



# Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm**  
**Kenowa Hills Middle School**  
**3950 Hendershot NW , Grand Rapids MI 49544**

**I. Routine and Organizational Business**

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Middle School, 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49544.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- D. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, 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. Trustee Roberts is absent.
- E. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to amend and approve the agenda to include an action item to designate 3 delegates to represent the district at the MASB Delegate Assembly.  
**Motion passes 6-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF  
SILENCE  
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

**II. Recognition and Correspondence**

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins expressed gratitude for the businesses who sponsored the Gus Macker tournament and Community Knight.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE  
COMMUNICATION

**III. Discussion/Information Items**

- A. Middle School Spotlight - Principal Michael Dodge. The Board took a short recess starting at 6:46 to walk through the building to see highlights of the completed construction. The meeting resumed at 7:09 pm.
- B. Student Representatives Report - Representative Smith highlighted the Homecoming spirit week and Student News. Representative Gray lifted the popularity of KCTC with Pathways students (~20% of Pathways students attend), as well as Spirit Week.
- C. Zinser ADA Playground Enhancements - Director Gilchrist provided an overview of playground items that are being recommended to provide ADA accessibility. Discussion ensued regarding the recommended items and concerns associated with being able to complete the work before winter. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Turner to approve up to \$60,000 in capital projects funds for the purchase of ADA accessible playground equipment at Zinser Elementary. **Motion passes 6-0.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVES

ZINSER  
PLAYGROUND  
ENHANCEMENTS

**IV. Public Comment:** One audience member 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 Courtade supported by Member Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion passes 6-0.**
  - 1. September 9, 2024 Committee of the Whole Workshop Minutes
  - 2. Certified Staff Personnel Report
- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Turner to appoint Members Courtade, Hart, and LaBotz to serve as the district's voting delegates at the MASB 2024 Leadership Conference on Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM at the Lansing Center. **Motion carries 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

**VI. Future Items for Consideration**

- A. Future Meetings
  - 1. 10/14/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
  - 2. 10/28/24 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting - High School
  - 3. 11/11/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
  - 4. 11/25/24 6:30 pm Regular Board Meeting - Pathways High School
- B. Go Around

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

**VII. Adjournment**

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary