



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Preliminary Minutes

Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Kenowa Hills High School - Commons

3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm. at the Kenowa Hills High School, 3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent Burde and Director Gilchrist are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda.
Motion approved 7 - 0.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Public Comment - 28 attendees provided comments

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. Any person in violation of the policy for disruptive conduct will be asked to leave. Any threats or suggestions of violence will be turned over to law enforcement.

III. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition
 - 1. Building Leadership Teams
 - a. October is National Principals Month - Superintendent Hopkins recognized our building administrators and expressed his appreciation for their service and dedication to our staff, students and Kenowa Hills community.
 - 2. Michael Braxmaier - donation of several cases of hand sanitizer to Central Elementary.
- B. Correspondence - Superintendent Hopkins asked the board to please review emails that were received in the last couple of weeks.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

IV. Discussion/Information Item

A. Superintendent Hopkins' Report

1. COVID Update

- a. Superintendent Hopkins provided updates on our district, community and county COVID numbers.
- b. The recommendation is to continue with our current protocols. No change at this time.
- c. Administration is reviewing the feasibility of implementing a new option from the health department in lieu of quarantining for school related close contacts. This option would require daily antigen testing, daily symptom checking and mask wearing during the quarantine period.

2. Bond Construction Update

- a. Phase 1 construction at the Early Childhood Center is progressing but supply chain issues continue to delay completion. The four classrooms currently being renovated are now completely enclosed making work during inclement weather possible. These rooms should be available upon the return from Thanksgiving break. Construction on the new addition is on schedule to be completed by spring break.
- b. Middle School bidding process will begin in November. This construction project is expected to last approximately three (3) years, beginning spring break of 2022.

B. Office of Teaching and Learning

1. i understand (Second Reading)

- a. Board members were asked if they had any additional questions or is there more information they would like to better understand this program.
- b. Member Szczepaniak asked what measurable results we could see and what will change in the classrooms with implementing this program.
- c. Director Davis shared information about the pilot. Training will be provided to mental health staff. Data will be gathered by pre and post tests administered to students. This program will be offered to Middle School and High School students.

C. Policy Revisions

1. Streaming School Board Meetings (Second Reading)

- a. Member Szczepaniak explained information about the resolution and the goal for streaming. Two-way communication is not required for streaming board meetings.

- b. Member Hart shared information learned from an MASB webinar. Board members are encouraged to review the MASB Member Matters segment that was held last week.
- c. NEOLA is recommending the public participation policy be revised if streaming is offered. This policy will address the Open Meetings Act issues that could occur due to technology issues.

D. NSBA Advocacy Institute

- a. Early registration ends mid-November.
- b. The budget includes the attendance of one board member. This will be discussed at the November Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- c. A KIASB scholarship is available.

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**
 - 1. October 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- B. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Courtade to approve the resolution directing the superintendent to research and provide a recommendation for streaming board meetings as specified in the included resolution. Report #21-065. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 11/10/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting, Location TBD
 - 2. 11/10/21-11/15/21 MASB Annual Leadership Conference-Amway Grand Plaza
 - 3. 11/22/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting, Zinser Elementary
- B. Go-Around
 - 1. Public comment discussion - the board discussed the best time to have public comment on our agenda and what needs to happen if this should be changed in a particular meeting.
 - 2. Board members provided final remarks.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

STREAMING
RESOLUTION Report
#21-065

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT