

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROPOSED MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 - 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, September 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mimi Madden, President
Allen Young, Vice President
Angie Forton, Secretary
Pete Battey, Treasurer
Angela Hovermale, Trustee
*Sylvia James, Trustee
*James Lewis, Jr., Trustee
Todd Bell, Executive Assistant
Evan Hordyk, Executive Assistant
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Pickard, Executive Director
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Absent: None

Also Present: Sylvia James family, James Lewis, Jr. family, John Bell, Zoey Bell, Ann Klemp, Jim Dinan

Mrs. Madden led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Madden explained the procedure for the audience participation portion of the agenda. She 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. Hovermale, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion carried.

*Mr. Young abstained due to absence.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the resolution appointing Sylvia James to fill the open vacancy on the Kentwood Board of Education left by Sandy Theisen who passed away in July 2017. The appointment is effective until December 31, 2018.

APPROVAL OF FILLING BOARD VACANCY

Motion carried.

(Swearing in Sylvia James - Oath of Office)

*Mrs. James took a seat by other Board members.

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mrs. Hovermale, to approve the resolution appointing James Lewis Jr. to fill the open vacancy on the Kentwood Board of Education left by Brian McKenzie's retirement due to his residency outside of the Kentwood Public School district. The appointment is effective until December 31, 2018.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
FILLING BOARD
VACANCY

(Swearing in James Lewis Jr. - Oath of Office)

*Mr. Lewis took a seat by other Board members.

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S
REPORT

- Mr. Todd Bell gave an update regarding the ongoing Bond-approved construction that has taken place over the summer. He shared a power point presentation showing updates and improvements. Discussion took place regarding the September 25th Board meeting taking place at East Kentwood Freshman Campus new Collaboration Center. Mr. Zoerhoff affirmed Mr. Bell on the construction updates.
- Mr. Zoerhoff shared that the Policy Committee (Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Hovermale) met recently to discuss the year-long work that the Central Administration and NEOLA representative Kevin Konarska have been involved with regarding Kentwood Public Schools' policies. The District is ready to move forward with the process and he shared the NEOLA policy drafts; 0000, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 and 5630.01.
- Mr. Evan Hordyk gave an update on options for a middle college program with Grand Rapids Community College. He shared that we are in the early stages of this partnership and options are being discussed. He said he would keep the Board updated as things progressed.
- Mr. Zoerhoff responded to Board members previous discussions regarding a future Board Retreat. He asked them to think about topics, where, when it should take place. He shared what we have discussed at previous retreats; Board social contract, successive planning, Myers-Briggs (how Board members think/process decisions). He asked Board members to bring their ideas to the next Board meeting.

- Discussion items were:

BOARD
DISCUSSION

First reading of NEOLA Policies 0000, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 and 5630.01.

- Mrs. Madden shared information from the Parks & Rec Department meeting that took place earlier this evening. She stated they have a food pantry and asked Board members to consider donating food items to the pantry.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORT

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the resolution requesting Title I – Part A, II, III, LEP and Immigrant funds. Dr. Shirley Johnson stated we need this approval in order to spend Title funds. (Title I – Part A funds are designed to provide supplementary services to students who are performing below state and district standards. Title II is used to provide professional development to all staff in the core academic areas. Title III funds are designed to provide discretionary funds to support English Learners (EL) in their efforts to master the academic language skills necessary to access the curriculum. These funds are to be used as supplemental, in addition to those activities already funded by the district, as required by Civil Rights laws dating back to 1964. Title funds may be used for before, during and after school activities that are supplemental in nature and also includes weekend, summer school programs, parent literacy, professional development for all staff, in order to better serve the academic and social needs of students. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTION
REQUESTING
TITLE I – PART A,
II, III, LEP &
IMMIGRANT
FUNDS

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve a contract with Spectrum Health for professional services for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid using 31a – At Risk Funds. Mr. Zoerhoff shared that this new agreement with Spectrum Health will provide elementary, middle and high school staff with access to trained nurses. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
PROF SERVICES
FROM SPECTRUM
HEALTH

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the list of employees recently hired. Mr. Zoerhoff provided additional details. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT

The Board received a thank you note from the Theisen family.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mr. Young, to go into closed session at 7:35 PM for the purpose of student reinstatements in accordance with Policy BCBK and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.b.

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Forton, Young, Lewis, James, Hovermale, Battey, Madden
Nays: -

After a brief break, the board went into closed session at 7:45 P.M.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:05 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to approve the reinstatement of student "A."
Motion carried. APPROVAL OF REINSTATEMENT FOR STUDENT "A"

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to approve the reinstatement of student "B."
Motion carried. APPROVAL OF REINSTATEMENT FOR STUDENT "B"

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to approve the reinstatement of student "C."
Motion carried. APPROVAL OF REINSTATEMENT FOR STUDENT "C"

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to approve the reinstatement of student "D."
Motion carried. APPROVAL OF REINSTATEMENT FOR STUDENT "D"

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to approve the reinstatement of student "E."
Motion carried. APPROVAL OF REINSTATEMENT FOR STUDENT "E"

Motion by Mr. Lewis, supported Mrs. Hovermale, to adjourn.
Motion carried. ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Angie Forton, Secretary