



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, December 8th, 2025 – 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, December 8th, 2025. 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
 Tanya Powell-May, Trustee
 Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee
 Marlon Brown, Trustee
 Kevin Polston, Superintendent
 Jamie Gordon, Executive Director
 Tom Lagone, Executive Director
 Sunil Joy, Executive Director
 Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director
 Bre Bartels, Executive Director
 Veronica Lake, Executive Director
 Sydney Hanlon, Recorder

Absent: Pete Battey, Treasurer

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 approve the minutes from the board meeting of November 11th, 2025.

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

Mr. Kramer - representing AMR, recently bid on the filter first program. They underbid on other contractors and was told their bid would not be expected by the district. We have done this work in Hart and Greenville PubliCSchools. We, along with another vendor, worked hard on this bid and putting together this service. We have an impeccable record that we have offered the district to review. We would like to have this addressed as to why we are not awarded this project.

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Technology Department Recognition

Michigan Regional Teacher of the Year - Sarah Kresnack - as well as 1 of 7 teachers that earned National Board Certification!

Future Facilities Planning Presentation

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the administration to develop ballot language for the May 2026 bond proposal for the board to consider in January.

BOND BALLOT
LANGUAGE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve contract agreement with the Kentwood Public Schools Kentwood Education Association (KEA).

KEA CONTRACT
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboda-Arzate, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the updated board of education policies. This is the second reading.

POLICIES 2ND
READING

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to purchase the Trustmark Life with Long Term Care from SETSEG for 240 eligible employees at a cost of \$500 per employee per year. Total annual cost is \$125,000. Funding is from the General Fund.

TRUSTMARK LIFE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the attached financial management policies. This is the first reading.

FINANCIAL
POLICIES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve a contract to Van Dyken Mechanical, Inc. for replacement of the lower heating coil at the Aquatics Center, in an amount not to exceed \$39,165. Funding is from the FY 26 General Fund.

VAN DYKEN
MECHANICAL
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Young, to adopt the resolution to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Finance & Business Operations to represent the district for the 2026 Refunding Bonds.

2026 BOND
REFUNDING

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to appoint the Executive Director of Finance & Business Operations to purchase two lots associated with the district's residential construction program in an amount not to exceed \$115,000 per lot, plus closing and transactional costs. Funding is from the FY 26 General Fund.

RES
CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAM

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to award a contract to River City Mechanical for the Filter First district-wide fixture replacement installation project in an amount not to exceed \$607,850. Funding is from the FY 26 General Fund to be fully reimbursed by the state's Filter First grant funds.

RIVER CITY
MECHANICAL
CONTRACT

Motion carried. Madden abstains.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the purchase of two new 14-passenger Thomas Minotour Multi-Function School Activity Buses from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. at a total cost not to exceed \$195,000. Funding is from the FY 26 General Fund.

PASSANGER VAN
PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to adopt the attached resolution authorizing the collection of summer taxes.

SUMMER TAXES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the disbursement summary for November 2025.

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboda-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, to go into closed session for the purpose of three student reinstatements (in accordance with Policy 0160 and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.b.)

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried.

Open Session at 8:14pm

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the reinstatement of Student A.

STUDENT A

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, seconded by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the reinstatement of Student B.

STUDENT B

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. James, to approve the reinstatement of Student C.

STUDENT C

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Allen Young, Secretary