



Kenowa Hills Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills High School
3825 Hendershot Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President Hart called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at Kenowa Hills High School, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner (arrived at 6:15 pm) are present; Superintendent Hopkins and Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman are present. Student Representative Zahrt is also present. Director of Finance Gilchrist is absent with Jason Feirick representing the business office.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the agenda.
Motion approved 6 - 0.

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Recognition
 - a. Michigan Merit Scholar - Ella Eitniar
 - i. Principal Robrahn shared congratulations on Ella's outstanding academic accomplishment.
 - b. Board of Education Student Representative Elise Zahrt
 - i. President Hart expressed her appreciation to Student Representative Zahrt who represented students on the board since January 2022.
 - c. 2023 Retirees (* will not be present) - Building Principals highlighted the retirees who were able to attend. Representative Carol Glanville was also present to provide a Special Tribute from her State office.
 - i. Lauri Bach *
 - ii. Annette Bell *
 - iii. Cherie Clark *
 - iv. Heidi Hartman *
 - v. Mary Hurt
 - vi. Jillaine LeCompte *
 - vii. Lisa Monroe
 - viii. Rob Stehouwer *
 - ix. Karen Tarasiewicz
 - x. Carie Wojtas

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

- d. Board Member Service Award - Superintendent Hopkins recognized the board members who recently resigned from their elected position.
 - i. Eric-John Szczepaniak *
 - ii. Stan Truskoski
- e. Michigan Association of School Boards Standard of Excellence Award
 - i. Superintendent Hopkins congratulated our board and shared details about the Excellence Award our Board of Education received this year from the Michigan Association of School Boards.
- f. Donations - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation the individuals and businesses that made a donation to the District.

C. Recess Meeting for Brief Reception for 15 minutes

The recess began at 6:36 p.m.

D. Reconvene Meeting

The meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

E. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

RECESS

RECONVENE

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Information Items

A. Student Representative Report, Elise Zahrt

- i. Graduation is May 31 at the high school gym.
- ii. Elise expressed appreciation for all the board members who attended the awards ceremony.
- iii. Elise shared her appreciation for all the lessons she learned while serving on the board. She thanked the board for this amazing experience.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

IV. 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.

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Robinson to approve the consent agenda. **Motion approved 7-0.**
 - 1. May 8, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Certified Staff Personnel Report - Dr. Cherie Horner introduced Shelby Brewer, Emily Fellows, Jessica Rauschenburg and Gretchen Zeuch who have been hired to teach at Central Elementary for the 23/24 school year.
- B. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Roberts to approve the recommended revisions to the K - 12 Student Handbooks and the Athletic Code of Conduct, including the proposed revisions in the Student Handbook Feedback Document as outline in Report #23-038. **Motion approved 7-0.**
- C. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the Kent ISD Budget for FY 2024 as outline in Report #23-039. **Motion approved 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

05/08/23 COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES

PERSONNEL REPORT

STUDENT HANDBOOKS #23-038

KISD FY24 BUDGET #22-039

- D. Motion by Member Roberts supported by Member Turner to approve the purchase of three buses from Hoekstra in the amount of \$111,075 per bus for a total purchase of \$333,225 using 2023 Series II bond funds as outline in Report #23-040. **Motion approved 7-0.**
- E. Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Roberts to approve a resolution designating Melissa Courtade to serve as the voting representative and Erin LaBotz to serve as an alternate representative to cast a ballot on behalf of this Board for the June 5, 2023, Kent ISD Election as outlined in Report #23-041. **Motion approved 7-0.**
- Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Robinson to cast votes for a six year term for Wendy Falb and Anne Hamming to serve on the KISD Board of Education as outline in Report #23-041. **Motion approved 7-0.**
- F. Motion by Member Roberts supported by Member Gustinis to approve the sale of \$12,650,000 of 2023 Series II School Building and Site Bonds as outlined in Report #23-042. **Motion approved 7-0.**

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
- 06/12/23 6:30 pm Budget and Truth in Taxation Hearing - Administration Building
 - 06/12/23 7:00 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
 - 06/26/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
- B. Go Around
- Superintendent Hopkins provided details about why the Truth and Taxation Hearing will be held earlier in June rather than the end of June.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

BUS PURCHASE #23-040

KISD ELECTION
REPRESENTATIVE
#23-041

KISD ELECTION BALLOT
#23-041

BOND SALE
RESOLUTION #23-042

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. S. Roberts