



Kenowa Hills Public Schools
Education inspired.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes

The meeting will be held virtually in compliance with P. A. 254 of 2020

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m., which is being held virtually in compliance with P. A. 254 of 2020.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Storey, Szczepaniak, Truskoski. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde, Director John Gilchrist and Director Luke Scholten were present. Student Representatives Sara Herweyer and Madison Bupp were absent.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the agenda. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7 - 0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF
SILENCE
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins highlighted items of appreciation that had been sent to the board members in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. He also noted with appreciation the donations that have been made to the district.
 - 1. Special Tribute from Representative Huizenga
 - 2. Board Appreciation thank you notes
 - 3. Contribution to the District
 - a. \$2,000 donation from the Gillett Family Foundation to Zinser Elementary
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.
- D. Community/Board Dialogue (Comments Specific to Board Agenda Items) - None

This portion of the agenda is dedicated to public comments about items that are on tonight's agenda. President Gustinis reminded attendees that all public comments are limited to five (5) minutes and that there will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Inquiries will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time. President Gustinis announced attendees who requested the opportunity to speak by emailing boe@khps.org. President Gustinis then welcomed the opportunity for any others attending this meeting, either in-person or virtually, the opportunity to make comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

CONTRIBUTION

BOE
COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY
DIALOGUE

III. Information Item

- A. Early Childhood Center Spotlight - Director Luke Scholten
 - 1. Director of Early Childhood and Special Education Luke Scholten provided information regarding enrollment in the Learning Center and Before and After Care as well as the preschool programs. Director Scholten also shared good news about COVID 19 management at the ECC over the past months.

STUDENT REPORTS

2. Director Scholten noted that childcare programming would be located at Central Elementary during Phase 1 of the construction. The district has been in contact with the State to ensure the rooms at Central Elementary will be licensed for childcare programming.
3. Promotional videos and virtual open houses have been created and shared to help keep our community connected and informed about all that is happening at the ECC.
4. Director Scholten provided details about special education programming. Our district has been able to provide uninterrupted instruction with great creativity. Great appreciation was expressed to all ECC and special education staff during the pandemic.

B. Superintendent Report

1. Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan

a. COVID-19 Data

Superintendent Hopkins provided updated statistics involving positive cases & quarantines within the district and the county metrics that are monitored in accordance with the Kent County Health Department framework for schools. Superintendent Hopkins highlighted that new guidelines from the health department allow for three (3) feet social distancing instead of six (6) feet when determining quarantining requirements for students in grades K - 8. This will reduce the number of students who have to quarantine. He noted another change is that individuals will not need to quarantine if the person has received both doses of the vaccine, and two weeks has passed since the last dose. This will reduce the number of staff who have to quarantine as over 90% of the staff have indicated they will be receiving the vaccine.

2. Bond Construction Update

a. Planning has begun for the Middle School project. Superintendent Hopkins noted that due to the substantial construction that will occur at the Middle School, construction will occur during the school year once it has begun. Preliminary plans will be shared when they are completed.

3. Other

a. Superintendent Hopkins shared that Brooke Davis has accepted the new position of Director of Diversity, Equity and Mental Health Serves. This position was created to lead the Board of Education priorities in these DBEI and mental health. Communication to the staff and community will be forthcoming. Ms. Davis will begin her new role March 1st. Superintendent Hopkins expressed his appreciation to the board for their support in this area of need.

SUPERINTENDENT
 REPORT

V. Action Items

A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the consent agenda. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

1. February 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

ACTION ITEMS

02/11/21
 COMMITTEE

B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes as presented by the City of Walker. Report #21-020. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

DELINQUENT
 PROPERTY TAX
 Report #21-020

C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Szczepaniak to reconfirm the Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan that was originally approved on September 28, 2020 as required by Public Act 149, Section 98a. Report #21-021. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

EXTENDED
 CONTINUITY OF
 LEARNING PLAN
 Report #21-021

D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the resolution to Opt Out of State Schools of Choice Section 105 Program for the 2021-22 school year. Report #21-022. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

OPT OUT OF SOC
 105 Report #21-022

E. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to approve the resolution to Opt In to State Schools of Choice Program Section 105c for the 2021-22 school year. Report #21-023. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

OPT INTO SOC105c
 Report #21-023

F. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Courtade to approve a Resolution to Participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2021-22 school year. Report #21-024. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

OPT IN KISD SOC
 Report #21-024

G. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to take action on the proposed middle school 8th grade technology course proposal for the 2021-2022 school year. Report #21-025. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

MIDDLE SCHOOL
 COURSE
 PROPOSALS Report
 #21-025

H. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to take action on the proposed Middle College Memorandum of Understanding with Grand Rapids Community College. Report #21-026. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Storey	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

MIDDLE COLLEGE
 MEMORANDUM OF
 UNDERSTANDING
 Report #21-026

- I. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Szczepaniak to authorize Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Mary Crawley, to submit the ballot for the MASB Region 3 Board of Director Election on behalf of the Kenowa Hills Public Schools Board of Education in support of one of the following candidates - Kandace Boysen, Mona Shores Public Schools; Katherine Downes Lewis, Grand Rapids Public Schools; Jill Fennessey, Tri County Area Schools; Ryan L. Good, Hesperia Community Schools; and Diane Ybarra, Holland Public Schools. Report #21-027. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote.

Member Courtade voted for Fennessey
 Member Gustinis voted for Downes Lewis
 Member Hart voted for Fennessey
 Member LaBotz voted for Fennessey
 Member Storey voted for Downes Lewis
 Member Szczepaniak voted for Fennessey
 Member Truskoski voted for Downes Lewis

Kenowa Hills Public Schools will cast a ballot for Jill Fennessey from Tri County Area Schools.

- J. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Truskoski to take action on the recommendation to purchase two trucks with plow and light packages totaling \$37,739.56 as part of the replacement cycle using capital funds. Report #21-028. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion withdrew, amended and voted on below.

Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to take action on the recommendation to purchase two trucks with plow and light packages totaling \$37,739.56 per truck as part of the replacement cycle using capital funds. Report #21-028. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Public Comment (Nonagenda Items) - None

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B. Future Meetings

1. 03/04/21 6:00 PM KIASB Dinner Meeting, Virtual
2. 03/10/21 6:00 PM Committee of the Whole Work Session, High School LGI Room
3. 03/22/21 7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, Alpine Elementary
4. 04/14/21 6:00 PM Committee of the Whole Work Session, Administration Building
5. 04/26/21 7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, Pathways High School (MS LGI Room)

C. Go-Around

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Secretary Szczepaniak took a roll-call vote. Motion approved 7-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	<u>X</u>	___	___	Hart	<u>X</u>	___	___	Storey	<u>X</u>	___	___	Truskoski	<u>X</u>	___	___
Gustinis	<u>X</u>	___	___	LaBotz	<u>X</u>	___	___	Szczepaniak	<u>X</u>	___	___				

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary