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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Kenowa Hills Middle School
3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI.

I. Routine Business

CALL TO ORDER

A. A Special Meeting of the Board of Education is called to order at 6:01 pm at the Kenowa Hills Middle School, 3950 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids, MI.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ROLL CALL

C. Members Present: Courtade, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, and Turner; Superintendent Horner is also present. Member Robinson is absent.

APPROVE AGENDA

D. Motion by Courtade supported by Turner to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 4-0**

II. Public Comment - 3 attendee(s) provided comments.

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.

III. Discussion of Process to fill the Vacant Trustee Seat

IV. Convene to Closed session

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

A.

Motion by Hart supported by Courtade to convene in closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h) to consider material exempt from open discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, and under MCL 15.243(l) (g) information or records subject to attorney-client privelege are confidential and exempt from public disclosure. Accordingly, I move that the Board convene in closed session to review a written legal opinion of counsel Clark Hill PLC, which written legal opinion is exempt from disclosure as privileged and confidential documents pursuant to be attorney-client privelege. **Motion carries 5-0**

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

Meeting convened to closed session at 6:24 pm.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened to open session at 9:38 pm.

Treasurer Hart made a statement about two pieces of misinformation stated during public comment at the 8/10/26 Committee of the Whole Workshop. First, the hockey program was not "shut down' by the Board. The Board was supportive of the attempts of our hockey coaches and the AD to enter into a Co-op with another district, and it was that other district that refused to approve the Co-op. And second, the Board had looked into the possibility of livestreaming Board Meetings. However, due to the fact that the Board desires to conduct meetings in each school building through the school year, the costs involved were high enough that it hasn't been feasible. However, the Board can look into the options again at any time.

VI. Future Items for Consideration

A. Future Meetings

1 08/24/26 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - location to be determined
2 09/14/26 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop

VII A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

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Melissa Courtade, Secretary