



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Kenowa Hills Middle School Large Group Instruction Room

3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A committee of the whole meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenowa Middle School Large Group Instruction Room, 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent Burde and Director Gilchrist are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 7-0.**

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Roberts	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Public Comment - Eleven attendees provided comments.

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.

III. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - None
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

IV. Discussion/Information Item

- A. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. I Understand
 - a. Director Davis provided an update of the "I Understand" organization, which brings awareness and resources to those affected by suicide, mental health, or pain.
- B. Finance
 - 1. September 2021 Check Register
 - 2. Condensed Fund Statement
 - 3. PPE Expenses

4. Remaining 2016 Bond Funds
 - a. Director Gilchrist provided an overview of remaining 2016 Bond Funds and the recommendations that will be made alongside Strategic Planning efforts in the District.
 - C. Superintendent Report
 1. COVID Update
 - a. Superintendent Hopkins provided an overview of the past week's COVID testing results, KCHD-ordered student quarantines, and the number of students on a watchlist who were close contacts to a positive case but wearing a mask or fully vaccinated. Those on the watchlist do not quarantine but parents are made aware to be mindful of potential symptoms.
 - b. Superintendent Hopkins discussed a legal opinion recommending that the District continues to abide by KCHD orders in light of S.B. 82 & 250 & 1222(4).
 2. Student Enrollment Update
 - a. Count Day is October 6, 2021. Superintendent Hopkins provided an overview of how students can be counted if not present on Count Day.
 - D. Strategic Planning Update
 1. Dr. Burde highlighted the progress of the Strategic Planning Task Force (members: Scholten, Horner, Dinkelman, Davis, Burde). Updates will be provided regularly to the Board.
 2. Dr. Richards, the chief strategic planning consultant for the District, plans to join a Board meeting to garner insights from all members of the Board.
 - E. Policy Revisions (Second Reading)
 1. po0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings
 2. po0171.1 - President
 - F. Hiring Standard Operating Procedures
 1. Superintendent Hopkins highlighted the HR practices in the District and the new staff position (to be filled) of HR specialist.
 - G. NSBA Advocacy Institute
 1. The NSBA Advocacy Institute will occur January 23-25, 2022. The Board has allocated funds for a member to attend, or attend the NSBA Annual Conference.
 - H. School Resource Officer
 1. Superintendent Hopkins reminded the Board of the budgetary constraints that led to ending the SRO position in 2020. Previously, the District provided 70% of staff costs of the Kent County Sheriff's Deputy that serves as SRO.
 - I. Streaming School Board Meetings (First Reading)
 1. Superintendent Hopkins detailed plans to stream Board of Education meetings in the future.
- V. Action Items**
- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Szczepaniak to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion approved 7-0.**

1. September 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. September 2021 General Fund expenditures of \$1,041,483.59 through and including checks #77935-78038 and payrolls of September 10 and 24, 2021; September School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$16,471.36 through and including checks #10647-10655; 2016 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$88,988.30 through and including checks #5327-15331; 2020 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$118,735.86 through and including checks #77932-78001; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$11,242.45 through and including checks #12974-12985, September Capital Project Fund expenditure of \$76,595.12 check #77996.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

- B. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Hart to approve revisions to Board of Education Policy 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (Report #21-064). **Motion approved 6-1.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	__X__	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

- C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to revise and approve the proposed Policy 0171.1 - President to include the language in "C." to read "The President of the Board of Education shall C. serve as the Board's spokesperson, communicating the decisions and positions of the Board [as well as Board Policy as clearly defined within our Bylaws]". **Motion approved 6-1.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	__X__	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

VI. Future Items for Consideration

B. Future Meetings

1. 10/13/21 6:00 p.m. KIASB Dinner Meeting
2. 10/25/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Central Elementary
3. 11/10/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting, Location TBD
4. 11/22/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Zinser Elementary

C. Go-Around

VII Adjournment

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. **Motion approved 7-0.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY REVISION Report #21-064

PRESIDENT POLICY REVISION Report #21-064

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT