



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 4 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. Vice President Gustinis called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Administration Building 2325 4 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49544.
- B. Vice President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- D. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman, and Director of Finance Gilchrist are also present. Member Courtade arrived at 6:02 pm. Member Hart arrived at 6:04 pm. President LaBotz is absent.
- E. Motion by Member Robinson supported by Member Roberts to approve the agenda. **Motion passed 4-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Recognition and Correspondence

- A. Recognition and Correspondence - None
- B. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. 2024-25 Discipline Data

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

IV. Public Comment: No audience members addressed the Board.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. There will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Audience members who wish to make comments are invited to complete the appropriate form located at the entrance. Each speaker has a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board. Inquiries requiring a response will be referred to the superintendent in the cases where contact information is provided. We ask all individuals making public comments to follow our board policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**
 - 1. Preliminary Minutes of the June 18, 2025 Special Meeting- Superintendent Evaluation
 - 2. Certified Staff Personnel Report
 - i. New Hires

CONSENT AGENDA

Naomi Sahnaw; Resource Room Teacher, Zinser Elementary (effective August 12, 2025)
 Karl Schanz; Resource Room Teacher, Central and Zinser Elementary (effective August 12, 2025)

- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Turner to approve the marketing contract with Galapagos Marketing for the fiscal year 2026, totaling \$74,000. Report #25-042. Member Roberts noted the need to abstain from voting on this matter due to a conflict of interest. **Motion carries 5-0.**

MARKETING CONTRACT Report #25-042

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	Y	__	__	Hart	Y	__	__	Roberts	__	__	A
Gustinis	Y	__	__	LaBotz	__	__	__	Robinson	Y	__	__
								Turner	Y	__	__

- C. Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Hart to approve the purchase of Chromebooks and iPads in the amount of \$382,350 utilizing 2020 Series II bond funds. Report #25-043. **Motion carries 6-0.**

PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS AND IPADS Report #25-043

- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to purchase new Food Service Computers in the amount of \$28,700 utilizing Food Service funds as outlined in the proposal. Report #25-044. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- E. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Turner to purchase the K-8 Benchmark Assessment Platform (iReady) from Curriculum Associates in the amount of \$87,679.50 using \$33,520.00 from Section 104 grant funds and \$54,159.50 from the General Fund. Report #25-045. **Motion fails 3-3.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	__N__	Hart	__N__	Roberts	Y__	Turner	Y__
Gustinis	Y__	LaBotz	___	Robinson	__N__		

- F. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Turner to purchase K-5 ELA Curriculum Materials (Bookworms) from Open Up Education in the amount of \$264,225 using \$125,000 of deferred/carryover Section 35j funds and \$139,225 from the General Fund. Report #25-046. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- G. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the FY 2024-25 Final Amended Budget as outlined in Report #25-047. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- H. Motion by Member Roberts supported by Member Hart to approve the proposed Original Budget for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year. Report #25-048. Member Courtade indicates she will be voting against the FY2025-26 budget because the budget did not prioritize a full time Principal for the Pathways High School and a Director of Mental Health. **Motion carries 5-1.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	__N__	Hart	Y__	Roberts	Y__	Turner	Y__
Gustinis	Y__	LaBotz	___	Robinson	Y__		

- I. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to request the Kent Intermediate School District to submit a regional enhancement property tax millage proposal for 0.9 mill for ten (10) years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to the voters at a special election to be held in each of the constituent districts located within the Kent Intermediate School District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 as directed in the Resolution. Report #25-049. **Motion carries 6-0.**
- J. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Turner to adjourn to closed session in order consider Bargaining Preparations per MCL 15.268§8c. Report #25-050. Secretary Roberts takes a roll call vote. **Motion carries 6-0.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	Y__	Hart	Y__	Roberts	Y__	Turner	Y__
Gustinis	Y__	LaBotz	___	Robinson	Y__		

The meeting adjourned to go into closed session at 7:11 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:37 p.m.

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 1. 8/11/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole @ Administration Building
 2. 8/25/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Administration Building
 3. 9/08/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole
 4. 9/22/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting
- B. Go Around

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, Vice President Gustinis adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary

PURCHASE OF NEW
FOOD SERVICE
COMPUTERS
Report #25-044

K-8 BENCHMARK
ASSESSMENT
PLATFORM
PURCHASE
Report #25-045

K-5 ELA
CURRICULUM
MATERIALS
PURCHASE
Report #25-046

FINAL BUDGET
AMENDMENT
FY 2024-25.

PROPOSED ORIGINAL
BUDGET FY 2025-26
Report #25-048

ENHANCEMENT
MILLAGE
RESOLUTION
Report #25-049

CLOSED SESSION FOR
BARGAINING
PREPARATIONS
Report #25-050

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT