



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2025

Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann and Director John Gilchrist are also present along with Student Representative Mya Gray. Member Gustinis and student representative Chay'ce Smith are absent.
- D. Motion by Courtade supported by Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings & Correspondence

- A. Recognition
 1. Staff Appreciation - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged the tireless efforts and actions of staff, noting May 6, 2025 would be recognized as Staff Appreciation Day.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Item

- A. Student Representative Reports - Mya reported that Pathways will be hosting professionals to speak about their careers tomorrow; 3 students have graduated since the last meeting, and the graduation commencement will be May 27.
- B. Superintendent Report
 1. Enhancement Millage
 2. Administrator Vacancies/Postings
 3. 2025-26 School Year Start Date
- C. Office of Teaching and Learning
 1. K-8 Benchmark Assessment Plan for 2025-26
 2. Middle School Teaming
The Board waives the option to vote upon the move from trimesters to semesters K-5 and grade level teaming at the Middle School.
- D. Finance
 1. March 2025 Check Register

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

OFFICE OF TEACHING
& LEARNING

FINANCE

- 2. Bond Funds Investment Income
- 3. Investment Holdings
- 4. Condensed Fund Statement
- 5. Ottawa County Delinquent Taxes
- E. KIASB Board of Director Elections - One person is running unopposed for one of two vacancies. This is a 3-year position.

IV. Public Comment - 2 attendees provided comments.

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 Hart supported by Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion Carries 6-0.**
 - 1. March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Certified Staff Personnel Report
 - 3. March 2025 General Fund expenditures of \$943,132.37 using checks #84779 through 84978; Food Services Fund expenditures of \$12,687.14 using checks #11252 through 11260; 2016 Bond Fund expenditures of \$500.00 using check # 350000002; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$123,274.93 using checks #34000034 through 34000036; Student Activity expenditures of \$18,380.35 using checks #97382 through 97406; Total expenditures for the month were \$1,100,281.79.
- B. Motion by Courtade supported by Hart to approve the Staff Appreciation Day Resolution. Report #25-029. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- C. Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to approve the purchase of new furniture for the Middle School Extended Learning Area in the amount of \$37,867.02 using 2023 Bond Funds. Report # 25-030. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- D. Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to approve the purchase of a new 2024 Ford F250 from LaFontaine Ford of Comstock Park, Michigan, in the amount of \$51,323.36 using Capital Projects funds. Report #25-031. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- E. Motion by Courtade supported by Hart to cast a ballot in support of Andrea Haidle to serve a three-year term on the Kent Intermediate Association of School Board (KIASB) Executive Board of Directors. Report #25-032. **Motion carries 6-0.**

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 05/05/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 2. 05/19/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ High School (includes Retiree Reception)
 - 3. 06/09/2025 6:00 pm Budget Hearing & Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 4. 06/18/2025 6:00 pm Special Meeting - Superintendent Evaluation @ Administration Building

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

MARCH 2025 CHECK REGISTER

STAFF APPRECIATION RESOLUTION. REPORT #25-029

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTENDED LEARNING AREA FURNITURE PURCHASE. REPORT #25-030

REPLACEMENT TRUCK PURCHASE. REPORT #25-031

KISD BALLOT. REPORT #25-032

FUTURE MEETINGS

5. 06/23/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Administration Building
 6. 08/11/2025. 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
- B. Go-Around

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. S. Roberts, Secretary