

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION – MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2013, 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, April 22, 2013. The meeting was called to order by President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mimi Madden, President
Steve Dabrowski, Vice President
Sandy Theisen, Secretary
Brian McKenzie, Treasurer
Pete Battey, Trustee
Angie Forton, Trustee
Dave Schultz, Trustee
Scott Palczewski, Superintendent
Steve P. Zakem, Assistant Superintendent
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Assistant Superintendent
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Absent: None

Also Present: Michael Pickard, Evan Hordyk, Adrienne DeMilner, Dan Boy, Randy Smith, Keisha Willison, Voni Williams, Sharon Brinks, Brittney Flowers, Sydney Nelson, Dominic Carattini, Preston Pierson, Beth Thompson, Patrick Ward, JaQuari Moore-Bass, Michael Crenshaw, Charity Miller, Kythaleen Pham, Adrienne DeMilner, Angelo Leon, Julian Cisneros, Le Tran, Savion Vega, Pat Ward, Adam Devine, Alex Hickey, Wifong Curry and Cody Fudge

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Dr. Dabrowski, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2013 Work Session meeting.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion carried.

Mr. Battey abstained due to absence.

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. Sharon Brinks, Kentwood City Commissioner-at-Large, shared that she is running for Kentwood Mayor in the upcoming Primary and General elections.

AUDIENCE
PARTICIPATION

The student representatives presented the following report:

STUDENT
REPORT

- Keisha Willison and Michael Crenshaw reviewed the many activities Crossroads students are involved with as they begin to wind down from the busy school year. They highlighted the meeting with a DVD showing their participation in the Literacy for Life project.
- Sydney Nelson shared student activities taking place at East Kentwood High School including preparing for Relay for Life, a blood drive, and senior week festivities.

The superintendent's report included the following:

- Dr. Palczewski asked Evan Hordyk, Executive Director for Secondary Education, to review the upcoming TEDx conference that will be streamed to Kentwood's Fine Arts Auditorium. Mr. Hordyk shared that the event will take place on May 9 with approximately 500-600 participants (10, 11, 12 grade students with their teachers). It is a learning experience with several educational topics. Dr. Palczewski affirmed Mr. Jock Ambrose and Mr. Kirk Van Overen who attended a TEDx conference previously and felt Kentwood would make a perfect host for this large event.
- Mr. Randy Smith, advisor, introduced Dominic Carattini, student representative for the Robotics Club. Dominic updated the board on the work that has been done this past year through the help of corporate sponsors; GE Aviation, JC Penney and Peppinos. A power point presentation gave an overview of the competitions that the team participated in and how they placed.
- Mrs. Adrienne DeMilner, art instructor, shared how integrating arts with other content areas reinforces literacy. She explained each of the pieces that were brought in for the board's review and how students learned while working on their projects. She then introduced Dan Boy, woodworking instructor, who along with his student volunteers, Savion Vega, Pat Ward, Adam Devine, Alex Hicckey, Wlfong Curry and Cody Fudge, presented the board with a beautiful coffee table made of various wood types and has 74 countries represented with ceramic tile flags that surround the whole table. These students took the school year to volunteer and work on this project which will stay in the lobby of the Kentwood Administration Office.

SUPT'S
REPORT

Board committee reports. There were no reports.

BOARD MEMBER
REPORTS

Motion by Mrs. Theisen, supported by Dr. Dabrowski, to approve the consent grouping items:

1. The attached list of 76 students as the 2013 graduates of Crossroads High School.
2. The attached list of 590 students as the 2013 graduates of East Kentwood High School.
3. The waiver of fees for building use for the Senior All-Night Party.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
GROUPING

Motion by Dr. Dabrowski, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to approve the Monthly Disbursement Summary for March 2013.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
MONTHLY DISB.

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve tenure for the attached list of employees at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Zoerhoff stated that this is a fantastic group of staff members.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
TENURE

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Theisen, to approve the employment contract for superintendent Michael Zoerhoff effective July 1, 2013. Dr. Palczewski stated he has a tremendous amount of pride in this very thorough, transparent process and is confident Kentwood will continue their great direction. Mr. Zoerhoff shared he is humbled and honored to accept this position as he has had a great mentor.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT FOR
SUPT

Discussion took place regarding the Resolution designating a voting delegate and alternate from constituent districts for the Kent Intermediate School District's Biennial School Board Election that will be held on June 3, 2013. The formal Resolution will be presented and approved at the May 13, 2013 board meeting.

BOARD
DISCUSSION

There was no board communication.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to go into closed session at 7:44 PM for the purpose of negotiations (in accordance with Policy BCBK and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.c.), and at the request of the superintendent for the purpose of a periodic evaluation (in accordance with Policy BCBK and PA 267 of 1976, section 8a).

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Theisen, Battey, McKenzie, Dabrowski, Madden, Young, Forton

Nays: -

After a brief break, the Board went into closed session at 7:50 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:16 PM.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. McKenzie, supported by Mrs. Forton, to adjourn.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Sandy Theisen, Secretary