



# BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, April 20th, 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, April 20th, 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 March 13th, 2026 and the board retreat from March 23rd, 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

Amy Brock - Kentwood resident, background in education. Advocating for representation in books and literature in our libraries. Shared how representation in books and literature impacts students and families in a positive way.

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

First robotics - state competition! Thank you to the coaches and parents that take the time for these students and this program.

Last night - EKHS We the People team finished 9th in the NATION! This is the first time in 30 years that we have finished in the top 10! Our team practiced and trained for months - volunteers and parents helped make this happen. The dedication from the district to help support financially helped make this possible. Special thanks to Justin Robbins - he works hard to get mentors and volunteers to help get students prepared for state and national finals.

May 5th is election day! As of last Tuesday we had over 2600 absentee ballots returned. Our CO team has gone around to each staff meeting across the district to share more information to staff. Thank you to our community for their engagement!

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to approve resolution regarding recommendation for nonrenewal of administrator contract.

CONTRACT  
NONRENEWAL

Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Battey, to award a pre-negotiated bid contract in the amount of \$550,290.24 to replace carpet through Bentley Mills and installed by DeGraaf Interiors. Funding is from the Sinking Fund.

CARPET  
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to replace the JCI/Tempmaster Split System Air Conditioner and Condenser Coil at Pinewood Middle School in the amount of \$154,500. Funding is from the Sinking Fund.

SPLIT SYSTEM  
REPLACEMENT AT  
PW

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the purchase of GeoComm's Safety Mapping Software including a three-year software contract agreement not to exceed the amount of \$94,038.00. Funding is from the FY 26 General Fund.

GEOCOMM  
SAFETY MAPPING  
SOFTWARE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Brown, to replace the boilers at the East Kentwood High School Freshman Campus with two (2) Intellihot On-Demand Boilers in the amount of \$129,265.00. Funding is from the Sinking Fund.

BOILER  
REPLACEMENT  
EKFC

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboda-Arzate, to replace the boilers at Discovery Elementary with two (2) Fulton Endura EXE-1500 Boilers in the amount of \$282,805.00. Funding is from the Sinking Fund.

BOILER  
REPLACEMENT DV

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to award a contract to Arrow Roofing & Supply to replace the roof in the amount of \$520,861.00 at Bowen Elementary School. Funding is from the Sinking Fund.

ARROW ROOFING  
& SUPPLY

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the disbursement summary for March 2026.

DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

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

NEW HIRE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Battey, 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. (closed session at 6:53pm)

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the reinstatement of Student A. STUDENT A  
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried. (open session at 7:10am)

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

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Allen Young, Secretary