



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Workshop Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Kenowa Hills Administration Building

2325 4 Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2325 4 Mile Road 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 and Director Long 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. Correspondence
- B. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE
COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Finance
 - 1. Audit Update - Director Long reported that requested information has been provided to the audit firm, and we are awaiting a status update.
 - 2. October 2025 Check Register
 - 3. Investment Income
 - 4. Annual Summer Tax Resolution
- B. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the bond construction projects and highlighted the community's support for the countywide enhancement millage.
 - 1. Bond Construction Update
 - 2. Enhancement Millage Results

FINANCE

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

IV. Public Comment: 2 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.**
 - 1. October 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. October 2025 Check Register - General Fund expenditures of \$5,425,303.38 using checks numbered 85918 through 86165; School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$77,977.85 using checks 11318 through 11559; 2020 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$262,289.27 using checks 30-33; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$2,311,747.71 using checks numbered 131 - 144; 2024 Athletic Bond expenditures of \$2,514,069.62 using checks 68-725; Student Activity expenditures of \$69,198.60 nusing checks 97509 - 97540. Total expenditures were \$6,243,602.06.
- 3. Certified Staff Personnel Recommendations
 - i. Retirement
Carole (Mikie) McVey, Alpine Elementary Art and STEM teacher (effective Dec 31, 2025)
 - ii. New Hire
Lucille Sarchet, Zinser Elem Temp Speech & Language Pathologist (effective Nov 17, 2025)

B. Motion by Member Courtade and support by Member Hart to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h), to consider material exempt from open discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute and under MCL 15.243(1)(g) to review a written legal opinion of counsel Clark Hill PLC, which is exempt from disclosure as privileged and confidential documents pursuant to the attorney-client privilege. A roll call vote was taken by Secretary Roberts. **Motion carries 7-0.**

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	Y	__	__	Hart	Y	__	__	Roberts	Y	__	__	Turner	Y	__	__
Gustinis	Y	__	__	LaBotz	Y	__	__	Robinson	Y	__	__				

The meeting convened to closed session at 6:53 p.m.
The meeting reconvened to open session at 9:45 p.m.

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 11/24/25 6:00 pm Regular Board Meeting, Pathways High School (Middle School LGI Room)
 - 2. 12/10/25 6:00 pm Special Meeting, Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation
 - 3. 12/15/25 6:00 pm Regular Meeting - Zinser Elementary
 - 4. 01/12/26 6:00 pm Organizational Meeting - Administration Building
- B. Go Around

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary