



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A committee of the whole meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm. at the Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent and Director Gilchrist are also present. Member Truskoski is absent.
- D. Motion by Szczepaniak supported by Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 6-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Public Comment - One resident gave public comment.

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. Inquiries will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.

III. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition
 - 1. Superintendent Hopkins highlighted the volunteers that have assisted with K-5 curriculum materials preparation.
- B. Correspondence - None
- 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. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. District Provided Professional Development (DPPD)
 - a. Seventeen (17) new staff were welcomed at August 11 professional development.
 - b. Fountas & Pinnell ELA, Capturing Kids Hearts, True Success, and trauma-informed practices will be highlighted among the various in-District professional development for staff.
 - 2. Families in Transition
 - a. Cindy Ruscett, Coordinator of Assessment and Achievement, reported on homeless student enrollment and supports.
 - b. Students experiencing homelessness are called Families in Transition (FIT). Staff work to keep FIT Families in District, as required by the McKinney-Vento Act.
- B. Finance
 - 1. July 2021 Check Register
 - a. Director Gilchrist provided responses to Board questions.
 - 2. Bond Investment Fund Update

- 3. Transportation Update
 - a. Transportation is now owned and operated by the District. New routing software is in the works to deploy by early November.

C. Policy

- 1. po0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (Second Reading)
 - a. Secretary Szczepaniak gave an overview of the proposed policy.

D. Superintendent Report

- 1. COVID Mitigation Protocols
 - a. No COVID cases have been identified in KH summer programming to date.
 - b. KCHD published on August 6 the "Schools and COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Requirements" similar to end of school year 2021. Available upon request.
- 2. Staffing Update
 - a. Seventeen (17) new staff members joined the District over the summer.
- 3. Bond Construction Update
 - a. The Early Childhood Center will have a second entrance at 2040 Kinney Ave. Several construction photos were shared with an explanation of what the new construction and renovation will offer to our youngest learners and families.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Hart supported by LaBotz to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - 1. July 19, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
 - 2. July 2021 General Fund expenditures of \$1,827,655.27 through and including checks #77719-77833 and payrolls of July 2, 16 and 30, 2021; July School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$4594.29 through and including checks #10635-10639; Debt Fund (3X) \$1,703.38 check number 77780; 2016 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$18,827.43 through and including checks #15318-15323; 2020 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$142,086.96 through and including checks #77804, 77806, 77806, and 77779; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$4,613.42 through and including checks #12968-12970. **Motion approved 6-0.**
- B. Motion by Szczepaniak supported by Hart to approve recommended revisions to Board of Education Policy 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings. Report #21-062. **Motion approved 6-0.**

ACTION ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA

POLICY UPDATE
Report #21-062

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 08/23/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Administration Building
 - 2. 08/30/21 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Special Meeting (Strategic Planning), Middle School
 - 3. 09/08/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Administration Building

FUTURE MEETINGS

B. Go-Around

VI. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. **Motion approved 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary