



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, March 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Alpine Elementary Multi-Purpose Room**  
**4730 Baumhoff NW, Comstock Park, MI 49321**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:07 p.m., at Alpine Elementary, 4730 Baumhoff NW, Comstock Park, Michigan.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Szczepaniak, Truskoski. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde, Director John Gilchrist and Student Representative Madison Bupp are also present. Member Storey is absent.
- 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 - None.
- B. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.
- C. Community/Board Dialogue (Comments Specific to Board Agenda Items) - None

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY  
DIALOGUE

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**III. Information Item**

- A. Alpine Elementary Spotlight by Principal Jason Snyder
  - 1. Principal Snyder provided information about reading month activities and all the reading events held this month. This year's theme is *All About Being a Superhero*. Staff and students are enjoying the virtual guest readers. March Book Madness is another popular event during reading month.
  - 2. Rethinking several practices has been a topic of many discussions at Alpine. There are things we have learned throughout this pandemic that we would like to continue post-pandemic. Virtual meetings have also helped connect more with families that have previously been unable to visit school.
- B. Student Representative Report, Madison Bupp. Student Representative Herweyer was unable to join the meeting due to technical difficulties.
  - 1. Elementary students are very happy to be with friends more during recess now that the playgrounds have opened back up a bit.
  - 2. Paint Kenowa Green is a great campaign that has helped students feel that they are not alone if they are struggling with mental health issues.
  - 3. High School students are hoping that there will not be an outbreak after spring break, so they can finish the school year in person.

BUILDING SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORTS

C. Superintendent Report

1. Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan
  - a. COVID-19 Data
    - i. Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the ECOL Plan.
    - ii. A reminder quarantines are not always directly connected to school activities.
    - iii. KCCHD is still recommending that we remain at the 6 foot social distance guidelines at the high school level. PreK - 8th grade will continue following the KCCHD pilot of 3 feet social distancing guidelines. Currently we see no increase in cases by reducing social distancing to 3 feet at grades PreK - 8.
  - b. Instructional Delivery
    - i. Superintendent Hopkins recommends that our students at all levels remain in person at this time. Outdoor field trips following spring break will be allowed as long as COVID regulations are followed.
  - c. Student Supports
    - i. Performances will begin to be held at the PAC with strict safety standards.
    - ii. EL and special education programming will remain as has been provided.
  - d. Two-Way Communication
    - i. Weekly rates February through March 16, 2021 were reviewed.

D. DBEI and Mental Health presentation by Director Brooke Davis

1. Director Davis provided an overview of work that lies ahead surrounding DBEI, mental health and student behavior supports. A theory of action for each area was reviewed.
2. Director Davis has been working with students in grades 5 - 12 to determine the needs for these students.
3. DBEI training for all staff and students will be ongoing as well as trauma informed training. Ms. Davis shared information about what qualifies as a trauma informed classroom.
4. A comprehensive training plan surrounding mental health and DBEI will be developed for all employee groups and offered to the board.

IV. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 6-0.
  1. March 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- B. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Courtade to take action on the recommendation to purchase Chromebooks and iPads as part of the student replacement cycle using bond funds. Report #21-029. Motion approved 6-0.
- C. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member LaBotz to reconfirm the Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan based on the updates presented from the originally approved plan on September 28, 2020 as required by Public Act 149, Section 98a. Report #21-030. Motion approved 6-0.

- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Hart to take action on the recommendation to purchase elementary playground equipment for Alpine, Central and Zinser Elementaries totaling \$539,580 using 2016 bond funds. Report #21-031. Motion approved 6-0.
- E. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member LaBotz to take action on the recommendation to publish 170 Kent ISD School of Choice openings and 20 State of Michigan 105C School of Choice openings for the 2021-2022 school year. Report #21-032. Motion approved 6-0.
- F. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Truskoski to approve the 2021-2022 second budget amendment. Report #21-033. Motion approved 6-0.

ELEMENTARY  
PLAYGROUND EQUIP.  
Report #21-031

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE  
Report #21-032

BUDGET AMENDMENT  
Report #21-033

**V. Future Items for Consideration**

**A. Public Comment (Nonagenda Items) - None**

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PUBLIC COMMENT

**B. Future Meetings**

- 1. 04/14/21 6:00 PM Committee of the Whole Work Session, Location to be finalized
- 2. 04/26/21 7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, Pathways High School (MS LGI Room)
- 3. 05/12/21 6:00 PM Committee of the Whole Work Session, Location to be finalized
- 4. 05/24/21 6:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, High School Commons  
(staff recognition and retirement celebration)

FUTURE MEETINGS

**C. Go-Around**

**VI. Adjournment**

- A. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p. m. Motion approved 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary