



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Kenowa Hills Central Elementary
4252 Three Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI
Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 pm at Central Elementary, 4252 Three Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Gustinis, Hart, Rettig, Storey, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde and Director Gilchrist were also present. Member Absent: Courtade.
- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Hart 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. Recognition - None
- 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

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY

DIALOGUE

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. 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 asked there was anybody in-person who wished to make comment. He then invited any others attending the meeting virtually the opportunity to make comment.

III. Information Item

- A. Central Elementary Spotlight, Dr. Cherie Horner
 - 1. Dr. Horner thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hartman for the donation of flowers to decorate the front entrance of the school.
 - 2. Central Elementary was awarded the status of a Reward School. This is the first time ever for a Kenowa Hills school to earn this prestigious status.
 - 3. Dr. Horner shared the parent and community response has been very positive with the opening of school. It has been very nice to open the doors with the completed renovations.
 - 4. With the staggered start this year, the beginning of the school year was the best Dr. Horner has ever experienced. This allowed students to be a bit more calm and provide the teachers an opportunity to share the many important safety protocols with students in small group settings.
 - 5. Mrs. Delia Bush provided information regarding her Kenowa Hills Online Learning Academy (KHOLA) classroom. Mrs. Bush's previous experience provides her the opportunity to use her technology skills to provide virtual instruction to our KHOLA students. Mrs. Bush shared information about her Canvas Learning Management System page and provided a sample day for her fifth graders.
 - 6. Mr. Bernard provided details about how Dr. Horner and he began planning for opening the school with safety protocols to keep staff and students safe. The return to learn plan for Central was developed by administrators and staff, following the District approved plan, to help structure the day for all of Central.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

B. Superintendent Report

1. Return to School Update

- a. Superintendent Hopkins shared that each building has a similar Return to Learn Plan. He noted the staggered start has been very well received by staff. Even though the start was planned due to the circumstances, he noted it is something that can be looked at for the future, if desired and warranted.
- b. One of the issues of returning to school was the medical nuances associated with the pandemic. The way we have helped tackle some of these issues is by contracting with HealthBaar to provide nursing services. The nurses assist with screening for those who have not submitted a daily screener and those who have COVID-like symptoms. The nurses will be able to administer a rapid test, with parent approval, and have results within 30 minutes. The nurses will also be able to assist with any contact tracing based on the results of positive tests. Nate Baar, the owner of HealthBaar, provided background information about the company and the goals of having nurses in the schools.

2. Bond Construction Update

- a. Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the summer construction work.
- b. A committee is now working on the plans for Phase I of the Early Childhood Center. This project will go out to bid at the end of this calendar year for work to begin around Memorial Day 2021.

3. Enrollment

- a. Superintendent Hopkins shared updated enrollment numbers that are provided weekly by the building secretaries based on the students who have attended to date. Although our enrollment is down, we are pleased that our enrollment will exceed 3,000 as there was a lot of uncertainty associated with the pandemic. Superintendent Hopkins noted our virtual student numbers are higher than anticipated. Staff adjustments and hiring has occurred to address the enrollment increase in our virtual program. Overall, we are currently down 30 students from budget based on the state-approved funding formula that accounts for the anticipated decline. Enrollment updates will be provided weekly through count day.

4. Special Board Meeting

- a. An additional meeting will need to be held before the October 1 due date to submit the Extended Continuity of Learning (ECOL) Plan. Board members decided to schedule the Special Meeting for 6:00p on September 28th. The committee meetings that are scheduled for this date will need to be rescheduled or cancelled. Superintendent Hopkins indicated he would work with the committee members to determine how to proceed.

C. Committee Reports - chairpersons reported minutes (copy available upon request) from the committee meetings.

1. Finance - Eric John Szczepaniak
2. Curriculum/School Improvement - Tracey Hart
 - a. 2020/2021 School Improvement and District Improvement Plans (second reading)
3. Marketing - Danielle Storey
4. Policy - Matt Rettig

IV. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Storey to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved 6 - 0.
 1. August 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

ACTION ITEMS

08/24/20 MEETING
MINUTES

2. August General Fund expenditures of \$851,736.94 through and including checks #76426-76522 and payrolls of August 14 and August 28, 2020; August School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$17,769.78 through and including checks #10530-10537; 2018 Building and Site Series II expenditures of \$884,468.31 through and including checks #15215-15232; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$3,476.79 through and including checks #12859-12868.
- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Storey to approve the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Goals as described in Report #20-069. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Truskoski to approve the 2020-2021 Building and District School Improvement Plans as outlined in Report #20-070. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Storey to add Horizon Bank as an approved financial institution. Report #20-071. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- E. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Storey to take action on the recommendation to purchase a truck totaling \$35,873.00 plus plates as part of the replacement cycle using capital funds. Report #20-072. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- F. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Hart to approve the recommended K - 12 Student Handbook COVID specific revisions as listed in Report #20-073. Motion approved 6 - 0.

V. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Public Comment (Nonagenda Items) - None

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B. Future Meetings

1. 09/28/20 6:00 p.m. Special Board Meeting
2. 10/05/20 6:30 p.m. Policy Committee
3. 10/05/20 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee
4. 10/12/20 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Middle School

- C. Go-Around - Those at the board table shared final remarks and reminders.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Storey to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion approved 6 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Storey, Secretary

AUGUST 2020 CHECK
REGISTRIES

EXTENDED COVID-19
LEARNING PLAN
Report #20-069

SCHOOL & DISTRICT
IMPROVEMENT PLANS
Report #20-070

ADD HORIZON BANK
Report #20-071

TRUCK PURCHASE
Report #20-072

HANDBOOK COVID
REVISIONS Report #20-
073

PUBLIC COMMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT