



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, March 9th, 2026 – 6:30 PM  
Kentwood Public Schools  
5820 Eastern Ave SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508

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The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, March 9th, 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  
                         Pete Battey, Treasurer  
                         Tanya Powell-May, 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:            None.

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 February 9th, 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**

MSPRA Award - Redistricting committee! 2025 MSPRA Gold Medallion award. Redistricting project.

Wrestling State Champion! First EKHS wrestling champion since 2010. So proud of you, Tyler!

March is Reading Month!

International Women's Day yesterday, International Women's Month! Thank you to our board members and leaders in our district!

In 2 weeks we have our board retreat where we will bring the HMH to the board.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Brown, to purchase materials and training to implement the Project Lead the Way Robotics & Automation Gateway course for Crestwood and Pinewood Middle Schools in the amount of \$128,448. Funding is from the FY26 General Fund.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to submit payment to Grand Classroom in the amount of \$73,560.00 for the EKHS We the People team to compete in the national competition in Washington D.C. on April 16th through the 20th. This expenditure will be covered using Secondary Instruction, Business Office, and EKHS building fund accounts.

GRAND CLASSROOM - WE THE PEOPLE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the purchase of 1300 Chromebooks along with associated Google licenses, configuration, and cases, at a total cost not to exceed \$455,000.00. Funding for this project will come from General Funds and Sinking Funds.

CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzarte, to approve the purchase of an HP server from Sentinel Technologies at a cost not to exceed \$92,000. Funding for this project will come from 2021 Bond Funds.

HP SERVER PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Allen, to approve the disbursement summary for February 2026.

DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the employment of the attached list.

NEW HIRE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to go into closed session for the purpose of 3 student reinstatements.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the reinstatement of Student A.

STUDENT A  
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

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

STUDENT B  
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

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

STUDENT C  
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(1)(a), to consider the discipline of a public employee.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to consider the nonrenewal of the administrative contract of a staff member due to less than effective performance.

CONTRACT  
CONSIDERATION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

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Allen Young, Secretary