



**Kenowa Hills Public Schools**  
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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Regular Meeting Minutes  
 Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm  
 Kenowa Hills High School  
 3825 Hendershot 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 Kenowa Hills High School, 3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner (arrived at 6:03) are present; Superintendent Hopkins and Directors Long and Horner are present. Student Representatives Beke and Smith are also present. Trustee Gustinis is absent.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 5-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

**II. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Recognition - Human Resources Director Dr. Cherie Horner welcomed all attendees and emceed the retiree recognition ceremony. 6th grader Logyn Parkinson was recognized for winning the Eagles overall Top Female Shooter and was named the National Champion. Mrs. Wiercinski's 4th grade class was also recognized for taking 1st place out of 2,800 entries in the Presidential AI Challenge. The following staff members were recognized for their years of service and contributions to the students, staff and families:

RECOGNITION

1. 2026 Retirees (\* will not be present)

- i. Joe Acker\*
- ii. Wendy Antcliff\*
- iii. Jennifer Brandstatter
- iv. Brooke Davis \*
- v. Rosemary Ford
- vi. Gerald Hopkins
- vii. Dawn Host
- viii. Rochelle Kunst
- ix. Carole (Mikie) McVey
- x. Julie Mortimore
- xi. Diane Paprenac
- xii. Jane Robrahn
- xiii. Melissa Stubbs

- xiv. Jayne VanderKlok
- xv. Jim Voss

B. Recess meeting for a brief Reception

The recess began at 6:59 p.m.

C. Reconvene Meeting

The meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

D. Board correspondence

E. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

III. Information Items

A. Office of Teaching & Learning

- 1. Middle School ELA Curriculum Materials Review and Recommendation
- 2. High School ELA Curriculum Materials Review and Recommendation

B. Finance

- 1. Condensed Fund Statements
- 2. FY2026-27 Kent ISD Budget

C. Superintendent Report

- 1. End-of-School Year Events
- 2. Boys Swim/Dive Cooperative Agreement
- 3. Ice Hockey Cooperative Agreement Expansion

D. Proposed Policy Additions/Revisions/Replacements/Deletions (Second Reading)

- 1. Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)
- 2. Policy 1410 - Staff Ethics (New)
- 3. Policy 1430/3430/4430 - Leaves of Absence (Revised)
- 4. Policy 2370.01 - Online/Blended Learning Program (Revised)
- 5. Policy 2418 - Sex Education (Revised)
- 6. Policy 3120.09/4120.09 - Volunteers (Renumbered/Rescind)  
Policy 8120.09 - Volunteers (Renumbered/Revised for Policies 3120.09/4120.09)
- 7. Policy 4210 - Staff Ethics (NEW)
- 8. Policy 5136 - Wireless Communications Devices (WCDs) (Replacement)
- 9. Policy 6320 - Purchasing (Revised)
- 10. Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)
- 11. Policy 8402 - Emergency Operations Plan (Revised)
- 12. Policy 8500 - Food Services (Revised)
- 13. Policy 8655 - Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs (NEW)

IV. Public Comment: No members of the community made 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

- A. Motion by Hart supported by Robinson to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

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BOARD CORRESPONDENCE	
BOE COMMUNICATION	
OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEARNING	
FINANCE	
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT	
POLICY ADDITIONS/REVISIONS/REPLACEMENTS/DELETIONS	

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION ITEMS  
CONSENT AGENDA

1. May 4, 2026 Committee of the Whole Workshop Minutes
2. May 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

B. Motion by Hart supported by Robinson to approve the recommended purchase of Novel Education as the Middle school core English Language Arts instructional materials for grades 6-8. Report #26-036. **Motion carries 6-0.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL ELA  
MATERIALS  
REPORT #26-036

Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to approve recommended purchase of ComminLit 360 as the High School core English instructional materials for grades 9-12. Report #26-037. **Motion carries 6-0.**

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH  
MATERIALS  
REPORT #26-037

C. Motion by Hart supported by Robinson to approve the proposed Kent ISD 2026-27 Fiscal Year Budget as prepared and presented by the Kent ISD. Report #26-038. **Motion carries 6-0.**

KISD FY27 BUDGET  
REPORT #26-038

D. Motion by Hart supported by Robinson to approve the proposed policy additions, revisions, and deletions. Report #26-039. **Motion carries 6-0.**

POLICY ADDITIONS,  
REVISIONS, AND  
DELETIONS  
REPORT #26-039

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## VI. Future Items for Consideration

### A. Future Meetings

FUTURE MEETINGS

1. 05/26/26 7:00 pm Pathways Graduation
2. 05/27/26 7:00 pm High School Graduation
3. 06/08/26 6:00 pm Budget Hearing, immediately followed by Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
4. 06/22/26 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
5. 08/10/26 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
6. 08/24/26 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building

### B. Go Around

GO AROUND

## VII. Adjournment

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Courtade