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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Commitee of the Whole Meeting Preliminary Minutes
Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine and Organizational Business

CALL TO ORDER

A. President LaBotz called the Committee of the Whole Workshop of the Kenowa Hills Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School at 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49544.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

C. Members Present: Courtade, Hart, LaBotz, Munn, Roberts, and Turner are present. Superintendent Horner and Director Long are present. Member Robinson is absent.

APPROVE AGENDA

D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Roberts to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 6-0.**

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade.	Y			LaBotz	Y			Munn	Y			Roberts	Y			Turner	Y		
Hart	Y															Robinson			

II. Recognition and Correspondence

RECOGNITION

A. Recognition; Trustee Donald Munn was legally sworn in and accepted the oath of office on September 4. The ceremonial swearing in was performed.

B. Correspondence: Dr. Horner shared two pieces of good news:
-from Consumers Energy: "After a thorough review during the Pre-Qualification Phase of the Consumers Energy RCx (Retro-Commissioning) program, our engineering team found limited opportunities for additional energy savings at Kenowa Hills High School & Kenowa Hills Middle School.
This is largely due to your team's excellent maintenance practices, comprehensive equipment scheduling with properly programmed occupied and unoccupied hours, and annual updates to seasonal schedules. Great work maintaining efficient equipment operations while ensuring occupant comfort!
If you identify any new optimization opportunities, we would be happy to assess them and evaluate potential energy savings and incentives. "

- Zinser Elementary was recognized by Lisa Hungerford of Talent First for a 3.8% increase in 3rd grade ELA scores

BOE COMMUNICATION

C. Board District Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

III. Discussion/Information Items

FINANCE

A. Finance - Director Long provided the finance items below for Board review.

1. August 2026 Check Register
2. Investment Income
3. Condensed Fund Statement- this report will be provided after the audit

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

B. Superintendent Report

1. Bond Construction Update- Dr. Horner shared news from Baker Tilly that construction projects are mostly on track.
2. Enrollment Update- Dr. Horner reported that our pupil count is on track with the projections.

C. Pathway Students' Eligibility for Sports; It was requested that the Board be provided with an explanation of how the determination was made that Pathways students are or are not not eligible for participation in sports, and if this decision needs to be considered again and if so, by whom, and on what schedule.

IV. Public Comment: **11 people** addressed the Board.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. There will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Audience members who wish to make comments are invited to complete the appropriate form located at the entrance. Each speaker has a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board. Inquiries requiring a response will be referred to the superintendent in the cases where contact information is provided. We ask all individuals making public comments to follow our board policy.

V. Action Items

CONSENT AGENDA

A.

Motion by Member Turner supported by Member Hart to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carries 6-0**

1. August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. August 31, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes
3. August 2026 Check Register: General Fund expenditures of $1,492,013.65 using checks 87687 through 87845; School Lunch Fund expenditures in the amount of $13,292.20 using checks 12637 through and including 12643; 2024 Athletic Bond Series expenditures in the amount of $2,087,929.45 using checks #125 through and including 132; Series III of the 2020 Site & Building Bond expenditures of $452,583.58 using checks #25 through 29; and Student Activity Funds in the amount of $34,623.63 with checks 97685 through and including 97695. Total expenditures were $4,081,576.81.

4. Certified Staff Personnel Report

New Hires

Kelly Sullivan - Director of Human Resources

BA from Northern Illinois University in Human Resources Management

Alexis Nason - Pathways Success Coach

BA from GVSU

John Pryde - HS ASD Teacher

BA from Alma College, MA from Eastern MI; ASD & ZG Certs

Retirements

Joe Acker- High School Health and PE Teacher

Resignations

Kimberly Andres - Director of Human Resources

VI. Future Items for Consideration

FUTURE MEETINGS

A. Future Meetings

1. 09/17/2026 6:00 pm School Board Finance Bootcamp @, Kent ISD
2. 09/28/2026 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @Zinser Elementary School
3. 10/12/2026 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building
4. 10/26/2026 6:00 pm Regular Meeting @ Kenowa Hills Middle School
5. 11/09/2026 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop @ Administration Building

GO AROUND

B. Go Around

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Courtade, Secretary