



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, June 22nd, 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, June 22nd, 2026. The regular meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Sylvia James at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Mimi Madden, President

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of June 8th, 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

I want to begin by congratulating our boys track team on winning the State Championship, an incredible accomplishment that reflects their hard work, dedication, and outstanding coaching. I also want to recognize our Communications Department for earning nine national awards from the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA)—a remarkable achievement—and extend congratulations to Tim and Kyra for their exceptional work. Finally, we recognize the significance of Juneteenth as an opportunity to reflect on our nation's history and reaffirm our commitment to fostering an inclusive and welcoming school community. These accomplishments and recognitions are a testament to the excellence and values that continue to define our district.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Battey, to ratify the sale of the 2026 School Building and Site Bonds (\$72,110,000 principal), authorized on May 11, 2026.

SCHOOL BUILDING
AND SITE BONDS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the Amendment to the Management Agreement with Southside Ice Arena, LLC (SSIA) to continue the operation and management of the Kentwood Ice Arena from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

SOUTHSIDE
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the attached board policies. This is the first reading.

POLICY FIRST
READING

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve superintendent evaluation as "effective".

SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve tenure for the attached list of employees at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year. TENURE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Battey, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

Allen Young, Secretary