



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, June 9th, 2025 – 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, June 9th, 2025. 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  
                      Marlon Brown, Trustee  
                      Kevin Polston, Superintendent  
                      Jamie Gordon, Executive Director  
                      Tom Lagone, Executive Director  
                      Sunil Joy, Executive Director  
                      Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director  
                      Bre Bartels, Executive Director  
                      Veronica Lake, Executive Director  
                      Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director  
                      Sydney Hanlon, Recorder

Absent:            Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee

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

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of May 12th, 2025.

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

Tyler Betterly - Special Education Supervisor

William McSween - Director of Facilities and Operations

Finance Committee Report Out- we are excited and proud for a balanced budget . There is some uncertainty with the state and federal budget.

CNS - breakfast trailblazer award! Will be recognized in Las Vegas later in October.

Communications Department - NSPRA recognition - we will send a link to the packet that was submitted. They will be recognized in DC this summer

Reece Emmeott - state champ! We will recognize him at the next board meeting.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the millage levy for 2025-2026 as follows: General Fund Operating – Non-Homestead 18.00 mills, Debt Retirement 4.0 mills, Sinking Fund 1.5365 mills.

MILLAGE LEVY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve a contract to Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. in the amount of \$4,548,209 for the cafeteria addition and gymnasium renovation at Glenwood Elementary School. Funding for this project is provided by the 2021 Bond Issue.

GLENWOOD GYM  
RENOVATION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the First Amendment to the Management Agreement with Southside Ice Arena, LLC (SSIA) to continue operation and management of the Kentwood Ice Arena from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

SOUTHSIDE ICE  
ARENA  
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the attached resolution authorizing Kentwood Public Schools' continued membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) and updating the District's appointed Trustees.

WMHIP  
RESOLUTION

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve the purchase of a web filtering and device management system with 3 years of ongoing updates and support from Blocksi in the amount of \$109,696.36. Funding for this project is provided by the General Fund.

WEB FILTERING  
MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to authorize the Executive Director of Finance and Business Operations to represent the District, as necessary, in all future dealings, including the closing and transfer of the property located on Lot 2 of Wildflower Estates.

WILDFLOWER  
PROPERTY

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Young, to include the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a graduation requirement in accordance with the stipulations outlined by the MDE Universal FAFSA Challenge grant.

FAFSA  
GRADUATION  
REQUIREMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the consent grouping items as stated above.

CONSENT  
GROUPING ITEMS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Brown, to transfer the following school district funds: General Fund (01), Child Nutrition Services Funds (05), Debt Funds (03), Capital Projects Funds (04), Bond Fund (42) and Student Activities (07) and that the Board treasurer and/or executive director of finance and business operations be authorized signers for the following school district accounts: Disbursement Account and Payroll Account.

AUTHORIZED  
SIGNERS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve tenure for the attached list of employees at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

TENURE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the resolution in support of the renewal of the Kent Intermediate School District Regional Enhancement Millage being placed on the November, 2025 ballot.

KISD MILLAGE

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the disbursement summary for May 2025.

DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

#### Board Discussion Items

The board received a book from the EKFC student authors. Unreasonable Hospitality - leadership team summer book read. The KPS Education Foundation requested to have a board of education member on the foundation board - Pete Battey and Sylvia James will represent.

DISCUSSION  
ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

*Allen Young*

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Allen Young, Secretary