



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, June 24th, 2024 – 6:30 PM
Kentwood Administration Building
5820 Eastern Ave SE
Kentwood, MI 49508

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, July 15th, 2024. The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present Sylvia James, Vice President
 Angela Hovermale, Secretary
 Allen Young, Trustee
 Tanya Powell-May, Trustee
 Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee
 Kevin Polston, Superintendent
 Jamie Gordon, Executive Director
 Todd Bell, Executive Director
 Sunil Joy, Executive Director
 Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director
 Bre Bartels, Executive Director
 Veronica Lake, Executive Director
 Carrie Tellerico, Executive Director
 Sydney Hanlon, Recorder

Absent: Mimi Madden, President
 Pete Battey, Treasurer

Ms. James led the board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of June 26th, 2024.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Motion carried.

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 superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

Esports State Championship Recognition - Coach Bill Dixon - last year, #18 in the country, multiple state championships. There were over 200 students who signed up last year, with 110 students placed on teams. The students make up over 20 teams, competing in 14 games - which is a year long commitment. We recognize that we lost a student on the team, Cameron Hill, at the beginning of this year. Our students worked together and pushed through with Cameron's spirit. There were state championships this year. The Esports facility that is under construction - will help us grow and recruit more students. Today we recognize the appointment of Ahnna Sisco, who will be their new principal at Hamilton Elementary School. Strategic Plan Update - presentation from departments on where we are on our goals.

Motion by Ms. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the purchase of 10 "gaming rated" computers to be used in eSports competitions at EKHS from Bytespeed at a cost of \$35,040. Funding is from General Funds - EKHS

GAMING RATED
COMPUTERS

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve a partnership with Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$21,500. Funding for this partnership is from the General Fund - FY24.

EOS
PARTNERSHIP

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the employment of the attached list.

NEW HIRES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Hovermale, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the disbursement summary for June 2024.

DISBURSEMENT
SUMMARY

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Angela Hovermale, Secretary