

KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
5820 Eastern Avenue, S.E.
Kentwood, MI 49508

BOARD OF EDUCATION (DRAFT) MINUTES
MONDAY, December 12th, 2022 – 6:30 PM
Administration Building

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, December 12th, 2022.
The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present Mimi Madden, President
 Allen Young, Vice President
 Pete Battey, Treasurer
 Angela Hovermale, Secretary
 James Lewis, Jr., Trustee
 Sylvia James, Trustee
 Tanya Powell-May, Trustee
 Kevin Polston, Superintendent
 Todd Bell, Executive Director
 Jason Lawson, Executive Director
 Veronica Lake, Executive Director
 Sydney Hanlon, Recorder

Absent: James Lewis, Jr., Trustee

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

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Oath of Office for Mrs. Tanya Powell-May.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2022.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Ms. 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:

Child Nutrition Wellness Committee update. We recently hired a district dietician to help us construct and develop our menus. School Safety Update- audit on all our practices and a list of recommendations to update and incorporate into our practices. New practice will be that the front doors are locked, with a video and buzzer system. They will be able to come in the first set of doors, and then to get into the vestibule to access the office / building. ID scanning security device, scan your ID for a quick sexual predator check, and then they will wear that badge - same across the district so that students and staff know what to look for. Doors will remain locked for classrooms, with foam door stops. Staff safe workplace, family perception of safety, liability providers. Recognition of James Lewis, Board of Education trustee.

SUPT'S
REPORT

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. James, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to approve a contract in the amount of \$478,624.00 to Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. for the purchase of four (4) conventional 77-passenger school buses. Funding for the buses will come from the 2021 Bond Fund.

HOEKSTRA
TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACT- NEW
BUSSES

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to award a contract to Hoekstra Transportation in the amount of \$78,442 to purchase EV charging stations. Funding is from the 2021 Bond issue. There is an expected rebate of \$15,000 from Consumers energy.

EV
CHARGING
STATIONS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hovermale, supported by Ms. James, to award a contract to Fritz Wahlfield Construction in the amount of \$12,746,019.09 to construct the new Early Childhood Center. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Issue. (Ms. Madden abstained).

FRITZ WAHLFIELD
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to approve the first reading of updated board policies.

BOARD POLICIES

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to approve a contract with Getting Smart, a nationally recognized innovation and equity solutions design firm to assist in the

GETTING SMART
CONTRACT

structural redesign of Crossroads Alternative High School. Consulting project fee: \$26,000.

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to approve the disbursement summary for November 2022.

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to go into closed session for the purpose of Superintendent evaluation. Roll call vote at 6:37pm.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried

Open session at 7:13pm. Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve Superintendent evaluation rating of highly effective.

SUPERINTENDENT
EVALUATION

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Angela Hovermale, Secretary