



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, June 8th, 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 8th, 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
 Tanya Powell-May, Treasurer
 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: Pete Battey, Trustee

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of May 11th, 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

The Superintendent shared several upcoming celebrations and updates with the Board. He highlighted the Grow Your Own Recognition program and noted the opportunity to celebrate staff members who have successfully completed the program. He also informed the Board that the Boys Track and Field Team will be recognized at the next Board meeting for earning the State Championship title.

The Superintendent expressed appreciation for the Kentwood Public Schools Educational Foundation (KPSEF) and specifically recognized Cara Jones for her outstanding leadership and hard work in organizing foundation events throughout the year. He noted that KPSEF is currently hosting the Falcon Classic and thanked Cara and the many volunteers and supporters who contributed to the success of these efforts on behalf of Kentwood students and schools.

The Superintendent also provided an update from the Finance Committee, sharing information regarding ongoing financial planning and district oversight activities.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve a (3) three year agreement with the Kentwood Public Schools Kentwood Education Association (KEA)

KEA AGREEMENT

Motion carried. Brown abstains.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to represent the District, as necessary, in all future dealings including the closing and transfer of the property located on Lot 1 of Wildflower Estates.

RES CON HOME

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the purchase of furniture from Custer Inc. for the cafeteria and science rooms at Crestwood Middle School in the amount of \$141,059.90. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Fund.

CRESTWOOD
FURNITURE

Motion carried. Battey abstains.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, to continue with Trane for the rental of the temporary 120-ton chiller system at the Kentwood Ice Arena for the 2026–2027 school year, not to exceed \$105,950. Funding is from the General Fund.

ICE ARENA
CHILLER
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to authorize the executive director of finance and business operations and/or district central office executive team to employ the following professional services and/or contract agreements for the 2026-2027 school year.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve the consent grouping items as stated above

CONSENT
GROUPING ITEMS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, to transfer the following school district funds: General Fund (01), Child Nutrition Services Funds (05), Debt Funds (03), Capital Projects Funds (04), Bond Fund (42) and Student Activities (07) and that the Board treasurer and/or executive director of finance and business operations be authorized signers for the following school district accounts: Disbursement Account and Payroll Account.

TRANSFER OF
BUDGETS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the disbursement summary for May 2026

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the millage levy for 2026-2027 as follows: General Fund Operating – Non-Homestead 18.00 mills, Debt Retirement 4.5 mills, Sinking Fund 1.5275 mills.

MILLAGE LEVY

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Allen Young, Secretary