



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm at Kenowa Hills Middle School, 3950 Hendershot Ave 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 Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Public Comment: No audience member(s) 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

III. Closed Session

Motion by Member Robinson supported by Member Turner to adjourn and go into Closed Session for the review of Application Materials of Candidates for the Position of Superintendent of Schools. **Motion by roll call carries 7-0**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	Y ___	Hart	Y ___	Roberts	Y ___	Turner	Y ___
Gustinis	Y ___	LaBotz	Y ___	Robinson	Y ___		

The meeting adjourned to go into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 8:23 p.m.

IV. Deliberation and Selection of Candidates for Interviews

Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Gustinis to invite candidates 3, 9, 7, and 2 for a first round interview, and to include candate 4 contingent upon their response to follow up quesitons. **Report 26-033 Motion carries 7-0.**

ACTION ITEM 26-033

V. Planning for Interviews

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

1. 4/20/26 6:00 pm Regular Meeting@ Early Childhood Center
2. 4/28/26 5:00 pm Special Meeting - Round One Interviews @ Middle School LGI
3. 4/30/26 5:00 pm Special Meeting - Round One Interviews @ Middle School LGI
4. 5/04/26 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building

FUTURE MEETINGS

5. 5/14/26 5:00 pm Special Meeting - Round Two interviews @ Middle School LGI
6. 5/18/26 6:00 pm Retirement Celebration and Regular Board Meeting @ High School

B. Go Around

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT