



Kenowa Hills Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, April 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- B. Vice President Storey opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Hart, LaBotz, Storey, Szczepaniak, Truskoski. Member Absent: Gustinis
 Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde, Director John Gilchrist and Student Representative Sara Herweyer are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6 - 0.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF
SILENCE
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - Superintendent Hopkins noted he would respond to the community member who emailed the Board of Education.
- 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

This portion of the agenda is dedicated to public comments about items that are on tonight's agenda. Vice President Storey 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. Vice President Storey welcomed those who wished to make comment to approach the podium.

III. Information Item

- A. Pathways High School Spotlight by Principal Jared Herron
 - 1. Principal Herron shared a video created with students about the Pathways High School. Pathways students were very involved and enjoyed the Paint Kenowa Green program. The students participated in many conversations about social and emotional health with Kenowa staff and outside presenters.
 - 2. Students were able to participate in Career Quest sponsored by Kent ISD. This was a well received experience since students have not been able to participate in internships this year.
 - 3. Pathways High School graduation is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on June 8 in the PAC. They are hoping to have 20-25 students graduate so the PAC allows each student to have 10 guests.

BUILDING
SPOTLIGHT

B. Student Representative Report, Sara Herweyer

- 1. Junior meetings with counselors are very important but it would be helpful for check-ins during the senior year as well. Is there a way to help prepare students for college applications and other information about going to college? Is there a way to provide more counseling support for students before their junior year? How can better relationships be built with counselors? Superintendent Hopkins will speak with Principal Robrahn about meeting with Sara to discuss this further.

STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE

C. Superintendent Report

1. Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan
 - a. COVID-19 Data - Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the ECOL Plan and discussed the numbers associated with positive and quarantine cases along with our district testing data. He also provided survey data regarding staff participation with COVID immunization.
 - b. Instructional Delivery - Superintendent Hopkins noted the COVID positive rate and the number of individuals who have to quarantine continue to increase; however, our safety protocols continue to be effective in that there is very little evidence of transmission within our schools. As such, he recommends instruction should remain in person.
 - c. Student Supports - Prom is scheduled for later in May with attendance limited to Kenowa Hills junior and senior students only. This will be an outdoor event with other COVID safety precautions in place. KHHS Commencement is scheduled to be held outside on June 2. The hope is for seniors to participate in the senior walk at the elementary buildings, but it will be held outside for safety reasons.
 - d. Two-way Communication - Superintendent Hopkins provided details about two-way communication rates since this was last reported.
2. Bond Construction Update
 - a. Superintendent Hopkins noted photos of the demolition occurring at the Early Childhood Center (ECC) in preparation for construction were included in the most recent weekly board update.
 - b. Permit challenges have occurred that did not happen with any of our other construction projects. All of our permits must go through the state and not the local municipality.
 - c. Superintendent Hopkins has a meeting scheduled with the City of Walker officials to review the ECC construction plans. These plans will be shared with the Walker Planning Commission as a courtesy review at their public meeting on May 5.

IV. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member LaBotz to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 6 - 0.
 1. April 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to take action on the proposed high school course proposal for Yoga Movement for the 2021-2022 school year. Report #21-035. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- C. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Hart to reconfirm the Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan based on the updates presented from the originally approved on September 28, 2020 as required by Public Act 149, Section 98a. Report #21-036. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member LaBotz to approve the Staff Appreciation Day Resolution. Report #21-037. Motion approved 6 - 0.

V. Future Items for Consideration

A. Public Comment (Nonagenda Items) - None

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PUBLIC COMMENT

B. Future Meetings

1. 05/12/21 6:00 PM Committee of the Whole Work Session, Location to be finalized
2. 05/19/21 6:00 PM Special Meeting (Board Self-Evaluation), Administration Building
3. 05/24/21 6:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, High School Commons
(staff recognition and retirement celebration)
4. 06/09/21 6:00 PM Committee of the Whole Work Session, Location to be finalized
5. 06/21/21 6:30 PM Budget Meeting, Location to be finalized
6. 06/21/21 7:00 PM Board of Education Meeting, Location to be finalized

FUTURE MEETINGS

C. Go-Around

VI. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion approved 6 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary