



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 4 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2325 4 Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49544.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann, and Director of Finance Gilchrist are also present. Student Representatives Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF
SILENCE
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Recognition and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins expressed gratitude for the individuals and businesses who made various contributions to the District.
- B. Correspondence - there was none
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE
COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. 2023-24 Student Achievement Data Overview & Action Plans - Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann shared the spring 2024 M-STEP, PSAT and SAT testing results. Action plans to address deficit areas will shared a future Board workshops.
- B. Finance
 - 1. September 2024 Check Register
 - 2. Condensed Fund Statement
 - 3. Investment Income
 - 4. Long Term Investments
 - 5. Insulin Litigation Lawsuit
- C. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Count Day - The unofficial count taken on Count Day was 2,952 students. This fiscal year's budget is based on a fall count of 2,886 students.
 - 2. Administrator Salary Schedules - Local diistricts are recommended to implement administrator salary schedules based on the outome of a recent MI Supreme Court decision. The included salary schedules reflect Board awarded approved increases in compensation. Future personnel reports will include starting compensation and term of employment of any new certieried staff member not covered under a collective bargaining agreement.
- D. Therapy Dog Addition - Board members determined Board approval to add a therapy dogs at each site is not required providing the established policies and agreements are followed.

OFFICE OF TEACHING
AND LEARNING

FINANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

IV. Public Comment: No audience member(s) addressed the Board.

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 Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. September 2024 Check Register: General Fund expenditures of \$1,048,485.64 including checks 83675 through 83837: School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$136,910.43 for checks 11173-11182: Capitol Project expenditures of \$7,500 using check #15: 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$1,167,826.63 including checks #55-68: 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$142,478.99 including checks 16-18: Student Activity expenditures of \$51,121.52 including checks 97237 through 97289. The total expenditures for the month were \$2,554,948.21.

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. 10/17/24 6:00 pm KIASB Dinner Meeting @ Watermark Country Club
2. 10/21/24 6:00 pm Special Meeting (Board Self-Evaluation) @ Kent ISD Educational Services Center Board Room
3. 10/28/24 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting - High School
4. 11/11/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
5. 11/25/24 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting - Pathways High School

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary