



Kenowa Hills Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes

Kenowa Hills Middle School

3950 Hendershot Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Middle School, 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Turner and Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann and Director Gilchrist were also present along with student representative Elise Zahrt.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Truskoski to approve the agenda.
Motion approved 7 - 0.

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation a variety of donations made to the district. A list of donations is available upon request.
 - 1. Representatives from Triangle presented a \$700 check to be credited to unpaid student lunch balances. The company motto is to live, work and learn in the communities they serve.
- B. Correspondence - none
- C. Board District Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

III. Information Item

- A. Middle School Spotlight presented by Principal Smith
 - 1. Principal Smith introduced new staff.
 - 2. Middle School Teacher, Mrs. White, provided details about the new lifeskills course. This course was developed based on student interest in this class. A few students who completed this class in the first trimester shared about the topics they enjoyed most in the class. Mrs. White expressed her appreciation to the board for supporting this new elective.
- B. Student Representative Report presented by Elise Zahrt.
 - 1. Elise Zahrt reported on the Christmas donations for the student council project.
 - 2. The course that was presented by the middle school spotlight would be very beneficial at the high school.
 - 3. Be aware it is a very stressful week at the high school due to finals this week.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL'S
SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REP REPORT

C. Finance

FINANCE

1. November 2022 Check Register
2. Bond Funds Investment Income - interest totals were discussed and included in the budget amendment that is being presented this evening.
3. Condensed Fund Statement
4. FY 2023 Budget Changes - Director Gilchrist provided an update on the changes to our budget based on enrollment drop and change in property taxes.
 - i. Discussion occurred about how to increase the enrollment at the daycare program as they are currently below capacity due to the lack of staffing. Plans are being discussed on how we can increase staffing and retain current staff.
5. FY 2023 December Budget Amendment

D. Social Contract - discussion will be tabled until a future date.

SOCIAL CONTRACT

E. Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Based on the survey results, the dates are suggested to remain at the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month with a 6:30 PM start time with a couple of exceptions.

F. Turf and Track Construction Update

TURF & TRACK UPDATE

1. Superintendent Hopkins shared the current plan for the turf design.
2. The project will be open for bids approximately December 21 with opening approximately January 9. This will allow for an action item at the anticipated January 23, 2023 regular meeting.
3. A new scoreboard will also be included in this project.

IV. Public Comment - one attendee provided comments.

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. Any person in violation of the policy for disruptive conduct will be asked to leave. Any threats or suggestions of violence will be turned over to law enforcement.

V. Action Items

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. November 28 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. December 5, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
3. November 2022 General Fund expenditures of \$1,253,804.56 through and including checks #79705-79827 and payrolls of November 4 and 18, 2022; November School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$21,130.93 through and including checks #10892-10900; 2018 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$136,889.61, check #79704; 2020 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$733,412.87 through and including checks #79752-79755; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$11,004.74 through and including checks #96871-96876.

B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve the proposed 2022-2023 First (December) Budget Amendment. Report #22-057. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

FY23 BUDGET
AMENDEMENT #22-057

VI. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
 - 1. 01/09/23 6:00 pm Organizational Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
- B. Go Around - Board members and those at the board table shared final comments.

FUTURE MEETINGS

VII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. S. Roberts, Secretary