



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 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 6:00 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 Hart supported by Member Courtade 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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. Candidate Interview - Mr. Randy Barton

IV. Candidate Interview - Mr. Mitch Balingit

V. Candidate Interview - Dr. Cherie Horner

VI. Board Deliberation and Selection of Finalist

VII. Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Robert to select Dr. Cherie Horner and enter into negotiations to be the Kenowa Hills Public Schools Superintendent beginning July 1, 2026. Report 26-

ACTION ITEM 26-035

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

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 1. 5/18/2026 6:00 pm Retirement Celebration and Regular Board Meeting @ High School
 2. 5/26/2026 7:00 pm Pathways Graduation
 3. 5/27/2026 6:00 pm High School Graduation

FUTURE MEETINGS

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 10:44 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

_____, Secretary