

KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
5820 Eastern Avenue, S.E.
Kentwood, MI 49508

BOARD OF EDUCATION - MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
KENTWOOD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held in the Board Room at the Administration Offices on Monday, February 8, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Schultz at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Dave Schultz, President
Mimi Madden, Vice President
Bill J. Joseph, Secretary
Steve Dabrowski, Treasurer
Paul T. Doyle, Trustee
Brian McKenzie, Trustee
Sandra L. Talbott, Trustee
Scott Palczewski, Superintendent
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Barbara A. McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent
Steve P. Zakem, Assistant Superintendent
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Assistant Superintendent
Walid Azam, Student Representative
Luci Shaffer, Student Representative
Camrielle Herrera, Student Representative
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Also Present: Greanna Griffin, Brian OHara, Jodi Haight, Melissa Granzotto, Eliza Granzotto, Wendy Dippel, Jessica Dippel, Triny Perez, Carrie Osborn, Ellen Eggers, Shawn Harris, Jourdan Maatman, John Keenoy, Ruth VanHouten, Mike Letherby, Becky Letherby, Chad Weesies, Maranda Shepard, Matt Shepard, Sherard Dorne, Frank Allan, Dan Magennis, Mary Jo MacNeil, Doug MacNeil, Ian MacNeil, Aaron Cole, Mariah Janho, Lexi Baker, Gurgen Grigoryan, Taylor Sanchez, Deb Snow, Tacy Allen, Laura Tanis

Mr. Schultz led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Schultz explained the procedure for the audience participation portion of the agenda. He asked all persons wishing to address the Board to sign the participation card prior to that item of business (Bylaw 9115 and PA 267, Sec. 3(5).)

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION
PROCEDURE

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

The meeting was opened up for audience participation.
No one addressed the Board.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

Special Board Recognition was extended to the following:

BOARD
RECOGNITION

- Eliza Granzotto, Kentwood Aquatic Center lifeguard was recognized for her outstanding effort in rescuing a struggling swimmer during a swim meet on January 16, 2010 at the Aquatics Center.
- Members of the *We The People* debate team and their coaches from East Kentwood High School were recognized for earning the State Championship. Mrs. Deb Snow introduced the students; Sam Broecker, Brandon Gafford, Julia Nguyen, Tacy Allan, Jessica Dippel, Christian Erwin, Heather Anderson, Austin Calloway, Alex Giarmo, Ian MacNeil, Brynley Nadziejka, Roger Taylor, Natalie Eyke, Erin Letherby, Gwenevere Mueller, Brandan Bilski, Gurgen Grigoryan, Taylor Sanchez, and thanked the coaches Pete Battey, Richard Mondoux, Ken Ozanich, Hillary Baker,

Evans DeVries, Ellen Zwarenstejn, and Judge William Kelly. They will be competing for the National title in Washington, D.C. in April.

The student representatives presented the following report:

STUDENT
REPORT

- Cam Herrera gave information from East Kentwood High School regarding fundraising events for the Global Leaders of Tomorrow Technology Initiative, mentoring students, collection of “Jeans for Teens” and ongoing fundraising for Haiti relief. February 12 is designated “Lunch Lady Appreciation Day” for the workers in the kitchen in which they will receive a rose, dinner gift cards and the choir will sing.
- Luci Shaffer and Walid Azam gave an update from Crossroads. They are currently working on support of relief efforts in Haiti, community service projects, sporting events, ARCH program and preparation for the Quiz Bowl. Walid was the recipient of Mayor Heartwell’s Champion of Diversity Award and he was also presented with a SuperHero t-shirt. They shared that parents and students participated in the “Family Fitness Fun Night” and “Taste Testing Party” that took place during parent/teacher conferences.

The superintendent’s report included the following:

SUPT’S
REPORT

- Brian O’Hara showed a power point presentation that depicts the Golden Goose Award which is given weekly to staff members at Crossroads Alternative High School. He shared that if we all make an effort to help each other, the whole group will reap the benefits.

The following board committee reports were presented:

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

- No committee reports.

Motion by Mrs. Talbott, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to approve the recommendation to adopt the resolution to opt out of Section 105 – State Schools of Choice Program. Dr. Johnson shared details regarding the following three action items Kentwood Public Schools has participated in since 1996.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION TO
OPT OUT OF
SECTION 105 -
SofC

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the recommendation to adopt the resolution to opt out of Section 105c – State Schools of Choice Program.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION TO
OPT OUT OF
SECTION 105c -
SofC

Motion by Dr. Dabrowski, supported by Mrs. Talbott, to approve the recommendation to adopt the resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION TO
PARTICIPATE IN
KISD
COLLABORATIVE
SofC PROGRAM

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Mr. Joseph, to approve the salary schedules (KEA, KESPA, KESA, 4230, 4231, 2020) for 2009-2010. Mr. Zoerhoff shared information and thanked the team of Dan Magennis, Michelle Thomas and Laura Tanis for their professionalism during ongoing discussions. Mr. Joseph thanked Mr. Zoerhoff for all his efforts put forth during these ongoing discussions.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF
SALARY
SCHEDULES
2009-2010

The following items of discussion were covered:

BOARD
DISCUSSION

- There were no additional discussion items.

The board received the following correspondence:

- There was no Board correspondence.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

Motion by Mrs. Talbott, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to go into closed session for the purpose of negotiations in accordance with Policy BCBK and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.c.

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Talbott, McKenzie, Doyle, Dabrowski, Joseph, Madden, Schultz

Nays: -

Motion carried unanimously.

After a brief break, the Board convened into closed session at 7:25 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:22 PM.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Dr. Dabrowski, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Bill J. Joseph, Secretary