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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee of the Whole Work Session Minutes
6:15 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2026
Kenowa Hills Administration Building
2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544

I. Routine Business

CALL TO ORDER

A. A committee of the whole meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:38 pm at the Kenowa Hills Administration Building, 2325 Four Mile Road NW, Grand Rapids, MI.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ROLL CALL

C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson and Turner are present. Superintendent Hopkins and Directors Dinkelmann, Horner, and Long are also present.

APPROVE AGENDA

D. Motion by Hart supported by Turner to approve the agenda. **Motion carries 7-0.**

II. Recognition/Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Recognition: Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with apprecation the individuals and organizations noted in the board packet who have made donations to the District.

B. Correspondence - None

BOE COMMUNICATION

C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

III. Discussion/Information Item

FINANCE

A. Finance - Director Long provided an overview of the below items. The May 2026 check register is an action item in the consent agenda. The bond interest income is an information only item. The remaining items will be brought as action items at the June Regular Board Meeting.

1. May 2026 Check Register
2. Bond Interest Income
3. FY2027 Original Budget Resolution
4. Wrestling Mat Purchase
5. FY26 E-Rate Wireless Network Replacement Project
6. Use of Facilities Guideline and Pricing Revisions
7. Resolution Calling for Election- Operating Milage Renewal

IV. Public Comment - **no** attendees provided comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 Hart supported by Gustinis to approve the Consent Agenda. Discussion ensued. Courtade noted she does not support excluding Pathways from the MHSAA resolution and, as such, would be voting no on this action. **Motion carries 6-1**.

1. May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. May 2026 Check Register: General Fund expenditures of $877,867.74 using checks #87151 through 87305; School Lunch Fund expenditures of $27,428.17 using checks #12157 through 12414; 2024 Athletic Bond expenditures of $1,722,245.46 using checks #107 through 110; 2020 Site and Building Series Bond expenditures of $248,139.71 using checks #11-14; Student Activity expenditures of $10,705.95 using checks #97641 through 97657. Total May expenditures of $2,888,945.03.
3. Certified Staff Personnel Report

   Resignations

   Sarah Kirby, Middle School English Language Arts Teacher (effective June 30, 2026)

   Macy Austin, Alpine Art Teacher (effective June 30, 2026)

   Shelby Brewer, Central 3rd Grade Teacher (effective June 30, 2026)

   Derrick Fewless, MS/HS Health and PE Teacher (effective June 30, 2026)

   Retirements

   Raymond Byle, High School Science Teacher (effective June 30, 2026)

   Retirement Withdrawal

   Joseph Acker, High School Physical Education Teacher
4. MHSAA Membership Resolution

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade		N		Hart	Y			Roberts	Y			Turner	Y		
Gustinis	Y			LaBotz	Y			Robinson	Y						

B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Roberts to approve the proposed millage rates for non-home operating and debt millage levies for the 2026 tax year as outlined in Report #26-040. **Motion carries 7-0.**

K RATE REQUEST REPORT #26-040

C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Roberts to adjourn to closed session under M.C.L. 15.268§8c for Bargaining Preparations and M.C.L.15.268§8k to update Emergency Operation Plans to include protocols for utilizing wireless communication devices during an emergency. Directors Dinkelmann, Horner and Long are invited to attend this closed session. Secretary Courtade took a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	Y			Hart	Y			Roberts	Y			Turner	Y		
Gustinis	Y			LaBotz	Y			Robinson	Y						

The Meeting convened to closed session at 7:24 pm.

The Meeting convened to open session at 8:59 pm.

D. Motion by Hart supported by Turner to approve the recommended Emergency Operations Plan Revisions to include protocols for utilizing wireless communication devices during an emergency. Report #26-041. **Motion carries 7-0.**

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN REVISION REPORT #25-041

VI. Future Items for Consideration

FUTURE MEETINGS

A. Future Meetings
   1. 06/22/26 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
   2. 08/10/26 6:00 pm Committee of the Whole Workshop - Administration Building
   3. 08/24/26 6:00 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building

B. Go-Around

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Courtade, Secretary