



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Early Childhood Center
3971 Richmond Ct NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center, 3971 Richmond Ct NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49534.
- 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 Dinkelmann, Finance Director John Gilchrist, and Student Representatives Jake Jonker and Ronan Jameyson are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence
- B. Recognition - It was suggested by Member Hart that the Board determine a level at which any students receive Board recognition. Member Hart agreed to develop criteria for the Board to consider.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on their activities within the district since they last met.

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Information Items

- A. Spotlight on the Early Childhood Center - Director Luke Scholten provided an update on the use of a speech and language pathologist is improving phonemic awareness for kindergarten students. He also shared how Least Restrictive Environment was being implemented with the programming offered at the Early Childhood Center. Finally he shared how high school students are working with preschool students as part of The Buddy Up program.
- B. Student Representative Reports - Ronan and Jake shared updates specific to Pathways High School and the High School, including concerns with the lack of windows and bathrooms needing to be update at Pathways and the recognition of specific high school winter athletes who competed at MHSAA state level. Concerns associated with the weighting of some Middle College courses were also raised. Pathways graduation is May 28. Kenowa Hills High School commencement is May 29.
- C. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. High School Course Proposals (Second Reading)
 - i. Mock trials
 - ii. Child Development Psychology

ECC SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

OFFICE OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
 HS COURSE PROPOSALS

IV. Public Comment: one person made 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**
 - 1. March 11, 2024 Committtee of the Whole Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

3.11.24 MINUTES

- B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the first day of school for 2024-2025 school year to be Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Report #24-022. **Motion carries 7-0.**
- C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve Mock Trials and Child Psychology Development as new elective courses offered by Kenowa Hills High School courses. Report #24-023. **Motion carries 7-0.**
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the purchase of new staff computers in the amount of \$378,000 from the REMC Save Program using 2020 bond funds. Report #24-024. **Motion carries 7-0.**
- E. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Roberts to approve the purchase of a Security Camera Video Management System from Presidio Networked Solutions Group, LLC in the amount of \$161,676 using State of Michigan grant funds. Report #24-025. **Motion carries 7-0.**
- F. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Roberts to approve the Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes as presented by the City of Walker. Report #24-026. **Motion carries 7-0.**
- G. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the March budget amendment for FY2023-24. Report #24-027. **Motion carries 7-0.**

24-24 SCHOOL YEAR
START DATE: REPORT 24-
022

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES:
REPORT 24-023

COMPUTER PURCHASE:
REPORT 24-024
SECURITY CAMERA
VIDEO MGMT SYSTEM
PURCHASE:
REPORT 24-025

STRIKING OF
DELINQUENT TAXES -
CITY OF WALKER:
Report 24-026
MARCH BUDGET
AMENDMENT:
REPORT 24-027

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 1. 04/15/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
 2. 04/25/24 6:00 pm KIASB Dinner Meeting - Kent ISD KCTC Building
 3. 05/06/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
 4. 05/20/24 6:00 pm Retirement Reception and Regular Board of Education Meeting - High School Commons
 5. 06/10/24 6:30 pm. Budget Hearing and Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
 6. 06/24/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
- B. Go Around: Member Hart asked for a report on the status of security cameras. Member Hart also asked for a report on the status of transparency of Student Activity accounts and accounts payable.

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary