



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 30, 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 5:00 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 Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 7-0**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

II. Public Comment: 0 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. Randy Barton

IV. Interview - Dr. Cherie Horner

V. Board deliberations and selection of finalist(s)

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to invite candidates Balingit, Barton, and Horner back for a second interview on May 14. A roll call vote was taken. **Motion carries 7-0 REPORT 26-037**

DELIBERATION
 SELECTION OF
 FINALIST(S) ACTION
 ITEM 26-037

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

VI. Planning for Final Interview(s)- Mr. Ingall briefed the Board on what to expect in the final interview.

VII. Future Items for Consideration

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:18 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary