

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROPOSED MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 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, December 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  
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Superintendent  
Todd Bell, Executive Director  
Evan Hordyk, Executive Director  
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent  
Michael Pickard, Executive Director  
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Absent: None

Also Present: Jazzmynn Chirco, Nathan Krupp, Riley Edwards, Jamie Gordon, Steve Cavazos, Brian McKenzie, Trevor Burnett

Mrs. Madden led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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
The meeting was opened up for audience participation. No one addressed the Board.	AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
The student representatives presented the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Riley reported on the high school events that included various committees running their programs, Culture Day at Endeavor, holiday events for students and planning for 2018.</li></ul>	STUDENT REPORTS

- Jazzmynn and Nathan reported on Crossroads packing 353 care bags to distribute to various homeless and care shelters, blood drive that was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, service learning projects and preparing for the spring MAEO event.

The superintendent's report included the following:

- Mr. Michael Zoerhoff followed up our Board Retreat discussion about the Social Contract. Everyone agreed on the wording and the Board members and the Central Office team signed the social contract document.

SUPT'S REPORT

There were no Board Subcommittee reports.

BOARD  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the 3-year Kentwood Education Association (KEA) Agreement. Mr. Zoerhoff thanked the negotiating teams (Steve Cavazos, Barb Montgomery, Steve Soderquist, Sid Hoeksema, Mike Pickard, Jamie Gordon and Todd Bell, for their diligence and open collaboration in putting together this agreement. Mr. Pickard also thanked the teams as did Mr. Cavazos. The District is very appreciative of this collaboration and hard work.  
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
KEA AGREEMENT

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the monthly disbursement summary for November 2017. Mr. Todd Bell provided further details.  
Motion carried.

MONTHLY  
DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Lewis, to approve the adoption of the resolution authorizing the collection of summer taxes. Mr. Bell said this is an annual approval that is required by state law.  
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
RESOLUTION TO  
COLLECT  
SUMMER TAXES

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Forton, to reimburse the City of Grand Rapids \$676,796.41 for their misappropriation on taxable captured values in the Ashley Brownfield. The District will be refunded by the State of Michigan on December 20 state aid payment in the amount of \$619,033.40. Funding is from the 2017-18 General Fund. Mr. Bell emphasized that this was an error on the City of Grand Rapids and that they worked with the Kentwood Business Office to correct this error.  
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
CITY OF GR TAX  
VALUES / ASHLEY  
BROWNFIELD

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. James, to approve the contract with River City Mechanical for the maximum amount of \$134,850 for the emergency replacement of the Ice Arena Dehumidification system. Funding is from the 2015 Building & Site Fund. Mr. Bell explained that the original dehumidification system was purchased in 1990 and was on the 2015 Building & Site schedule to be replaced however the system broke down before the scheduled replacement. Because of the urgency in repairs, this was moved up for replacement now rather than later.  
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ICE  
ARENA  
DEHUMIDIFICATION  
SYSTEM

\*Mrs. Madden abstained.

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Lewis, to enter the Kent ISD consortium contract with EDUstaff LLC for substitute management. Funding will come from the 2017-18 General Fund. Mr. Zoerhoff explained that the pre-planning for when our sub caller retired from the District has allowed us to look into other perspectives in filling teacher absences. In close review it was determined that the EDUstaff substitute management system would work well for our district and include 1,500 additional substitutes.  
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF  
KISD  
CONSORTIUM  
CONTRACT / EDU  
STAFF SUB MGMT

There were no additional discussion items.

BOARD  
DISCUSSION

There was no board communication.

BOARD  
COMMUNICATION

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Forton, to go into closed session at 6:55 P.M. for the purpose of negotiations in accordance with Policy BCBK and PA267 of 1976, section 8.c.).

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board convened into closed session at 6:56 P.M.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:09 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to adjourn.  
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

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Angie Forton, Secretary