



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, September 14th, 2026 – 9:00 AM
Kentwood Public Schools
5820 Eastern Ave SE
Kentwood, MI 49508

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14th, 2026. The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Mimi Madden at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mimi Madden, President
Allen Young, Secretary
Tanya Powell-May, Treasurer
Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee
Pete Battey, 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: Sylvia James, Vice President
Jamie Gordon, Executive Director
Tim Hargis, Director

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 minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 10th, 2026 and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of August 25th, 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 provided several updates, beginning with a brief update regarding a ResCon van accident that occurred that morning and reflecting on the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and the way the country came together during that time. He reminded the Board about the upcoming September 28 Board Retreat and shared highlights from his recent trip to Sweden, where he visited schools and had the opportunity to learn from educational practices in other settings. He emphasized the shared commitment among educators to work together to positively impact students' lives. Kevin also reflected on the excitement of the school year, noting that the beauty and energy of the district were on full display at Friday's football game.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve contracted services with Los Angeles Institute for Restorative Practices (LAIRP) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Ref #1

LOS ANGELES
INSTITUTE
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve recommendation to remit \$40 million in state pass-through funds to TFA - Detroit for Teach Michigan. Ref #1

TFA - DETROIT
TEACH MICHIGAN

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve recommendation to recognize the sale of the Residential Construction house located at 2895 Wildflower Ln, Kentwood, MI at a contract price of \$536,900. Ref #1

RESIDENTIAL
CONSTRUCTION
SALE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve Recommendation to appoint _Mimi_____ as delegate and ___Sylvia_ as alternate to vote on behalf of the Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education at the MASB Delegate Assembly on October 23rd, 2026. October 15 is the correct date.

MASB DELEGATES

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the employment of the attached list. Ref #1

EMPLOYMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the disbursement summary for August 2026. Ref #1, Ref #2

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to go into closed session for the purpose of 5 student reinstatements. (Closed session at 9:39 AM, Open session at 7:23pm)

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried.

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

STUDENT A
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve the reinstatement of Student B.

STUDENT B
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Allen Young, Secretary