



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Work Session Minutes

6:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2025

Kenowa Hills Administration Building

2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A committee of the whole meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman and Director John Gilchrist are also present along with Student Representatives Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith
- D. Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

II. Hearings & Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - None.
- B. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

III. Discussion/Information Item

- A. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Hopkins provided an update on the upcoming Fruit Ridge Ave road and bridge closure. He also provided a quarterly update on his goals for this school year.
 - 1. Fruit Ridge Avenue Closure: March 31, 2025 - October 31, 2025
 - 2. 2024-2025 Superintendent Goals Quarterly Update
- B. Office of Teaching and Learning - Assistant Dinkelman provided an overview of the course proposal changes that are recommended for the 2025-26 school year. These will be considered for approval at the March regular board meeting.
 - 1. Secondary Course Proposals
 - i. 7th Grade Accelerated Math - Name Change
 - ii. English 1 & 2 - Removal
 - iii. English 12 Career Prep - Removal
 - iv. English 12 College Prep - Name Change
 - v. AP English Language & Composition - Name Change
 - vi. AP English Literature & Composition - Name Change
 - vii. World Mythology - Addition
 - viii. SAT & Career Prep - Addition
 - ix. AP World History - Addition
 - x. AP African American Studies - Addition
 - xi. Advanced Photography - Addition
 - xii. Sports Administration - Name Change
 - xiii. Lifetime Fitness - Name Change

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

OFFICE OF TEACHING
& LEARNING

- xiv. Wellness Lab - Addition
- xv. Yoga & Mindfulness - Addition
- xvi. Cyber Security - Removal
- xvii. PLTW Engineering Design Courses - Name Changes & Reorganization
- xviii. Brand Lab - Design, Marketing, and Sales - Addition
- xix. AP Computer Science Principles - Addition

2. High School Computer Science Course Offering Requirement

C. Finance - Finance Director Gilchrist discussed and reviewed the standing financial items and reviewed the financial changes to the FY25 budget that informed the March budget amendment. Director Gilchrist also reviewed the process and recommendation for the athletic equipment purchases under Phase 1 Bond Athletic Improvements and the recommendation to purchase chairs for the middle school.

FINANCE

- 1. February 2025 Check Register
- 2. Condensed Fund Statement
- 3. Investment Incomes
 - i. Bond Funds
 - ii. Investment Holdings
- 4. Budget Changes FY2025
- 5. March Budget Amendment
- 6. Phase 1 Bond Athletic Improvements - Athletic Equipment Purchases
- 7. Middle School Chair Purchase

IV. **Public Comment** - 0 attendees provided comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

V. **Action Items**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda.

- 1. February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 2. February 2025 General Fund expenditures of \$1,467,412.56 using checks #84578 through 84778; Food Services Fund expenditures of \$40,779.53 using checks #11243 through 11251; 2022 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$211,679.44 using checks # 86 through 89; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures of \$159,024.73 using checks #30 through 33; Student Activity expenditures of \$16,548.40 using checks #97361 through 97381; Total expenditures for the month were \$1,895,444.66. **Motion carries 7-0.**

B. Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to take action on the recommendation to publish **145** Kent ISD School of Choice openings and unlimited State of Michigan 105C School of Choice openings for the 2025-2026 school year. Report #25-023. **Motion carries 7-0.**

2025-26 SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
OPENINGS REPORT
#25-023

- C. Motion by Courtade supported by Hart to purchase Middle School Art and STEM Room furnishings from Dew- EL and Custer in the amount of \$141,942.28 using 2023 Series II bond funds. Report # 25-024. **Motion carries 7-0.**
- D. Motion by Hart supported by Robinson to approve a change order in the amount of \$730,271 to Vander Kodde Construction and \$48,800 to Fence Consultants for a total change order of \$779,071 using 2024 Athletic Bond funds. Report #25-025. **Motion carries 7-0.**

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

- 1. 03/24/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Alpine Elementary
- 2. 04/21/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Administration Building
- 3. 05/05/2025 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
- 4. 05/19/2025 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ High School (includes Retiree Reception)
- 5. 06/09/2025 6:00 pm Budget Hearing & Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building

B. Go-Around

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. S. Roberts, Secretary

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART & STEM
FURNISHINGS ACTION
REPORT #25-024

PHASE 1 BOND ATHLETIC
IMPROVEMENTS- ATHLETIC
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.
REPORT #25-025

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT