



**Kenowa Hills Public Schools
Education inspired.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes

Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Kenowa Hills Administration Building

2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine Business

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Rd NW, Grand Rapids, MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins and Director Gilchrist are also present. Member Storey and Assistant Superintendent Burde are absent.
- D. Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member LaBotz to approve the agenda. Motion approved 6 - 0.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - None.
- B. Recognition - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged the following donations with appreciation:
 - 1. Greater Regional Alliance of Realtors contributed \$500 through a Schoolhouse Program Grant
 - 2. Pro-Tech Heating and Cooling donated \$1,500 in gift cards to The Local for Kenowa Hills staff
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.
- D. Community/Board Dialogue - Comments Specific to Board Agenda Items - None.

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

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III. Information Item

- A. Superintendent Report
 - 1. School Safety Update
 - a. 2020-21 Discipline Data - Superintendent Hopkins shared the 2020-21 discipline data that is submitted to the State as one of the district's annual reporting requirements. The report provides historical information as well.
 - 2. Bond Construction Update
 - a. Superintendent Hopkins reported the construction projects at the Early Childhood Center are on schedule to be completed by mid-August. Updated photos and progress reports will be provided in the weekly updates.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Courtade to move the public comment up on the agenda following the approval of the agenda to allow for the audience to complete their public comment no matter if referring to an agenda item or non-agenda item. Motion approved 6 - 0.

Public Comment - Nonagenda Items

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- Comments were made by community members regarding concerns over mask wearing, COVID vaccination, DEI/Critical Race Theory and dropping test scores for Kenowa Hills students.

IV. Action Items

- Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Courtade to approve the June 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Courtade to approve the recommended revisions to the K - 8 Student Handbooks. Report #21-051. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Truskoski to approve the recommended contract renewal with Galapagos Marketing. Report #21-052. Motion approved 5 - 1.

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	<u> X </u>	Hart	<u> X </u>	Storey	ABSENT	Truskoski	<u> X </u>
Gustinis	<u> X </u>	LaBotz	<u> X </u>	Szczepaniak	<u> X </u>		

- Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member LaBotz to approve the purchase of a zero-radius lawn mower for \$18,079. Report #21-053. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Szczepaniak to approve the purchase of a transportation navigation system totalling \$62,959. Report #21-054. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Hart to approve the 2020-21 Final Budget Amendment. Report #21-055. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Truskoski to approve the 2021-22 Original Budget. Report #21-056. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Truskoski to approve the 2021 Tax Levies. Report #21-057. Motion approved 6 - 0.
- Motion by Member Truskoski supported by Member Courtade to approve the purchase of a secondary music instruments using bond funds totalling \$154,498.76. Report #21-058. Motion approved 6 - 0.

V. Future Items for Consideration

- Public Comment - Nonagenda Items - moved to earlier on the agenda

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**MOTION TO MOVE
 PUBLIC COMMENT
 ON THE AGENDA IN
 FUTURE MEETINGS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

ACTION ITEMS

06/09/21 MINUTES

**STUDENT HANDBOOKS
 Report #21-051**

**GALAPAGOS
 CONTRACT Report #21-
 052**

**LAWN MOWER
 PURCHASE Report #21-
 053**

**TRANSPORTATION
 NAVIGATION SYSTEM
 Report #21-054**

**BUDGET
 AMENDMENT Report
 #21-055**

**2021-22 BUDGET
 Report #21-056**

**2021 TAX LEVIES
 Report #21-057**

**MUSIC
 INSTRUMENTS
 Report #21-058**

PUBLIC COMMENT

B. Future Meetings

1. 07/19/21 6:00 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting, Administration Building
2. 08/11/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Administration Building
3. 08/21/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Administration Building
4. 09/08/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Administration Building
5. 09/27/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Early Childhood Center

C. Go-Around

VI. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Hart to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT