

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION – PROPOSED MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019, AT 6:30 P.M.
KENTWOOD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held in the collaboration center at the Kentwood Public Schools Administration Office on Monday, November 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order by President Mimi Madden at 6:30 PM.

Present: Mimi Madden, President
Angie Forton, Secretary
Pete Battey, Treasurer
Angela Hovermale, Trustee
Sylvia James, Trustee
James Lewis Jr., Trustee
Michael J. Zoerhoff, Superintendent
Todd Bell, Executive Director
Evan Hordyk, Executive Director
Shirley Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Michael Pickard, Executive Director
Shellie Tietz, Recorder

Absent: Allen Young, Vice President

Also Present: Mike Ketelaar, Andrew Campbell, Angelina Moy, Vianey Ruiz, Ian Gibson, Liz Ernst, Rick Hatfield, Edward Kurdziel, Thomas A. Callis, Doug Havera

Mrs. Madden led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the minutes of the work session meeting of Monday, October 28, 2019. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion carried.

*Mr. Lewis abstained due to absence.

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

The student representatives presented the following report: STUDENT REPORTS

- Crossroads' Angelina Moy reported on their charity and community service projects that have taken place, prepping for packing 350 care bags, sporting events and the excellent response from their recent blood drive.

- East Kentwood High School's Morgan Cash reported on activities that took place for the last two months including the Green Team, recognition by Freddie the Falcon for hard work, upcoming preparations for the Talent Show, elementary & middle school projects and Secret Santa.

The superintendent's report included the following:

- Mr. Zoerhoff stated that the Finance Committee met earlier to discuss the district audit. Mr. Bell introduced Mr. Doug Havera from BDO, the independent auditing firm who completed the District's recent audit. Mr. Havera shared that the District again had a clean audit, which is a positive report. He reviewed the audit with Board members and thanked Mr. Bell and his team (Larry King, Scott Brown and Wendy Reimersma) for their support throughout the process.
- Crossroads Workforce information was shared by Rick Hatfield who introduced the committee consisting of Mike Ketelaar, Andrew Campbell, Ian Gibson, and Liz Ernst and how they partnered with Grand Rapids Community College so students could "obtain tools to empower their future, become marketable, become employment ready and break dysfunction." Students who participated in this program can gain certifications in a trade, interview in April/May, graduate from Crossroads and become employed upon graduation. This program has had a very positive impact on the students.

SUPT'S
REPORT

There were no discussion items.

DISCUSSION
ITEMS

Board subcommittee report:

The Finance Committee met with the Superintendent, Executive Director of Finance and Business Operations and representatives from the independent auditing firm of BDO. Mr. Battey reported that many questions were asked and answered. He felt the Finance Committee was given the appropriate information and affirmed the administration for their work. BDO reported that it was a "clean audit" and they were very pleased with the cooperation from the KPS administration. There were no concerns or issues during the Finance Committee meeting.

BOARD
SUBCOMMITTEE
REPORTS

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. Forton, to approve the Monthly Disbursement Summary for October 2019. Mr. Bell provided additional information stating that budget meetings have begun at each building. He was also happy to report that last month alone there was 2 million spent in our classrooms.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
MONTHLY
DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Lewis, to approve the contract with Great Lakes West in the amount of \$281,147.00 for commercial equipment at Explorer Elementary kitchen renovation. Funding is from Child Nutrition Services and the 2016 Bond Funds. Mr. Bell shared that this information was discussed at last month's board meeting and the bid process was completed.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
EXPLORER
KITCHEN
RENOVATION

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mrs. James, to approve a contract with Parkway Communications in the amount of \$105,151 for clock systems to be installed at Crestwood Middle, Crossroads HS, EKFC, Hamilton ECC and Meadowlawn Elementary schools. Funding is from the 2016 Bond Issue and FY20 General Fund. Mr. Bell shared this was phase 2 of 3 project so that all clocks will be the same throughout the district.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
CLOCK SYSTEMS
AT CRESTWOOD,
CROSSROADS,
EKFC, HAMILTON
ECC,
MEADOWLAWN

Motion by Mrs. James, supported by Mrs. Hovermale, to approve the purchase of *Wonders English Language Development (ELD)* supplemental instructional materials from McGraw Hill Education, for 2nd – 5th grade English learners, in an amount not to exceed \$29,265.24. Funding will come from the General Fund. Dr. Johnson stated this purchase will help our English Learners as it is shaped around EL development.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EL
INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS

There was no Board communication.

BOARD
COMMUNICATION

Motion by Mrs. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Battey, to go into closed session at 7:22 P.M. for the purpose of a student reinstatement in accordance with Policy 0160 and PA 267 of 1976, section 8.b.

CLOSED SESSION

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Battey, Forton, James, Lewis, Hovermale, Madden
Nays: -

The Board convened into closed session at 7:24 P.M.

The Board reconvened into open session at 7:35 P.M.

OPEN SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF
REINSTATEMENT
FOR STUDENT "A"

Motion by Mrs. Forton, supported by Mrs. James, to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

