



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, March 20, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.**  
**Kenowa Hills Public Schools**  
**2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. President Gustinis called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade (via conference call), Gustinis, Hart, Rettig, Storey and Szczepaniak were present; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde and Director of Finance Gilchrist were also present. Member Absent: Truskoski
- D. Motion by Member Rettig supported by Member Storey to approve the agenda. Roll call vote was taken by Secretary Storey. Motion approved 6-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gustinis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rettig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Storey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Szczepaniak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Truskoski	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
							<u>Absent</u>

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

**II. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Community/Board Dialogue (Comments Specific to Board Agenda Items) - None

*The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. Audience members who wish to make comments should complete a form, located on the agenda table, and identify themselves prior to speaking. 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. Anybody who wishes to make comment on an item that is on tonight's board agenda can approach the podium.*

COMMUNITY  
DIALOGUE

**III. Information Items**

- A. Special Election Update/Information
  - 1. Superintendent Hopkins shared information about the two options available for the upcoming elections. Option one would be to keep election on ballot. Option two is to withdraw our proposal from the ballot and then determine at a later date when the proposal would be presented to the voters. The next option to be on a ballot would be August.
  - 2. Many other districts in the county are anticipating that they will be staying with the May election, however, several local boards of education are meeting today to discuss this topic as well.
  - 3. Director Gilchrist discussed the financial impact of moving from May to August. June 30 our tax levy must be provided to the county. If we move to August, a special assessment would need to be incurred in September should the proposal pass. There are costs associated with either scenario. Some of the cost associated with first option would be reduced if the State covers the expense associated with the mailing of absentee voter applications.
  - 4. City of Walker Clerk Sarah Bydlak spoke about procedures with the election. Every registered voter will receive an application that can be submitted to receive an absentee ballots State will then print ballot return envelopes with prepaid postage. Voter turnout is expected to be higher with the "no reason" absentee voting option. Discussions are already occurring about the potential for a mail-in election in August as well.

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Dr. Burde shared he has reached out to other superintendents who have had bond proposal experience to receive some recommendations or previous experience with bond elections.
6. Board members provided their feedback on whether to continue with the May election or wait until the pandemic passes.

**IV. Action Items**

- A. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Rettig to keep the Special Election on the May 5, 2020. Roll call vote was taken by Secretary Storey. Motion approved 6-0.

**SPECIAL ELECTION**

	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>Absent</u>		
Gustinis	<u>X</u>	___	___	Rettig	<u>X</u>	___	___	Szczepaniak	<u>X</u>	___	___				

**V. Future Items for Consideration**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- B. Future Meetings

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

1. 04/13/20 6:30 p.m. Policy Committee
2. 04/13/20 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee
3. 04/15/20 6:30 p.m. Curriculum & School Improvement Committee
4. 04/15/20 7:30 p.m. Marketing Committee
5. 04/20/20 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting - Central Elementary

- C. Go Around

**VI. Adjournment**

**ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Motion by Member Storey supported by Member Szczepaniak to adjourn at 8:37 a.m. Roll call vote was taken by Secretary Storey. Motion approved 6-0.

	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>Absent</u>		
Gustinis	<u>X</u>	___	___	Rettig	<u>X</u>	___	___	Szczepaniak	<u>X</u>	___	___				

Respectfully submitted,

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Danielle M. Storey, Secretary