



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center
3971 Richmond Crt NW. Grand Rapids, 49534

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Early Childhood Center at 3971 Richmond Ct NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49534
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- D. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, LaBotz, Roberts (arrived at 6:02), Robinson, and Turner are present. Member Hart is absent. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman, and Director of Finance Gilchrist, along with student representatives Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith are present.
- E. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 5-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE
 ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - None
- B. Recognition
 - 1. Contributions to the District - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation the individuals and businesses that made donations to the District.
 - 2. Kenowa Hills Board of Education - Board Members received a certificate in recognition of Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Hopkins also shared the proclamation from Governor Whitmer.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE
 RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Information Items

- A. Early Childhood Center and Special Education Spotlight - Director Scholten summarized the strategic goals and their implementation at the ECC.
- B. Student Representative Reports - Mya Gray and Chay'ce Smith: Mya highlighted that seven Pathways students have already met the graduation requirements for this year and up to four more scholars are on track to complete soon. Pathways students are able to participate in MTEC, KCTC, and internships thanks to the transportation department handling all the routes. Chay'ce reported that at the High School, the cell phone "garages" are resulting in more conversations among students. He has heard from both students and teachers that this new protocol is going well. Students feel more focused on work, and teachers enjoy their full attention.
- C. Finance
 - 1. Athletic Improvements Phase 1 Bid Award Summary & Recommendations - Director Gilchrist and Eric Dean from O.A.K. provided an overview of the bid results and award recommendations.

ECC SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

FINANCE

IV. Public Comment: One person commented.

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 Member Courtade and support by Member Robinson to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passes 6-0.**
 - 1. January 13, 2025 Organizational Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Annual Education Reports

- B. Motion by Member Courtade and support by Member Turner to adopt the Athletic Improvements Phase 1 Bid Package as shown in Report #25-017. **Motion passes 6-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

ATHLETIC
IMPROVEMENTS
PHASE 1 BID
AWARDS
Report #25-017

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 2/10/2025 Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 2. 2/24/2025 Regular Meeting @ Central Elementary
 - 3. 3/10/2025 Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 4. 3/24/2025 Regular Meeting @ Alpine Elementary
 - 5. 3/10/2025 Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
- B. Go Around

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Roberts, Secretary