



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, April 21st, 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, April 21st, 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. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of March 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

Christina Sloss - Is an EKHS graduation and a KPS parent - shared their intentionality of sending their children to Kentwood Public Schools. Wanted the board and admin to know "You are doing a great job and we want to make sure you hear that!"

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Student Recognition - Fidele Byiringiro - Student Diver!

Le Tran & Matthew Vriesman - student exhibit announcement and invitation

Invitation to event being held at GR Museum - May 7th from 6-8:30pm. Student work, culture and history, our student diversity will be on full display!

We will follow up with more info for both 7th and 9th of May regarding this event

Vriesman and Tran have both received honors and recognition for their craft

Addition of a Special Meeting on May 12th, 2025 - will take place at 6:15pm. Will have to designate a board member to cast the vote, with a 2nd delegate.

GRA250 - committee to celebrate Americas birthday as well as GRs birthday - we are represented on one of those committees. They wanted 2 students to serve as MCs and those students will be KPS students! We will have a press release and point of pride regarding this.

Last week the west michigan teacher collaborative celebrated 4 candidates that finished this program!

Social media threat that school community received today - kudos to our team who worked closed with kent county sheriff's office and other departments to resolve this issue.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to purchase new computers for school cafeteria in the amount of \$63,659.08 through CDW-G & Sehi Computer Products, Inc. Funding is from the 2024/25 CNS excess funds balance. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Issue.

COMPUTER  
PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Brown, to enter into a three-year agreement with Corewell Health to provide athletic training services for Kentwood student-athletes. Funding is from the FY 26 General Fund.

COREWELL  
ATHLETIC  
TRAINING  
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of series III of the 2021 bond issue. This resolution authorizes the series III sale, not to exceed \$30 million, to fund projects already approved in the 2021 bond.

SALE OF BONDS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to purchase new carpet for Pinewood Middle School, to be bought through Bentley Mills and installed by Johnson Carpets for the total amount of \$285,085.69. Funding is from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

PINEWOOD  
CARPET

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Young, to purchase classroom furniture for Pinewood Middle School in the amount of \$225,374.30 from Custer Furniture. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Issue.

PINEWOOD  
CLASSROOM  
FURNITURE

Motion carried. Battery abstains.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the disbursement summary for March 2025.

DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to approve the ESTA board policy as presented. This is the second reading.

ESTA POLICIES

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the The Title IX policies as presented. This is the first reading.

BOARD POLICIES -  
FIRST READING

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Battey, to vote for Andrea Haidle, who is running unopposed for a three year term (2025-2028), to the KIASB Board of Directors.

KIASB BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Toboada-Arzate, supported by Mr. Battey, to go into closed session for the purpose of strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either party requests a closed hearing in accordance with Policy 0160, and PA 267 of 1976, section 0167.2 8(c).

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

Open session at 8:18pm

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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Allen Young, Secretary