



BOARD OF EDUCATION (DRAFT) MINUTES

Monday, October 9th, 2023 – 6:30 PM
KPS Administration Building
5820 Eastern Avenue, S.E.
Kentwood, MI 49508

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, October 9th, 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. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the minutes from the board of education meeting on September 9th, 2023 and the board of education retreat on September 25th, 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



The superintendent's report included the following:

Matt Vriesman, National History Teacher of the Year Recognition. Andy Tevlin - appointment to MTSS Supervisor. Clean audit report. School Resource Officer update - hire two quality candidates that complement each other. We will bring the revised contract to the board. Hispanic Heritage month. Indigenous peoples day. Student count - we are at where we expect to be.

SUPT'S REPORT

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve Ashley Mullins as Special Education Supervisor.

SPEC
ED SUPERVISOR

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to adopt a two-year contract with Gallup for the purchase of the Q12 Employee Engagement Survey. Funding is from the general fund.

GALLUP
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to represent the District, as necessary, in all future dealings on the purchase and closing of the former Walgreen's office building at 1122 44th Street. Maximum purchase amount of \$850,000. Funds are from the 2015 Building and Site Fund.

WALGREENS
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hovermale, supported by Ms. James, to approve the representation of the District, as necessary, in all future dealings including the closing and transfer of 2 parcels located on 2895/2899 WildFlower Lane SE, Kentwood, MI. The listing price is \$78,5000 per lot for a total of \$157,000. Funds are from the FY24 General Fund

REPRESENTATION
OF DISTRICT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to award a contract to Securalarm to install additional card access readers on exterior doors adjacent to Elementary building playgrounds. Total cost is \$111,875. Funding is from FY24 General Fund - Safety and Security grant.

SECURALARM
CONTRACT

Motion carried.



Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the purchase of 30 gaming rated computers and monitors to be used in eSports classes at EKHS and by the eSports team from Bytespeed at a cost of \$81,900. Funding is from General Funds.

ESPORTS
COMPUTERS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to approve the use of a 'Off-Site Virtual Day' on October 17, 2023 and April 10th-11th, 2024 to support PSAT/NMSQT & SAT testing for students in grades 9-11. Additional staff will be needed to administer and monitor the 10th and 11th graders during these testing days.

VIRTUAL DAY
APPROVAL

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Hovermale, to remit payment to Teach for America (TFA) - Detroit for \$5 million in accordance with the state of Michigan FY 24 School Aid Fund budget appropriation. Funding is from the FY 24 General Fund.

TEACH FOR
AMERICA

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the use of a 'Off-Site Virtual Day' on October 17, 2023 and April 10th-11th, 2024 to support PSAT/NMSQT & SAT testing for students in grades 9-11. Additional staff will be needed to administer and monitor the 10th and 11th graders during these testing days.

NEW HIRE LIST

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the disbursement summary for September 2023

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Discussion Items: There are several districts in the area that are leaving the OK red. That may have indirect consequences to EKHS. We are hoping it does not disrupt our school. We will follow up with more information as we have it. The selection process has caused unrest for other districts - we have been immune to this.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to adjourn the meeting.



Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Angela Hovermale, Secretary