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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Work Session Preliminary Minutes
6:30 p.m., Monday, August 14, 2023
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 Four Mile Road 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 6:32 pm. at the Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann and Director Gilchrist are also present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Robinson to approve the agenda.
Motion passed 7-0.

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

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Recognition and Correspondence

- A. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins introduced Saffron, High School therapy dog, and Zach Christian, Middle School Principal.
- B. Correspondence - None.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Discussion/Information Item

- A. Office of Teaching and Learning
 - 1. 2023-2024 District Provided Professional Development (DPPD)
 - a. Reviewed the District provided professional development schedule for 2023-24, including CKH Training for new instructional staff.
 - b. Professional Development scheduled for 2023-24 also includes LETRS training for K-3 and Restorative Practices for middle school staff.
 - c. The Board asked for a future update on the successes of the Freshman Academy.
- B. Finance
 - 1. June 2023 Check Register
 - 2. July 2023 Check Register
 - 3. Bond Investment Fund Update
 - a. Interest Income
 - b. Investment Summary

OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEARNING

FINANCE

- 4. FY2024 Budget Update
 - a. Reviewed the potential positive State Revenue Changes

C. Superintendent Report

- 1. Certified Staffing Update
 - a. District is in a positive position with regard to certified staffing as we begin the school year.
- 2. Bond Construction
 - a. Currently in Phase 3 at the Middle School with several classroom renovations and bathrooms.
 - b. New construction continues on the Band & Orchestra rooms.
 - c. Pathways High School work has begun to create a secure entrance and renovated classrooms spaces.
 - d. Turf, track, and scoreboard work is complete.
- 3. OK Conference Realignment
 - a. KHPS has explored alternative options related to participation in the OK Conference.
 - b. The conversation has been student-centered with concerns about athlete participation and geographical location of participating districts.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT

D. Practice and Competition Fields Study

- a. Meetings were held with fall & spring athletic coaches to identify needs and current concerns with athletic fields as well as to review and get feedback on a working model of how practice fields, competition fields and community green spaces would be developed.
- b. Next steps involve estimating costs and a timeline for improvements to present to the Board at a future meeting.

FIELDS STUDY

E. Retreat Followup

- a. A smaller Board committee will have some information to present at a future meeting.

RETREAT FOLLOWUP

IV. **Public Comment** - 0 attendees 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 passed 7-0.**
 - 1. July 25, 2023 Board Retreat Meeting Minutes
 - 2. July 31, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. June 2023 General Fund expenditures of \$870,899.81 through and including checks #80689-80839 and payrolls of June 2, 16 and 30, 2023; June School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$94,727.87 through and including checks #10972-11020; 2016 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$1,000 through and including check #15362; 2020 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$1,341,904.11 through and including checks #80740-80838; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$5145.16 through and including checks #96963-96975.
- 4. July 2023 General Fund expenditures of \$881.335.49 through and including checks #80840-80987 and payrolls of July 14 and 28, 2023; July School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$102,774.44 through and including checks #11020-110022; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$1,870.00 through and including checks #96976-96978.
- 5. Certified Staff Personnel Report
- 6. MHSAA Boys Ice Hockey Cooperative Team Application

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

CERTIFIED STAFF
PERSONNEL REPORT
MHSAA BOYS ICE HOCKEY

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

- 1. 08/28/23 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Administration Building
- 2. 09/11/23 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Administration Building
- 3. 09/25/23 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Zinser Elementary

B. Go-Around

FUTURE MEETINGS

VI. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle M. S. Roberts, Secretary