

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROPOSED MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, August 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mimi Madden, President
Brian McKenzie, Treasurer
Pete Battey, Trustee
Angie Forton, Trustee
Angela Hovermale, Trustee
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Superintendent
Todd Bell, Executive Director of Finance and Business Operations
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Evan Hordyk, Executive Director of Secondary Education
Michael Pickard, Executive Director of Elementary Educ & Federal Programs
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Absent: Allen Young, Vice President

Also Present: Mary Campione, Zsanara Hoskins, Tim Hargis and their families, Carrie Tellerico, Nancy McKenzie

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 Mr. McKenzie, supported by Mrs. Hovermale, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the Monthly Disbursement Summary for July 2017. Mr. Bell stated we are at the start of the new fiscal year and everything looks good.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DISB. SUMMARY

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mrs. Forton, to recognize the expenditure of the Explorer Roof Replacement and General Condition repairs in the amount of \$93,388.02. Funding for these repairs will come from the 2015 Building and Site Fund.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
EXPENDITURE /
EXPLORER ROOF
REPAIRS

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to purchase copies/printers from Applied Imaging for East Kentwood High School – West Wing, in the amount of \$69,447.38. Pricing was obtained through the MITN contract. Legal Counsel states bond funds may be used for purchase of copiers and printers in a new print management program. Funding will come from the 2016 Bond Issue.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
COPIERS /
PRINTERS – EKHS
WEST WING

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the hiring of Tim Hargis as the principal at Meadowlawn Elementary School beginning with the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Hargis has been with Kentwood since 2005 as an Academic Support Coach for the district. He's represented many elementary building initiatives over the years, most recently working with Glenwood and Meadowlawn in helping them achieve Reward status. He's acted as substitute principal in our elementary buildings and has consulted at a variety of school districts in the area of ELA. He received his Bachelor and Master's Degrees from Grand Valley State University.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
MEADOWLAWN
PRINCIPAL

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to approve the hiring of Mary Campione as the Dean of Elementary Students at Endeavor Elementary School. Ms. Campione has been an employee with KPS since 2004 as a teacher at Bowen Elementary School. She's been in our growing leaders program and has served as a sub administrator, teacher mentor, lead teacher in the Innovative TECH pilot program, summer school lead teacher and lead teacher for ARCH. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana and her Master's Degree of Education, Educational Leadership K-12 School Principal from Western Michigan University.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
DEAN OF ELEM
STUDENTS AT
ENDEAVOR

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to approve the hiring of Zsanara Hoskins as the Dean of Elementary Students at Explorer Elementary School. Ms. Hoskins is a parent in the district and has taught elementary school in Texas and for Grand Rapids Public Schools. She has leadership experience in several non-profit organizations such as ACSET Works, Great Start Collaborative and the State of Michigan Department of Human Services. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Western Michigan University. She brings tremendous knowledge to the position and her experience will be valuable to students of all backgrounds.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
DEAN OF ELEM
STUDENTS AT
EXPLORER

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve contracting with Hamilton Consultants to provide professional development services for secondary teachers and administrators at an amount not to exceed \$57,000. Funding for this purchase will come from Section 31a and Title IIA funds.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
PROF DEV
SERVICES

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the purchase of 110 three-year licenses from Edgenuity at a cost of \$132,000. Funding for this purchase will come from General Funds (\$82,000) and Section 31a Funds (\$50,000). Mr. Hordyk Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
EDGENUITY
LICENSES; EKHS,
CROSSROADS

Motion by Mr. McKenzie, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the hiring of employees for the 2017-18 school year. Mr. Zoerhoff affirmed the interview committees who worked hard to choose the best for Kentwood Public Schools. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
HIRING OF
EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Madden read a thank you note from Ms. Teresa Gatza regarding the recent passing of her brother and read a condolence note from the Northview Public Schools Board of Education regarding the passing of our Board member, Sandy Theisen.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

Mr. Brian McKenzie shared his letter of retirement from the Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education. Mr. McKenzie introduced his wife, Nancy, and spoke about his time on the Board, the support of his family and the wonderful education his daughters received from Kentwood Public Schools. Mrs. Madden spoke on behalf of the Board thanking Brian for his commitment and support.

Mrs. Madden also spoke on behalf of Sandy Theisen and gave an overview of her tenure on the Kentwood Board of Education, her volunteerism and advocacy on behalf of all students especially our English Language Learners.

With the recent passing of Board Secretary Sandy Theisen, nominations were offered for the position of Board Secretary and Board Treasurer.

ORGANIZATION
OF KPS BOARD
OF EDUCATION

1. Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. McKenzie to nominate Mrs. Angie Forton for Secretary. There were no other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mr. McKenzie to nominate Mr. Pete Battey for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Madden congratulated the new officers.

Mrs. Madden explained the procedure for interviewing board candidates. She shared that each board member will ask each candidate questions regarding their interest in serving on the Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education.

DISCUSSION /
INTERVIEWS

1. Danna Wiersma
2. Meochia Nochi Thompson
3. Sylvia A. James
4. James Lewis Jr.
5. Marcela Morales-Morris

Candidates answered all questions. Mrs. Madden thanked each candidate for their interest in serving on the Kentwood Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Forton, to go into closed session at 9:02 PM for the purpose of reviewing applicants and discuss the appointment to a public office in accordance with Policy BCBK and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.f. CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Battey, McKenzie, Madden, Forton, Hovermale
Nays: -

After a brief break, the Board went into closed session at 9:10 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:32 PM. OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. McKenzie, supported by Mr. Battey, to appoint James Lewis to the Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education for the duration of the open seat until the next election in November 2018. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF OPEN SEAT ON KPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie, supported by Mr. Battey, to appoint Sylvia James to the Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education for the duration of the open seat until the next election in November 2018. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF OPEN SEAT ON KPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McKenzie, supported by Mr. Battey, to adjourn. ADJOURNMENT
Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Angie Forton, Secretary