



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm at the Kenowa Hills Middle School, 3950 Hendershot 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.
- 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

PUBLIC COMMENT

II. Public Comment: 1 audience member 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.

III. Interview - Mr. Mitch Balingit

IV. Interview - Mr. J. Erich Harmsden

V. Interview - Mr. James Feil

DELIBERATION

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 4/30/2026 5:00 pm Special Meeting @ Middle School LGI; First Round Superintendent Interviews
 - 2. 05/04/2026 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
 - 3. 05/14/2026 5:00 pm Special Meeting @ Middle School LGI; Second Round Superintendent Interviews
 - 4. 05/18/2026 6:00 pm Retirement Celebration and Regular Meeting @ High School
 - 5. 05/26/2026 7:00 pm Pathways Graduation
 - 6. 05/27/2026 6:00 pm High School Graduation

FUTURE MEETINGS

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary