



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Special Meeting Preliminary Minutes - Board Retreat**  
**Kent Intermediate School District - Educational Service Center**  
**2930 Knapp Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525**  
**Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hart at 9:06 a.m. at Kent Intermediate School District - Educational Service Center, 2930 Knapp Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49525.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak, Truskoski along with Superintendent Hopkins.
- D. Motion by Courtade supported by Szczepaniak to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 7-0.**

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| Courtade | X |   |   | Hart   | X |   |   | Roberts     | X |   |   | Truskoski | X |   |   |
| Gustinis | X |   |   | LaBotz | X |   |   | Szczepaniak | X |   |   |           |   |   |   |

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE  
 ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

**II. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Board District Communication - Members shared updates on recent events they have attended.

BOE COMMUNICATION

**III. Public Comment - None.**

*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.*

**IV. Information/Discussion Items**

- A. 2022 District Goal Areas Update & Data Needs

Superintendent Hopkins led discussion on the Board Goal areas including 1.) Mental Health & Belonging, 2.) Educational Development Plan, and 3.) Facility Master Planning.  
 The Superintendent and Board discussed progress and strategies to grow student achievement.  
 The Board reviewed the KISA Student Perception Survey and follow up questions asked to District students.

GOAL DISCUSSION

- V. Recess for Lunch - President Hart recessed the meeting at 11:21 a.m. for a brief lunch.

President Hart reconvened the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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**VI. Action Item**

- A. Motion by Szczepaniak supported by LaBotz to adjourn to closed session to review written legal opinions under MCL 15.268 §8(1)(h). **The roll call vote was approved 7-0.**

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION  
 Report #22-038

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| Gustinis | X |   |   | LaBotz | X |   |   | Szczepaniak | X |   |   |           |   |   |   |

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 11:36 a.m.

The meeting reconvened to open session at 12:29 p.m.

**VII. Self-Evaluation**

- A. Deb Macon from MASB facilitated the Board's Self-Assessment.
- B. Board Norms - tabled for future discussion

SELF-ASSESSMENT

BOARD NORMS

**VIII. Future Items for Consideration**

**A. Future Meetings**

- 1. 06/13/22 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
- 2. 06/27/22 6:30 pm Board of Education Budget Hearing - Administration Building
- 3. 06/27/22 7:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building

FUTURE MEETINGS

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

**IX. Adjournment**

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary