

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROPOSED MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019, 6:30 P.M.
KENTWOOD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held in Board Room of the Administration Office on Monday, August 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present: Mimi Madden, President
Allen Young, Vice President
Angie Forton, Secretary
Angela Hovermale, Trustee
James Lewis, Jr., Trustee
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Superintendent
Todd Bell, Executive Director of Finance and Business Operations
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Evan Hordyk, Executive Director of Secondary Education
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Absent: Pete Battey, Treasurer
Sylvia James, Trustee
Michael Pickard, Executive Director

Also Present: Chad Songer, Jenin Shamali, Mo and Susan Shamali, Sara Larkin, Sharon O'Donnoghue, J. Mathes

Mrs. Madden led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. Hovermale, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Madden explained the procedure for the audience participation portion of the agenda. She 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

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Bell shared information regarding several inquiries from smaller districts about entering into a "co-op" with our EK (partnering) hockey team. Hockey parents have asked KPS to explore this option. The deadline to apply for this option is August 15, 2019. The District would like to complete the application process before the deadline while still investigating if it could be a good fit for the District. If there is any movement in

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this direction we would gather input from the Board and parents before going forward.

Mr. Bell provided in depth details regarding the proposed request for approval regarding intelligent key locks for individual doors at East Kentwood High School. Mr. Chad Songer, Director of Security, explained how they would work, stating it is a great improvement for safety and security. Mr. Bell stated January 5, 2020 is the goal for completion of this project.

Mr. Todd Bell reviewed a power point presentation regarding construction updates that took place over the summer months.

Mr. Zoerhoff shared that the Central Office Administration has been working on updating the district 5-Year Strategic Plans. He suggested the Board and CO Team would meet this fall to discuss further, possibly at the Fall Board Retreat.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the hiring of Ms. Jenin Shamali as the dean of academic affairs at Valleywood Middle School. Ms. Gordon stated twenty-seven applicants participated in the initial screening process resulting in twelve candidates being brought to the formal interview process. Three internal candidates and nine external candidates participated in the first round of interviews. The committee selected five candidates to move forward to the final round, including three internal and two external candidates. At the conclusion of the interview process, the committee unanimously decided to recommend Jenin Shamali!

Ms. Shamali is a graduate of Grand Valley State University and has been working in KPS since 2006 in various capacities including; grounds, clerical, coaching, tutoring, mentoring and as an EKHS math teacher. In 2018-19, Ms. Shamali moved to an Academic Math Coach position and demonstrated great leadership skills in that area. Jenin is passionate about working with students and is devoted to Kentwood Public Schools. She is very excited to join the Kentwood Public Schools administrative team. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
DEAN OF
ACADEMIC
AFFAIRS /
VALLEYWOOD
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion by _____, supported by _____, to approve the hiring of Ms. Sara Larkin as the special education supervisor beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Ms. O'Donnoghue, special education director, shared that in the first round the committee interviewed nine candidates, three internal and six external. The committee selected six candidates to move forward to the second round, three external and three internal before two finalists were interviewed in a final round. At the conclusion of the interview process, the committee recommended Sara Larkin.

Ms. Larkin completed her undergraduate work at Indiana University before graduating from Western Michigan University with a Master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology and her Special Education Administration approval from Grand Valley State University. Sara has worked in Waukegan Public Schools, Cicero Public Schools and Nuestros Public Schools, all as a speech and language pathologist near the Chicago area. Sara has spent the past seven years working for Grand Rapids Public Schools as a supervisor of special education.

Sara is passionate about working with students and staff. She is very excited to join the Kentwood Public Schools administrative team.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
SPECIAL ED
SUPERVISOR

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the contract with MOSS in the amount of \$185,293.06 for the installation of Medeco Intelligent key system at EKHS. Funding for this project will come from the 2015 Building & Site Millage.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
INTELLIGENT KEY
SYSTEM / EKHS

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the sale of the residential construction house located at 2318 Peer Point Drive SE, Caledonia MI, in the amount of \$335,000. The property closed on July 22, 2019. Kentwood's residential construction class reputation is growing!
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
SALE OF RES CON
HOUSE, 2318
PEER POINT
DRIVE SE
CALEDONIA MI

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Lewis, to approve the hiring of employees for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Zoerhoff commended the administrative team!
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
HIRING OF
EMPLOYEES

There was no Board communication.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

There was no additional discussion items.

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. Forton, to go into closed session at 6:59 PM for the purpose of a student reinstatement in accordance with Policy 0160 and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.b., and a personnel update (in accordance with Policy 0160 and PA 267 of 1976, section 0167.2.a.).

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Madden, Forton, Hovermale, Young, Lewis

Nays: -

After a brief break, the Board went into closed session at 7:00 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:22 PM.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the reinstatement of student "A."
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
REINSTATEMENT
FOR STUDENT "A"

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mrs. Forton, to adjourn.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Angie Forton, Secretary