



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, August 12th, 2024 – 6:30 PM  
Kentwood Administration Building  
5820 Eastern Ave SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508

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The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, August 12th, 2024. The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Mimi Madden at 6:30 P.M.

Present            Mimi Madden, President  
                         Sylvia James, Vice President  
                         Allen Young, Secretary  
                         Tanya Powell-May, Trustee  
                         Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee  
                         Marlon Brown, 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:            Pete Battey, Treasurer

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

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Appointment of Board of Education Trustee  
Interview of Marlon Brown, board deliberation.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Young, to appoint Marlon Brown to the Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education.

TRUSTEE  
APPOINTMEN  
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Motion Carried.

Mourn by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to appoint Allen Young as Secretary of the board of education. APPOINT SECRETARY

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, 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

Appointment of Jenin Shamali as Principal of Valleywood Middle School  
Welcome back tomorrow - 7am breakfast, program at 8:30am  
Last week - new staff orientation!  
Last week - numerous grants received - for electric buses and the infrastructure, and a whole child grant.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the hire of Nathaniel (Nate) Moody, Jr as the Assistant Principal of Valleywood Middle School. MOODY HIRE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the hire of Nicholas (Nick) Carlesso as the Dean of Students at Endeavor Elementary School. CARLESSO HIRE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. James, to approve the hire of Erin Anderson as the Assistant Principal of East Kentwood Freshman Campus. ANDERSON HIRE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the purchase of 2,000 Dell Chromebooks along with associated Google licenses at a total cost of \$557,980.00 from People Driven Technology. Funding for this purchase will come from ESSER funds.

CHROMEBOOK  
PURCHASE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to enter an agreement to pay \$44,000 to Gunnel Farm Wetlands Mitigation Bank for .4 acres of land in a protected wetlands area approved by EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy Water Resources division). Funding is from the 2021 Bond issue.

EGLE  
AGREEMENT

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve a contract in the amount of \$279,442 to Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) conventional 77-passenger diesel school buses. Funding for the buses will come from the 2021 Bond Fund.

DIESEL SCHOOL  
BUSES

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to approve a contract in the amount of \$1,522,784 to Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. for the purchase of four (4) EV 77-passenger school buses. Funding for the buses will come from General Fund - grants from Michigan Department of Education (Clean Energy Bus grant) and US Clean Bus Program.

EV BUSES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to award contracts to Marshall Music Company in the total amount of \$155,470 for district Fine Arts musical instruments. Funding is from the 2021 Bond.

FINE ARTS  
INSTRUMENTS

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to adopt the following Title IX updates. This is the first reading.

FIRST READING  
OF POLICIES

Motion carried.

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

NEW HIRES

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. Powell-May, 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 7:14 P.M.

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Allen Young, Secretary