



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, August 10th, 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, August 10th, 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
Tom Lagone, Executive Director
Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director
Bre Bartels, Executive Director
Veronica Lake, Executive Director
Sunil Joy, Executive Director
Joy Lobsiger, Recorder

Absent: Pete Battey, Trustee

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of July 13th, 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 positive updates as the district prepares for the new school year. The district received additional support for literacy curriculum and KIDS program. Approximately 40 teachers began Capturing Kids' Hearts training this week. New teachers were welcomed with a breakfast at the Administration Building, and plans are underway for the district's Welcome Back event on August 18. Student enrollment is trending upward, thanks to the hard work of Veronica and her team. Construction at Glenwood, EKHS, and Crestwood is nearing completion, and there is a great deal of energy and excitement throughout the district as the new school year begins.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Young, to approve a (3) three year agreement with employee group 4234.

4234 CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve the agreement with Edvision Technologies for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years at a total cost of \$175,000.00. Funding is from the General Fund.

EDVISION
TECHNOLOGIES
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the employment of the attached list.

NEW HIRES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the 2026–2027 Alternate Agreement between Kentwood Public Schools (KPS) and Gerald Dawkins Academy (GDA).

KPS/GDA
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to authorize the purchase to restore the chiller at East Kentwood High School in the amount of \$123,984.00. Funding is from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

RESTORE EKHS
CHILLER

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to authorize the replacement of the boiler system at the Facilities & Operations Building in the amount of \$169,270.00. Funding is from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

F&O BOILER
SYSTEM

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the following student handbook changes as they pertain to the Kentwood Public Schools Cell Phone and Personal Wireless Device Policy Guidance. This is the second reading.

POLICIES SECOND
READING

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the purchase of STEM Carts across all K–8 ARCH Program sites, totaling \$42,089.45. Funding is from the 21st CCLC STEM grant.

ARCH STEM
CARTS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to purchase additional K-12 instructional materials from Attainment Company, Inc. in an amount up to \$70,000 for additional classrooms. Funding is from the General Fund.

K-12
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the disbursement summaries for July 2026.

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Allen Young, Secretary

