privilege to receive 31aa funds. Secretary Roberts took a roll call vote. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting convened to closed session at 8:46 pm.
The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:21 pm.

- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to adopt the resolution to opt into accepting Section 31aa funds with the opportunity to rescind this election by 11:59 PM on December 30, 2025. Report #25-061. **Motion carries 7-0.**

REPORT #25-061
RESOLUTION TO
ACCEPT 31AA FUNDS

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 12/10/25 6:00 pm Special Meeting (Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation) @ Admin Building
 - 2. 12/15/25 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Zinser Elementary
 - 3. 1/12/26 6:00 pm Organizational Meeting @ Administration Building
- B. Go Around

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary