



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, March 10th, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Kentwood Public Schools
5820 Eastern Ave SE
Kentwood, MI 49508

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, March 10th, 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
 Kim Taboada-Arzate, 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: None.

Ms. 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 meeting of February 10th, 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

Jan Guilisee - 1085 51st street by VW. Regarding biblical versus around children being perfectly made. Ms. Guilisee shared that the bible states a warning about confusing children. She hopes that KPS sees each child. She left 2 children's books titled "He is He" and "She is She" for the board to review.

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dean of Hamilton Elementary - Sierra Cox-Parada as Dean of Hamilton!

Presented on AI in the K12 system - notes will be shared out!

KIASB dinner next week

International Women's day - last weekend. Maya Angelou - "We delight in the beauty of the butterfly..."

Girls basketball team - regional basketball game tonight

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Brown, to purchase Phase 2 of the furniture for Hamilton Elementary and Townline ECC from Custer Furniture for \$228,946.59, Interphase Interiors for \$75,836.10, VS America for \$74,000, Lakeshore Learning for \$55,974.85 and Smart Business Source in the amount of \$ 55,256.00. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Issue.

FURNITURE
PURCHASE

Motion carried. Battey abstains.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to purchase four (4) Combi Ovens for a total of \$174,717.99 through HPS to EKFC, EKHS, Valleywood, and Discovery as equipment upgrades. This project will be funded through the 2024/25 CNS excess funds balance.

OVEN PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to purchase the collection of library books for the library at Hamilton Elementary School opening in August of 2025 for \$106,830.44 Funding is from the FY 25 General Fund.

HAMILTON
LIBRARY BOOKS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve the disbursement summary for February 2025.

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

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

NEW HIRES

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the ESTA board policy as presented.

BOARD POLICIES -
FIRST READING

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to go into closed session for the purpose of 4 student reinstatements (in accordance with Policy 0160 and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.b.) (at 7:02PM)

CLOSED SESSION

Motion carried.

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

STUDENT A
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the reinstatement of Student B.

STUDENT B
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

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

STUDENT C
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, to deny the reinstatement of Student D.

STUDENT D
REINSTATEMENT

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Allen Young, Secretary