



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Preliminary Minutes
Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Kenowa Hills High School - Performing Arts Center
3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm. at the Kenowa Hills High School, 3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins and Director Gilchrist are also present. Deputy Superintendent Burde is absent.
- D. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Hart to amend the agenda to add an action item to the agenda on the Sex Education Advisory Board Resolution at tonight's meeting. **Motion denied 1 - 6.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	__X__	Hart	__X__	Roberts	__X__	Truskoski	__X__
Gustinis	__X__	LaBotz	__X__	Szczepaniak	X__		

Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Labotz to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	__X__	Hart	__X__	Roberts	__X__	Truskoski	__X__
Gustinis	__X__	LaBotz	__X__	Szczepaniak	__X__		

II. Public Comment - Six attendees provided comments

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. Any person in violation of the policy for disruptive conduct will be asked to leave. Any threats or suggestions of violence will be turned over to law enforcement.

III. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged the following with appreciation:
 1. Gift card donations made by Meijer and ReBouncerz to the Middle School for rewarding positive behavioral outcomes.
 2. Danielle Roberts made a donation toward the purchase of golf bags for the Girls Golf team.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

IV. Discussion/Information Item

A. Zinser Elementary Spotlight, Principal Ross Willick

1. Principal Willick provided details about new staff that have joined the Zinser learning community.
2. Showcasing happenings and good things is the theme at Zinser this year. Mr. Willick showcased a donation provided by an alumni of Zinser and Kenowa Hills who now lives out of state. The alumnus heard of the need for fans in August due to the hot weather and provided many fans for the building.
3. Capturing Kids Hearts 2 is a training the district is providing staff this week. Zinser Elementary has been honored as a showcase school for The Flippen Group, which is the organization that provides Capturing Kids Heart training. Mr. Willick shared what is required to receive the honor of being a finalist as a Showcase School. Currently, students are practicing and sharing affirmations to each other and staff. Mr. Willick provided samples of affirmations written by students for the board.
4. The theme of November is gratitude. This theme is taught throughout all elementaries as part of the True Success Social and Emotional curriculum.

B. Superintendent Hopkins' Report

1. COVID Update
 - a. Superintendent Hopkins provided updates to the positive, quarantine and watch list cases.
 - b. The health department encouraged school districts to cancel classes this week to allow for a week away from school. Our professional development was already part of our calendar, so our students already had a scheduled break in the school calendar.
 - c. The "Test to Stay" option has allowed several students to stay in school instead of having the quarantine. Test to Stay data was shared. Superintendent Hopkins noted he is concerned about the ability to maintain this option, however, due to the antigen test kits being on backorder and the capacity of nurses to administer tests when volume increases.
 - d. Superintendent Hopkins shared that we are preparing for the need to transition to remote instruction if the health department determines the need to temporarily close a classroom, school or district due to a COVID outbreak. Superintendent Hopkins highlighted how remote instruction would be different this year as a result of less flexibility from the State.
 - e. The District has begun gathering COVID immunization records from staff members in preparation of the OSHA mandate of vaccinations. Other details regarding the mandate were highlighted. Superintendent Hopkins noted the mandate is currently being heard in the courts with uncertainly whether it will be upheld.
2. Bond Construction Update
 - a. Phase 1 construction at the Early Childhood Center is progressing with the renovation of the next four classrooms near completion. New construction is moving along on schedule and currently looks to be complete by spring break. Construction of the new wing, which includes four more classrooms, and extended learning area and three-season classroom, is due to be completed by April 2022.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

- b. Superintendent Hopkins reviewed the new bid schedule for the Middle School construction projects that are being recommended by O-A-K. It is not anticipated the revised bid schedule will delay the completion timeline of the Middle School.

C. Office of Teaching and Learning

- 1. Sex Education Advisory Board Resolution (Second Reading)
 - a. Member Szczepaniak proposes an amendment to the resolution to include language that is currently being proposed in House Bill 5475 and 5476. The revised language was reviewed. Modification to the resolution will be available for the next meeting.
 - b. Member Courtade noted MASB was in support of these bills.
 - c. Member Truskoski requested definitions of key terms be included with the resolution information.

D. Policy Revisions

- 1. Recommended Policy Revisions (Second Reading)
 - i. Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)
 - ii. Bylaw 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised)
 - iii. Policy 3120 - Employment of Professional Staff (Revised)
 - iv. Policy 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds (Revised)
 - v. Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Supplies (Revised)
 - vi. Policy 7450 - Property Inventory (Revised)
 - vii. Policy 8310 - Public Records (Revised)
 - viii. Policy 8320 - Personnel Files (Revised)
 - ix. Policy 8330 - Student Records (Revised)

POLICY

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Hart to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

ACTION ITEMS
 CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. November 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

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Courtade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roberts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Truskoski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gustinis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaBotz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Szczepaniak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Roberts to approve revisions of the following board policies as recommended by NEOLA Policy Services. Report #21-066. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

POLICY REVISIONS
 Report #21-066

- i. Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised)
- ii. Bylaw 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised)
- iii. Policy 3120 - Employment of Professional Staff (Revised)
- iv. Policy 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds (Revised)
- v. Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Supplies (Revised)
- vi. Policy 7540 - Property Inventory (Revised)
- vii. Policy 8310 - Public Records (Revised)
- viii. Policy 8320 - Personnel Files (Revised)
- ix. Policy 8330 - Student Records (Revised)

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Gustinis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	LaBotz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Szczepaniak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

C. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Roberts to take action on the reinstatement of the school resource officer position, authorizing Superintendent Hopkins to enter into a contract with the Kent County Sheriff's Department not to exceed \$100,000 in a fiscal year. Report #21-067. **Motion approved 5 - 2.**

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade		X		Hart	X			Roberts	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICER Report #21-
067

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

1. 12/02/21 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting, Superintendent Evaluation, Administration Bldg
2. 12/13/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting, Middle School
3. 01/12/22 6:00 p.m. Organizational Meeting (Revised Date/Time), Administration Bldg

B. Go-Around

VII. Adjournment

A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Roberts	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary