



**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Committee of the Whole Preliminary Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 8, 2021**  
**Kenowa Hills High School Performing Arts Center**  
**3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544**

**I. Routine Business**

- A. A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Kenowa Hills High School Performing Arts Center, 3825 Hendershot NW, Grand Rapids MI.
- B. President Gustinis opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Szczepaniak, Truskoski; Superintendent Hopkins, Deputy Superintendent Burde and Director Gilchrist are also present.
- D. Motion by LaBotz supported by Roberts to approve the agenda. Motion by Courtade supported by Szczepaniak to add "COVID Mitigation Protocols as Action Item C". Amended agenda approved 7-0.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Roberts	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

**II. Public Comment**

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community 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. There will typically be no attempt to comment or provide answers at this meeting. Inquiries will be referred to the superintendent for a later response.*

Three attendees gave comment prior to an appeal of the chair's decision.

Decision of the chair to allow videos during public comment is appealed by Szczepaniak supported by Hart. Shall the decision of the chair be sustained? **Decision is overruled with 2 yeas and 5 nays.** Videos are not allowed per KH Board Bylaws.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade		X		Hart		X		Roberts		X		Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz		X		Szczepaniak		X					

After the appeal, an additional fourteen attendees provided comments.

**III. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Recognition
- B. Correspondence - a thank you note from 2019-20 Student Representative to the Board Madison Bupp was shared with board members.
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various events in which they participated during the past couple of weeks.

**IV. Discussion/Information Item**

- A. Office of Teaching and Learning
  - 1. 2021-22 Education Goals per Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b
    - a. Dr. Burde provided an overview of goals for Board review. All goals have been used as goals in previous school years. The goals include mid-year targets. Goals will be readdressed after mid-year testing.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF  
SILENCE  
ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

RECOGNITION

CORRESPONDENCE

BOE  
COMMUNICATION

B. Finance

1. August 2021 Check Register
2. Bond Investment Fund Update
3. Condensed Fund Statement

C. Superintendent Report

1. COVID Update
  - a. Students that are on the "watchlist" have been exposed but are fully vaccinated and/or have universal masking. No quarantine is required of these students per KCHD order.
  - b. COVID Dashboard is updated and maintained by KH staff daily.
  - c. Superintendent Hopkins recommends no changes to current COVID mitigation measures. These include a requirement while on buses and grades pK-6. Masks are highly recommended in grades 7-12.
2. Bond Construction Update
  - a. Early Childhood Center construction is ongoing. Two classrooms are nearing completion.
3. Student Enrollment Update
  - a. Current enrollment is 3,100.5 which is slightly below the Budget projection of 3,107 students. The fall count day will provide more concrete enrollment data.

D. Strategic Planning Update

1. Dr. Burde provided an overview of the Strategic Plan and the Task Force. Consultants led an all-day training with the Task Force. Feedback is a high priority for consultants and the KH Task Force.
2. December of 2021 is the projected completion date. It may be extended. The Strategic Plan will guide District decisions from 2022 to 2026.

E. MASB Delegates

1. Superintendent Hopkins noted that the Board will need to appoint three voting delegates to the MASB Delegate Assembly at the next meeting.

V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Courtade supported by Hart to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion approved 7-0.**

1. August 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
2. August 2021 General Fund expenditures of \$627,047.56 through and including checks #77834-77929 and payrolls of August 13 and 27, 2021; August School Lunch Fund expenditures of \$4594.29 through and including checks #10635-10639; 2016 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$12,070.64 through and including checks #15324-15326; 2020 Building and Site Series expenditures of \$1,203,865.90 through and including checks #77853-77883; Activity Check Register expenditures of \$2,387.06 through and including checks #12971-12973.

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Roberts	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

- B. Motion by Hart supported by LaBotz to confirm the 2021-22 education goals as described in Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b. Report #21-062. **Motion approved 7-0.**

	Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A		Y	N	A
Courtade	X			Hart	X			Roberts	X			Truskoski	X		
Gustinis	X			LaBotz	X			Szczepaniak	X						

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

ACTION ITEMS  
CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC ACT 48 OF  
2021, SECTION 98b  
Report #21-062

- C. COVID Mitigation Protocols - Motion by Courtade supported by Truskoski to accept Superintendent Hopkins recommendation regarding COVID mitigation protocols.

**Motion approved 6-1.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	_ X _		

**VI. Future Items for Consideration**

B. Future Meetings

1. 09/27/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Early Childhood Center
2. 10/04/21 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole \*RESCHEDULED\*
3. 10/13/21 6:00 p.m. KIASB Dinner Meeting
4. 10/25/21 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Central Elementary

C. Go-Around

**VI. Adjournment**

- A. Motion by Hart supported by Truskoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. **Motion approved 7-0.**

	Y N A		Y N A		Y N A		Y N A
Courtade	X ___	Hart	X ___	Roberts	X ___	Truskoski	X ___
Gustinis	X ___	LaBotz	X ___	Szczepaniak	X ___		

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric-John Szczepaniak, Secretary

FUTURE MEETINGS

ADJOURNMENT