



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Board Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, September 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM**  
**Kenowa Hills High School Early Childhood Center**  
**3971 Richmond Court NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center, 3971 Richmond Court 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 and Director Gilchrist are also present. Deputy Superintendent Burde is absent.
- D. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member LaBotz to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 7-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF  
SILENCE  
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

**II. 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.*

**III. Hearings and Correspondence**

A. Recognition

- 1. Altitude Trampoline Park - 120 thirty-minute jump passes
- 2. Donation of fans to Central Elementary Classrooms - Brittany Allen & Family; Gigliotti, Mockerman and Goudy Families; Marty Halonen and Family; Lucas McLain and Family; Slonecki Family; Walkons Family; Zavala Family
- 3. Kamp Kenowa Gardens supplies - Heidi Hartman and Robyn Bradford
- 4. Hand sanitizer for High School learners and athletes - Ethan Perry Family

RECOGNITION

B. Correspondence

- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE  
COMMUNICATION

**IV. Discussion/Information Item**

A. Early Childhood Center Spotlight, Director Luke Scholten

- 1. Director Luke Scholten highlighted happenings at the Early Childhood Center (ECC). With the changes in the parking lot, the building is much more visible to the community and provides access from Kinney Street.

SPOTLIGHT

2. During construction, part of ECC programming is being housed at Central Elementary. Classrooms will be moving back to ECC as construction is completed for each program.
3. Childcare Director Lipscomb shared information about enhancing nature based programming. This change will include an outdoor classroom to enhance instruction.
4. Bond construction has allowed an infant room to be included in the daycare center that will be opening next week.
5. Director Scholten shared how school improvement plans and goals are utilized to help prepare students for their future education experiences at Kenowa Hills. To be ready for kindergarten means to learn how to learn which allow positive outcomes when students begin kindergarten.
6. Special Education staff members are the most flexible staff members in order to meet the needs of our neediest students. Some of their time with students focuses on helping students transition back into school after having participated in online instruction. Teachers who work with cognitively impaired or students on the autism spectrum work to provide them with exposure to what may be available for them upon completion of their time at Kenowa Hills.

B. Superintendent Hopkins' Report

1. COVID Update
  - a. Superintendent Hopkins provides an update of the COVID positive numbers, quarantining and watch list for staff and students.
  - b. Questions were asked from the board regarding more detailed specifics regarding contact tracing on the bus and athletic exposures.
  - c. Superintendent Hopkins recommends no changes to current COVID mitigation measures.
2. Bond Construction Update
  - a. Middle School quotes will be requested in the spring. This will be a very large project that will last up to two years.
  - b. STEM Academy staff have completed site visits to help plan this instructional area for the construction project.
3. Student Enrollment Update
  - a. The 2022 FY budget is based on 3107 students but as of Friday our enrollment is at 3121. This could change by count day.

C. Policy Revisions (First Reading) - Discussion occurred amongst the board members regarding proposed revisions.

1. po0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings
2. po0171.1 - President

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

POLICY

**V. Action Items**

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**
  - 1. September 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Szczepaniak to appoint Members Szczepaniak, Truskoski and LaBotz to serve as the district's voting delegates and Member Hart to serve as alternative voting delegates at the MASB 2021 Leadership Conference on Thursday, November 11 at 6:00 PM at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Report #21-063. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

**VI. Future Items for Consideration**

- A. Future Meetings
  - 1. 10/04/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting, Location TBD
  - 2. 10/13/21 6:00 p.m. KIASB Dinner Meeting
  - 3. 10/25/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Central Elementary
  - 4. 11/10/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting, Location TBD
- B. Go-Around
  - 1. NASB Upcoming Events - Member Szczepaniak

**VII. Adjournment**

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member LaBotz to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. **Motion approved 7 - 0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS  
CONSENT AGENDA  
  
APPOINT MASB  
VOTING DELEGATES  
Report #21-063  
  
FUTURE MEETINGS  
  
ADJOURNMENT