



Kenowa Hills Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Central Elementary School
4252 3 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Central Elementary School, 4252 3 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49534.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, LaBotz, Roberts, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann, Finance Director Gilchrist, and Student Representatives Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith are also present. Members Hart and Robinson are absent.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 5-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation the individuals and businesses that have made donations to the District.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Board members highlighted the District events and activities they have recently attended.

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Information Items

- A. Central Elementary Spotlight - Principal Horner, Instructional Coach Jamel Debri, and Reading Interventionist Cindy Pikaart showed what Central is doing to screen for early detection of learners needing extra reading support. It was also noted that all elementary teachers and elementary administrators have or are attending LETRS training.
- B. Student Representative Reports - Mya highlighted nine Pathways students have already met the graduation requirements and four more students are nearing completion. She also noted there are currently seven students attending the M-TEC program at GRCC. Chay'ce highlighted spring athletics will be starting soon. He also noted several high school students attend the winter dance, and the next publication of the high school student news will highlight Central Elementary.
- C. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Hopkins reviewed the school of choice resolutions will be action items this evening and shared the recommended number of openings for school of choice as we begin to make preparations for the 2025-26 school year.
 - 1. 2025-26 Schools of Choice Resolutions
 - 2. Proposed 2025-26 School of Choice Openings
- D. Finance
 - 1. Middle School Art & STEM Room Furnishings

CENTRAL SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2025-26 SOC RESOLUTIONS
 2025-26 SOC OPENINGS

FINANCE

IV. Public Comment - no comments were made.

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 Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion passes 5-0.**

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- B. Motion by Courtade supported by Gustinis to approve the purchase of new drinking fountain and water filling stations in the amount of \$47,339.45 using funds from the Filter First Grant as outlined in Report #25-018. **Motion carries 5-0.**
- C. Motion by Courtade supported by Gustinis to approve the Petition to Strike Delinquent Personal Property Taxes as presented by the City of Walker. Report #25-019. **Motion carries 5-0.**
- D. Motion by Courtade supported by Gustinis to approve the resolution to Opt Out of State Schools of Choice Section 105 Program for the 2025-26 school year. Report #25-020. **Motion carries 5-0.**
- E. Motion by Courtade supported by Gustinis to approve the resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2025-26 school year. Report #25-021. **Motion carries 5-0.**
- F. Motion by Courtade supported by Gustinis to approve the resolution to participate in the State 105c Schools of Choice Program for the 2025-26 school year. Report #25-022. **Motion carries 5-0.**

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
- 03/10/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 03/24/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Alpine Elementary
 - 04/21/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Administration Building
 - 05/05/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 05/19/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ High School (includes Retiree Reception)
- B. Go Around - President LaBotz noted the next KIASB Meeting will be held on March 19. RSVPs should be sent to Julie Lanka.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

FILTER FIRST PURCHASES
ACTION REPORT #25-018

RESOLUTION TO STRIKE
DELINQUENT TAXES -
CITY OF WALKER REPORT
#25-019

2025-26 SCHOOLS OF
CHOICE RESOLUTION
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FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT