



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes**

**Monday, August 23, 2021**

**Kenowa Hills High School - Performing Arts Center**

**3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 pm at Kenowa Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Burde and Director Gilchrist are also present. Member Truskoski is absent.
- D. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Courtade to amend the agenda to included COVID mitigation protocols as an action item. Motion approved 6-0.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

**II. Public Comment** - Comments were made by community members regarding concerns over mask wearing, COVID vaccinations and critical race theory.

*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. Inquiries will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time in the cases where contact information is provided.*

**III. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Correspondence
  - 1. Superintendent Hopkins encouraged board members to continue reading the emails that are sent to the board of education.
- B. Recognition - None
- C. Board Communication - None

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

**IV. Information Items**

- A. Superintendent Report
  - 1. COVID Mitigation Protocols
    - a. Superintendent Hopkins shared that all individuals riding a school bus are required to wear a mask per the federal health order. This order has been extended until January 2022.
    - b. Pre-K through 6th grade students are to wear a mask while indoors per the most recent public health order that was issued by the Kent County Health Department. It is highly recommended that students in grades 7 - 12 wear a mask while indoors regardless of vaccination status. All staff are required to wear a mask while inside our school buildings.
    - c. Medical waivers are available again this year and must be signed by a medical doctor. Medical waivers issued last school year remain valid.

SUPERINTENDENT  
 REPORT

- d. Superintendent Hopkins provided details about the most recent positivity rate for the county and Kenowa Hills community. Vaccination rates for our community were also shared.
  - e. Superintendent Hopkins reviewed the contact tracing protocols that were issued by the Kent County Health Department.
2. Bond Construction Update
- a. The new playground equipment at Central Elementary has been mostly installed. Some items were delayed in shipping. The new playground equipment that was ordered for Alpine Elementary will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Zinser Elementary is due to have one new piece of equipment installed. All new equipment will be paid with remaining 2016 bond funds.
  - b. The Early Childhood Center (ECC) had a building inspection completed today which will allow for temporary occupancy for the area of the building that is not under construction. Before and after school programs will remain at Central Elementary during ECC Phase 1 construction.
  - c. Director Gilchrist provided information about the middle school quote progress and how the planning is progressing.

**V. Action Items**

- A. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Szczepaniak to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved 6-0.
  - 1. August 11, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Roberts to approve the Kenowa Hills Transportation Tentative Agreement as delineated in Report #21-062. Motion approved 6-0.
- C. Motion by Member Szczepaniak supported by Member Hart to extend COVID protocols to extend the mask mandate to include students in grades 7-12 and all individuals while inside any district facility. Roll call by Secretary Szczepaniak. Motion denied 4 - 2.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade		X		Hart	X			Roberts		X		Truskoski			ABSENT
Gustinis		X		LaBotz		X		Szczepaniak	X						

**VI. Future Items for Consideration**

- A. Future Meetings
  - 1. 08/30/21 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Special Meeting (Strategic Planning), High School Large Group Instruction Room
  - 2. 09/08/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Administration Building
  - 3. 09/27/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Early Childhood Center
- B. Go-Around

**VII. Adjournment**

- A. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Szczepaniak to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Motion approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS  
 CONSENT AGENDA  
 TENTATIVE AGREEMENT  
 Report #21-062  
 COVID PROTOCOLS  
 FUTURE MEETINGS  
 ADJOURNMENT