



# Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, February 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm**  
**Administrative Offices**  
**2325 4 Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544**

**I. Routine and Organizational Business**

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at the Administrative Offices; 2325 4 Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49544
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis (arrived at 6:32), Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman, Finance Director John Gilchrist, and Student Representative Jake Jonker are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

**II. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Recognition
  - 1. Contributions to the District - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation the individuals and businesses who made a donation to the District.
- B. Correspondence - None
- C. Board Communication: No statements shared.

**III. Information Items**

- A. Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Hopkins presented information on the following items:
  - 1. Enrollment Update
  - 2. 2024-25 School of Choice Resolutions (First Reading)
  - 3. Middle School Bond Construction Update
- B. Paint Kenowa Green and Mental Health Initiatives - Director Davis and student services staff (Carley Sargent, Alyssa Rodriguez, Kayle Ogridinski, and Matt Elliott) presented overview of the Department's current accomplishments and future projects, providing data to highlight progress.
- C. Finance
  - 1. January Check Register
  - 2. Bond Investment Fund Update
    - i. Interest Income
    - ii. Investment Summary
  - 3. Condensed Fund Statement
  - 4. Striking Delinquent Taxes - Alpine Township
  - 5. Band Tower Purchase
- D. Marketing - The February 2024 marketing report from Galapagos was reviewed. The report included recent survey data as well as an illustration of the campaign to promote our enrollment opportunities.
- E. NSBA Advocacy Institute - Members Courtade, Hart, and LaBotz shared highlights of their advocacy in Washington DC.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOGNITION

THANK YOU LETTERS SENT

BOE COMMUNICATION

Superintendent's Report

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

SOC RESOLUTIONS

MS BOND UPDATE

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

FINANCE

MARKETING UPDATE

REPORT ON ADVOCACY TRIP

**IV. Public Comment: No comments were made.**

*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

**V. Action Items**

A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 5, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
2. January 2024 General Fund Expenditures of \$874,937.32 including checks #81855 - 81994 and payrolls dated January 12 and 26; School Lunch Fund Expenditures of \$15,796.94 including checks #11081 - 11095; Capital Project Expenditures of \$13,658.49 for check #6; 2020 Building and Sites Services Expenditures of \$709,041.10 including checks #26 - 28; 2022 Building and Sites Expenditures of \$1,282,359.81 including checks #10 - 12; Student Activity Expenditures of \$8,417.94 including checks #97086 - 97097.

JANUARY CHECK REGISTER

B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Gustinis to adopt the Resolution to call a Special School Election on Tuesday, Mary 7, 2024. Report #24-014. **Motion carries 7-0.**

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION REPORT # 24-014

C. Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Roberts to authorized Superintendent Hopkins to purchase real property as outlined in the Resolution. Report #24-015. **Motion carries 7-0.**

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY REPORT # 24-015

**VII. Future Items for Consideration**

A. Future Meetings

1. 02/26/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Alpine Elementary
2. 03/07/24 6:00 pm KIASB Dinner Meeting - Kent ISD KCTC Building
3. 03/11/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
4. 03/25/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Early Childhood Center
5. 04/15/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building

FUTURE MEETINGS

B. Go Around

GO AROUND

**VIII. Adjournment**

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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