



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting Preliminary Minutes

Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm

This meeting will be conducted virtually under Executive Order 2020-154

- A. A special meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm, which was held virtually as required under Executive Order 2020-154.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, Storey, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde and Director Gilchrist were also present. Member Rettig was absent.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Truskoski to approve the agenda. Secretary Storey took a roll call vote. Motion approved 6-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			Rettig	Absent			Szczepaniak	X						

- A. Board Communication - Board members shared of their recent attendance and participation in District activities.
 - 1. Superintendent Hopkins recognized our certified and support staff for their engagement during professional development. The obvious anxiety is mixed with excitement by all as we prepare to get back to school.
 - 2. Superintendent Hopkins also acknowledged the technology department as they have processed the initial distribution, return and now redistribution of student devices as we prepare for the upcoming year. Along with the student devices, this team has prepared each classroom for new teacher devices.
 - 3. President Gustinis expressed his appreciation to all who have contacted board members.

B. Community/Board Dialogue (Comments Specific to Board Agenda Items)

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. President Gusitnis reminded attendees that all public comments are limited to five (5) minutes and that there will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Inquiries will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time. President Gustinis announced attendees who requested the opportunity to speak by emailing boe@khps.org. President Gusitnis then welcomed the opportunity for any others attending this virtual meeting the opportunity to make comment.

- 1. Jayne Vanderklok, Middle School Teacher and KHEA Union President, thanked the board for the dialogue at the previous meeting when expressing concerns for our safety as well as the students. She thanked district administration for involving the building school improvement teams in the process. In-person class sizes are smaller as enrollment in the virtual program has increased. She noted there is concern by the staff that the model would be changed at tonight's meeting. Even the tiniest changes that are now being made cause a great ripple effect to other areas. Mrs. Vanderklok also expressed appreciation for a collaborative bargaining process with the tentative economic agreements overwhelmingly approved by the associations and looks forward to the board taking action on the tentative agreements this evening.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

BOE
COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY
DIALOGUE

III. Information Items

A. Superintendent Report

1. Return to School Plan

- a. Superintendent Hopkins noted our Kenowa Hills Online Learning Academy (KHOLA) has a little over 700 participants. Staffing has been adjusted to accommodate the increase in enrollment with a Kenowa Hills teacher supporting each grade level at the elementary and content teachers assigned at the secondary. KHOLA also has interventionist and special education support with Kenowa Hills staff dedicated to these areas as well.
- b. Due to the enrollment increase in KHOLA, our numbers in the face to face classes have been reduced. This will allow for more social distancing in the classrooms. Elementary class sizes average 19 students, Middle School class sizes average 21 students and High School class sizes average 22 students. There are ranges in class sizes from 6-30 students across the district. We will continue to work on the higher class sizes once the registration process is complete. Courses may be adjusted to help increase the social distancing ability.
- c. The Return to Learn Plan has been signed by the governor which has provided direction on how to move forward. This plan requires that boards discuss the district plan each month. Superintendent Hopkins proposes that the curriculum and marketing committee meetings can be rescheduled for September 9 so that any goals can be presented from the District School Improvement Plan. Another special meeting is recommended for September 28 in order to approve an updated plan on October 1.

2. Bond Construction Update

- a. Construction is progressing and we expect to be ready for students when they return to the buildings except for the bus canopy.

3. Tentative Economic Agreements

- a. Superintendent Hopkins shared he is very proud of the tentative agreements with the associations. It has been shared that there was overwhelming support for both contracts. The tentative agreements include circuit breakers that are contingent on stable enrollment and increased funding.

B. Committee Reports - no committee meetings were held

IV. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Truskoski to approve the consent agenda. Secretary Storey took a roll call vote. Motion approved 6-0.

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	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			Rettig	Absent			Szczepaniak	X						

- B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the Kenowa Hills Education Association Tentative Economic Agreement as delineated in Report #20-067. Secretary Storey took a roll call vote. Motion approved 6-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			Rettig	Absent			Szczepaniak	X						

- C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Truskoski to approve the Kenowa Hills Support Staff Association Tentative Economic Agreement as delineated in Report #20-068. Secretary Storey took a roll call vote. Motion approved 6-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			Rettig	Absent			Szczepaniak	X						

SUPERINTENDENT
 REPORT

COMMITTEE MTGS
 ACTION ITEMS

08/10/20 MINUTES

KHEA TENTATIVE
 AGREEMENT

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V. Future Items for Consideration

A. Public Comment (Comments unrelated to Board Agenda Items)

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B. Future Meetings

1. 08/31/20 6:30 p.m. Curriculum & School Improvement Committee
2. 08/31/20 7:30 p.m. Marketing Committee
3. 09/08/20 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee - REVISED TIME
4. 09/08/20 8:00 p.m. Policy Committee - REVISED TIME
5. 09/14/20 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Central Elementary

C. Go-Around - Board members shared additional information or comments with the team.

VI. Adjournment

A. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Hart to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Secretary Storey took a roll call vote. Motion approved 6-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Storey	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			Rettig	Absent			Szczepaniak	X						

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Storey, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO-AROUND

ADJOURNMENT