BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, October 12, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Kentwood Public Schools
5820 Eastern Ave SE
Kentwood, MI 49508

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, October 12, 2026. The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present:	Mimi Madden, President Sylvia James, Vice President Allen Young, Secretary Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee Pete Battey, Trustee Marlon Brown, Trustee Kevin Polston, Superintendent Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director Sunil Joy, Executive Director Tim Hargis, Director Joy Lobsiger, Recorder
Absent:	Tanya Powell-May, Treasurer Bre Bartels, Executive Director Jamie Gordon, Executive Director Veronica Lake, Executive Director Tom Lagone, Executive Director

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, to minutes Regular Board Meeting of September 14th, 2026 and the Board of Education Retreat on Monday, September 28th, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion carried.

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 superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Asked to amend the agenda and add Item H. Highlighted celebrations of cultural heritage - Hispanic Heritage Month & Indigenous Person's Day. Valuing all contributions & strengths.

A. Finance Committee Report - Annual Financial Audit - Joel from Maner and Abbie presented. The report will be posted publicly by the Nov 1 deadline.
B. Federal Scholarship Tax Credit - Kevin showed his "Take the Lead, Accept the Credit" presentation and introduced the Michigan Scholarship Fund.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve the employment of the attached list. Ref #1

EMPLOYMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the use of 'Off-Site Virtual Days' on April 14th, 2027 to support the Spring PSAT/SAT testing for students in grades 9-11. Ref #1

OFF-SITE VIRTUAL DAYS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the purchase of furniture from Custer Inc. for the Art Room at Crestwood Middle School in the amount of $33,889.55. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Fund. Ref #1 Ref #2

CUSTER FURNITURE PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the purchase of cabinets and shelving from Wenger Corporation for Crestwood Middle School in the amount of $103,792.83. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Fund. Ref #1

WENGER CABINET & SHELVING PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr.Young, to approve naming the new indoor training facility Falcon Indoor Training (F.I.T.) Community Center. Ref #1

F.I.T. COMMUNITY CENTER

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battery, supported by Ms. James, to approve the disbursement summary for September 2026. Ref #1

DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve a Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Allen Young. Ref #1

RESOLUTION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to go into closed session for the purpose of one student reinstatement (in accordance with Policy 0160 and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.b.) Ref #1 (Closed session at 7:17 PM, Open session at 7:25pm)

STUDENT A REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the reinstatement of Student A.

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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Allen Young, Secretary