



**Kenowa Hills Public Schools
Education inspired.**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Pathways High School
3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI**

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:13 pm at Pathways High School, 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, Storey, Szczepaniak, and Truskoski were present; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde and Director of Finance Gilchrist were also present as well as Student Representative George Ramirez Madrigal. Member Absent: Rettig
- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Szczepaniak to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6-0.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence
 - 1. Superintendent Hopkins shared the Board of Education Special Tribute for Board Appreciation Month from State Representative Mark Huizenga and Senator Peter MacGregor.
- B. Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged contributions with appreciation.
 - 1. Donation toward outstanding balances on student lunch accounts
 - a. Anand Pawar - \$24.50
 - b. Emily & Jeremy Blick - \$300
 - 2. Donations to First Robotics
 - a. Challenge Manufacturing - \$2,500
 - b. DeWys Manufacturing - \$500
 - c. Walker Tool & Die - \$500
- C. Board Communication - Board members shared of their recent attendance and participation in District activities.
- D. Community/Board Dialogue (Comments Specific to Board Agenda Items) - None

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY
DIALOGUE

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III. Information Items

- A. Pathways High School Report, Mr. Jared Herron
 - 1. Coordinator of Online Support Services Herron shared demographics of the students attending Pathways High School. Pathway High School's graduation rate is extremely high at 91% with the State of Michigan graduation rate of 80%. This is an especially high graduation rate given most students who enroll at Pathways High School are behind in credits and are in jeopardy of graduating.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

2. Pathways High School tries to focus on employability skills that will serve students beyond high school. Up to 15 of our Pathways High School seniors will be piloting a new program with Michigan Works called MiCareerLaunch 2020. This program focuses on career exploration to help provide a training experience followed by an on-the-job work experience. MiCareerLaunch could result in a paid position at the completion of the work experience for the student. This partnership with MiCareerLaunch will increase the number of businesses that our students will be exposed. Participating students will be selected by Pathways staff.
 3. Connor (Victoria) Bowen, Pathways High School senior, shared she is still at the same business she interned last year. She is hoping to attend GRCC to pursue her plan of earning a bachelor degree in art therapy. Pathways has helped Connor find her passion. She is very thankful for the staff and programs that have been made available through this program. Connor is mentoring new students who enroll at Pathways High School.
 4. Pathways graduation is scheduled for June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Student Representative Report, George Ramirez Madrigal
1. Representative Ramirez Madrigal sent a survey to Pathways students asking about a variety of issues. Results were shared including what students most enjoyed about Pathways High School.
- C. Superintendent Report
1. Safety and Security
 - a. Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the new emergency announcements that have been integrated with the new phone, clock and door systems. The integration has been completed at the High School where one drill was recently conducted with students. He reported a marked difference in the students attention to the emergency drill. Student representative Ramirez Madrigal indicated it was very helpful to know what the drill was for and what to do. The integration will be completed at the Middle School over midwinter break and in the elementary schools over spring break.
 - b. Brooke Davis, our District PBIS coordinator, has gathered a mental health team and began discussions about wellness, mental health and crisis plan review. This team will also focus on supporting students through trauma.
 2. Bond Construction Update
 - a. Central Elementary construction continues to be ahead of schedule. It is anticipated that 2nd and 3rd grade students will be able to move into their new location before spring break which will allow work to begin early on what will become the 4th/5th grade wing.
 - b. Middle School construction this summer will be limited to the gymnasium. The gym will be updated to a similar style as the other gyms in the district. The bleachers will be coming out over mid-winter break so a wall can be constructed seperating the gym from the mezzanine. Completing this work during breaks will increase the likelihood the project will be finished by the start of the 2020-21 school year.
 3. Count Day
 - a. Wednesday, February 12 is the second official count day of this school year. This count accounts for 10% of the blended per pupil formula.

STUDENT REP

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- b. Preliminary counts show a typical decline in enrollment from fall to spring, mostly due to migrant students leaving shortly after the fall count; however, we are anticipating less of a decline this year.
 - c. Our attendance has been over 90% except at Zinser who has been as low as 83% due to illness. Our average daily attendance is 95%+ on a regular day but during the cold and flu season we have been between 90-93%. Students who are absent on count day can still be counted if the absence is excused within a specific timeframe and the student returns from the absence.
4. Other
- a. The Executive Budget was released on Thursday from the Governor's office. Specifics were provided in the weekly update.
 - b. The budget includes a continued emphasis on early childhood education. Kenowa Hills currently has two sections of Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP); we do not have room to expand this program within our district. The bond proposal would provide additional classrooms at the Early Childhood Center to provide more early childhood programming.
- D. Committee Reports - chairpersons reported minutes (copy available upon request) from the committee meetings.
- 1. Finance - Stan Truskoski
 - 2. Curriculum/School Improvement - Tracey Hart
 - a. Middle School Course Proposal - Humanities (First Reading)
 - b. Pathways High School Curriculum Proposal - Leadworthy (First Reading)
 - 3. Marketing - Danielle Storey
 - 4. Policy - Eric-John Szczepaniak
 - a. 2020-2021 School of Choice Resolutions (Second Reading)
 - b. Lease Agreement - Central Fields - City of Walker (First Reading)

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

IV. Action Items

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Storey to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 6-0.
 - 1. January 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 2. January General Fund expenditures of \$1,067,225.08 through and including checks #75625-75768 and payrolls of January 3, January 17 and January 31, 2020; January 2020 School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$11,559.23 through and including checks #10442-10450; January 2020 Capital Projects fund expenditures of \$4,150 through and including check #75637, January 2020 Building and Site Series II expenditures of \$303,365.09 through and including checks #15158-15168; Student Activity Check Register expenditures of \$32,682.47 through and including checks #12692-12723.
- B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Truskoski to approve the Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes as presented by the City of Walker and Alpine Township. Report #20-022. Motion approved 6-0.
- C. Motion by Member Storey supported by Member Courtade to adopt a Resolution to call a Special School Election on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Report #20-023. Motion approved 6-0.

01/13/20 REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
CHECK REGISTRIES

DELINQUENT
PERSONAL PROPERTY
TAX Report #20-022

RESOLUTION TO CALL
MAY 5TH ELECTION
Report #20-023

- D. Motion by Member Storey supported by Member Truskoski to approve the resolution to Opt Out of State Schools of Choice Section 105 Program for the 2020-21 school year. Report #20-024. Motion approved 6-0.
- E. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Courtade to approve the resolution to Opt In to State Schools of Choice Program Section 105c for the 2020-21 school year. Report #20-025. Motion approved 6-0.
- F. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Courtade to approve a resolution to Participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2020-21 school year. Report #20-026. Motion approved 6-0.

OPT OUT OF SOC 105
Report #20-024

OPT IN TO SOC 105c
Report #20-025

OPT IN KISD SOC
Report #20-026

V. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Public Comment (Unrelated to Board Agenda Items) - None

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- B. Future Meetings

- 1. 02/24/20 6:00 p.m. Board Self-Evaluation Workshop - Administration Building
- 2. 03/02/20 6:30 p.m. Curriculum & School Improvement Committee
- 3. 03/02/20 7:30 p.m. Marketing Committee
- 4. 03/09/20 6:30 p.m. Policy Committee
- 5. 03/09/20 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5. 03/16/20 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting - Alpine Elementary

FUTURE MEETINGS

- C. Go Around - no additional comments.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Truskoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. Storey, Secretary