



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes
Monday, February 10, 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2325 4 Mile Rd 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. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman, Director of Finance Gilchrist, and Student Representatives Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 7-0.**

II. Recognition and Correspondence

- A. Recognition: none
- B. Correspondence: none
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Enrollment Update: Wednesday, February 12, is our supplemental count day, which represents 10% of our blended count. The remaining 90% of the blended count is represented by the fall 2025 count. A snapshot of current enrollment as compared to historical enrollment was provided.
 - 2. 2025-26 School of Choice Resolution (First Reading) - Superintendent Hopkins reviewed the three related resolutions that will be considered for action at the next regular meeting.
- B. Finance
 - 1. January 2025 Check Register
 - 2. Bond Investment Update
 - i. Interest Income
 - ii. Investment Summary
 - 3. Condensed Fund Statement
 - 4. Drinking Fountain/Water Filling Station Purchases - Director Gilchrist provided an overview of the first phase of this project, which will address the purchases at the high school. The goal is to have these new water filling stations installed over spring break. The next phase of purchases will be forthcoming with installation to be completed this summer.
 - 5. Striking Delinquent Taxes - City of Walker
 - 6. Federal Funding: Director Gilchrist discussed the district programs that rely on Federal funding.
- C. NBSA Advocacy Institute - Board President LaBotz attended in this event in Washington DC earlier this month to advocate for the district. President LaBotz provided a brief report updating the Board on topics of interest covered during the advocacy institute.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE
COMMUNICATION

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

FINANCE

IV. Public Comment: One audience member 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Action Items

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. January 2025 Check Register: General Fund expenditures of \$1,188,465.27 using checks #84313 through 84505; School lunch fund expenditures of \$23,406.04 using checks #11231 through 11242; Capitol Projects expenditure of \$31,634.75 using check #18; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$230,058.51 using checks #83-85; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$17,177.00 using checks # 26-29; Student Activity expenditures of \$37,228.05 using checks # 97341 through 97360; Total expenditures of \$1,527,969.62.

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. 02/24/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Central Elementary
2. 03/10/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
3. 03/24/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Alpine Elementary
4. 04/21/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Administration Building
5. 05/05/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary