

KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
5820 Eastern Avenue, S.E.  
Kentwood, MI 49508

**BOARD OF EDUCATION – MINUTES - WORK SESSION**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010, AT 6:30 P.M.**  
**KENTWOOD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

The Work Session meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held in the Board Room at the Administration Offices on Monday, February 22, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Schultz at 6:30 PM.

Present: Dave Schultz, President  
Mimi Madden, Vice President  
Bill J. Joseph, Secretary  
Steve Dabrowski, Treasurer  
Paul T. Doyle, Trustee  
Brian McKenzie, Trustee  
Sandra L. Talbott, Trustee  
Scott Palczewski, Superintendent  
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent  
Barbara A. McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent  
Steve P. Zakem, Assistant Superintendent  
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Assistant Superintendent  
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Also Present: Evan Hordyk, Mike Pickard, Sandy Theisen, Calvin Vander Boon, Pete Battey

Mr. Schultz led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Schultz explained the procedure for the audience participation portion of the agenda. He 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

Motion by Mrs. Talbott, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, February 8, 2010.  
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES

The meeting was opened up for audience participation.  
No one addressed the Board.

AUDIENCE  
PARTICIPATION

Dr. Palczewski reported on the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

- Sandy Theisen and Pete Battey, candidates for the Board of Education positions in the May 4, 2010 election, were welcomed.
- Mike Pickard, Director of Federal Programs for Kentwood Public Schools, shared a power point presentation regarding the Title I program. He shared that this Federal program, from its inception in 1965, provides additional funds for school districts to use for targeted services. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) has also been referred to as Chapter I, Title I, and No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Mr. Pickard explained the categorical programs, their purpose and also the allotted funds for each program. Kentwood Public Schools is using these Federal funds for ongoing professional development, technology purchases, intervention models and most importantly parent involvement. School-wide Title plans are required to be in compliance with state requirements. Dr. Palczewski thanked Mr. Pickard for his work with these programs.

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Dr. Dabrowski, to approve the Monthly Disbursement Summary for January 2010. Mr. Zakem provided details on this item. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF  
MONTHLY  
DISBURSEMENTS

Motion by Mr. Doyle, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to approve the purchase of 166 interactive whiteboard systems for English, Math, Science and Social Studies classrooms in secondary school buildings (Crestwood Middle, Pinewood Middle, Valleywood Middle, East Kentwood Freshman Campus, East Kentwood High School and Crossroads High School). Funding will come from At-Risk and Title II, Part D Federal Stimulus Funds, not to exceed \$475,000. Evan Hordyk explained that the Michigan Department of Education granted Kentwood Public Schools an "exception" as our schools all met Adequate Yearly Progress. This "exception" allows Kentwood to use At-risk funds on this type of purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF  
INTERACTIVE  
WHITEBOARD  
PURCHASE FOR  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL  
BUILDINGS

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Mr. Doyle, to approve the purchase of 15 interactive whiteboard systems for Brookwood Elementary School. Funding for this purchase will come from Title I Federal Stimulus funds, not to exceed \$43,000. Dr. Palczewski shared that we would be seeking approval in the near future for more white boards through IDEA funds, for our special education classrooms. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF  
INTERACTIVE  
WHITEBOARD  
PURCHASE FOR  
BROOKWOOD

Other items were discussed:

OTHER BUSINESS

- Fieldhouse renovations were discussed and Mr. Zakem explained we would be accepting bids this spring and the work would be completed by the start of school in the fall 2010.
- A question arose about any scheduling conflicts during renovations and it was confirmed that we will open our other school buildings to accommodate activities that are usually scheduled in the fieldhouse during the summer.
- The impact of construction on the high school graduation was discussed.

There was no Board correspondence.

BOARD  
COMMUNICATION

Motion by Mrs. Madden, supported by Mr. McKenzie, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Bill J. Joseph, Secretary