



Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Kenowa Hills Central Elementary School
4252 Three Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Central Elementary on 4252 3 Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49544
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- D. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner were present; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelman, and student representative Ronan Jameyson were present. Student Representative Jake Jonker arrived at 6:39, and Director of Finance Gilchrist arrived at 6:58.
- E. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the agenda. **Motion carried 7-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence
- B. Recognition
 - 1. Contributions to the District - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation the individuals and businesses who made a donation to the District.
 - 2. Kenowa Hills Transportation Department- Certificates of Appreciation were distributed to our transportation team to acknowledge the exemplary bus Inspection results.
 - 3. Kenowa Hills Board of Education members were acknowledged with Certificates of Appreciation and the Proclamation from Governor Whitmer in celebration of School Board Recognition Month.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

THANK YOU LETTERS SENT

TRANSPORTATION RECOGNITION

BOE RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

III. Information Items

- A. Central Elementary Spotlight - Central Elementary Principal Dr. Horner and Assistant Principal Mr. Bernard; Speech Pathologist Kathy DeYoung, Teachers Margaret Sicilian and Marsha Martinez joined Dr. Horner in sharing how Central Elementary practices the tenets of Capturing Kids Hearts, focusing on the SUNS program.
- B. Student Representative Reports; Jake Jonker and Ronan Jameyson provided input on what they and their peers perceive as vital topics.
- C. Strategic Plan Update; Bill Dinkelman provided an update on the progress of goal development to align with the goal areas and objectives within the Strategic Plan. It was suggested that quarterly mini checkpoints be established for further updates.

CENTRAL SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

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.

V. Action Items

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. January 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes
2. Annual Education Reports

- B. Motion by Member Hart and support by Member Turner to purchase radios and the infrastructure to establish an internal communication system in the amount \$289,997.73 from Chrouch Communications, Inc. using a combination of State of Michigan 2022-23 Section 97 and 2023-24 Section 31aa grants. Report #24-013. **Motion carried 7-0.**
- C. Motion by Member Courtade and supported by Member Gustinis to go into closed session under M.C.L. 15.268§8k for review of Emergency Operation Plans. Secretary Courtade took a roll call vote. **Motion carried 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	__	__				

The Board went into closed Session at 7:51 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session and resumed open meeting at 8:26 p.m.

VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
1. 02/12/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
 2. 02/26/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Alpine Elementary
 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
- B. Go Around

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Courtade, Secretary

SECURITY RADIO
COMMUNICAITONS
PURCHASE
RECOMMENDATION

CLOSED SESSION

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT