

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION (DRAFT) MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, August 14th, 2023 – 6:30 PM**  
**Administration Building**

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, August 14th, 2023. 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  
Sylvia James, Trustee  
Tanya Powell-May, Trustee  
Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee  
Kevin Polston, Superintendent  
Jamie Gordon, Executive Director  
Todd Bell, Executive Director  
Sunil Joy, Executive Director  
Veronica Lake, Executive Director  
Bre Bartels, Executive Director  
Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director  
Sydney Hanlon, Recorder

Absent:

None.

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

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the minutes from the board of education meeting on July 17th, 2023.

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

Bob Pickard - Veterans in our schools. Shared about having armed guards in our schools and is willing to talk further regarding this. He feels that if Kentwood takes this on then other schools across the state will follow.

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

New Hire Orientation last week! Welcome back professional development tomorrow morning with keynote speaker Jason Russell. Our Esports team rated 18 in the nation - tremendous honor for our students! Improvements in our facilities is a point of pride - thanks to the community we are ready to open up our culinary space in EKHS, Bowen and Endeavor! Jason Bannister is being appointed as the Explorer Elementary school principal.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to approve parents to serve on the KISD Parent Advisors for Special Education (PASE).

PACE  
Recommendation

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve Dwight Quinn as Principal of Challenger Elementary School.

CHALLENGER  
PRINCIPAL

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hovermale, supported by Ms. James, to approve Melissa Manning as the Assistant Principal of East Kentwood High School.

EKHS ASSISTANT  
PRINCIPAL

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey supported by Mr. Young, to enter a 2 year management agreement with Southside Ice Arena LLC to manage the Kentwood Ice Arena.

MANAGEMENT  
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada -Arzate, supported by Mr. Battey, to purchase furniture for Hamilton Early Childhood Center from Custer Inc. in the amount of \$36,669.31. Funding is from 2021 Bond funds. (Battey Abstains)

HAMILTON  
FURNITURE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to purchase staff furniture for East Kentwood High School from Custer Inc. in the amount of \$44,053.44. Funding is from 2021 Bond Fund. (Battey abstains)

EKHS STAFF  
FURNITURE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to enter into a purchase agreement in the amount of \$57,799.45 with Rohr Gasoline Equipment Inc. Funding is from FY24 General Fund. ROHR GASOLINE AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to purchase 29 storage carts for new and existing elementary classrooms from Custer Furniture in the amount of \$38,871.98. Funding is from 2021 Bond Fund. STORAGE CARTS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hovermale, supported by Ms. James, to approve the purchase of 150 iPads for Elementary STEM classes from Apple at a cost of \$64,725. Funding is from ESSER Funds ELEMENTARY STEM IPADS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to fund Crossroads Alternative High School's partnership with GRCC Workforce Friday Mosley School of Cosmetology at a minimum cost of \$26,750 and up to \$38,500 based on students enrolled for the 23-24 school year. Funding from the FY 24 General Fund-Kent ISD Regional Assistance Grant GRCC WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP - MOSLEY SCHOOL

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to fund Crossroads Alternative High School's partnership with GRCC for Workforce Friday GRCC M-Tech Construction, Automotive and Welding Programs at a minimum cost of \$52,000 and up to \$78,000. Funding from the FY 24 General Fund-Kent ISD Regional Assistance Grant. GRCC WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP - M-TECH CONSTRUCTION

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, to approve the purchase and implementation of a new security video monitoring system for the District bus fleet from Moss at a cost of \$393,351. Funding is from Section 97, School Safety funds. BUS FLEET VIDEO MONITORS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to count 10 hours of professional development for staff as instructional time for students. PD APPROVAL

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the 2nd reading of board policies. BOARD POLICIES  
2ND READING

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the employment of the attached list. NEW HIRE  
APPROVAL

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the disbursement summary for June 2023 and July 2023. DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

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Angela Hovermale, Secretary