



# BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, February 10th, 2025 – 6:30 PM  
Kentwood Public Schools  
5820 Eastern Ave SE  
Kentwood, MI 49508

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The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, February 10th, 2025. 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  
                         Pete Battey, Treasurer  
                         Tanya Powell-May, Trustee  
                         Kim Taboada-Arzate, Trustee  
                         Marlon Brown, Trustee  
                         Kevin Polston, Superintendent  
                         Jamie Gordon, Executive Director  
                         Tom Lagone, 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:            None.

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

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of January 13th, 2025 and the board work session on January 27th, 2025.

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

Jan Gillislee - 1085 51st street by VW. Regarding the truth of what is happening in the schools. Saw an article on MLIVE about the amount of stress in their life. It said that we need more counselors for children. Affirmed what president trump shared as an executive order regarding the genders of male and female. Believes that teachers need to tell students the truth about what is going on. Begging that our schools teach children this.

Paul Gillisee- 1085 51st street - school safety. Asking about if schools are able to use lethal force regarding intruders.

Kevin McKenna - president of kelloggsville little league. Includes kville, godwin, wyo, and KPS. In the past KPS has shared flyers but the last 2 years they have not been able to share flyers with students. It is my understanding that because we compete with KBL that is why they are not shared.

The superintendent's report included the following:

SUPT'S REPORT

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Black History Month Recognition

Student council decorated for board appreciation month! Including a crumble cookie Black History Month student leaders came to share about the program coming up next week! Echoes of Greatness. This program allows our student body to come together and celebrate our strengths. Highlights the history that our nation stands on - black history.

Every building participates in some fashion

February 19th - 5:30 pm reception, performance from 6:30-8pm

No cost to attend!!

Blaine Brummels awarded last week for his time serving here by MHSAA

Today our redistricting letters were dropped off at the post office. Talking points were shared with you today via email

We will be getting more info regarding millage vote in the weeks to come.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to purchase furniture from Smart Business Solutions in the amount of \$100,241.00 and Custer Furniture in the amount of \$230,263.70 for Hamilton Elementary. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Issue.

HAMILTON  
FURNITURE

Motion carried. Battey abstains.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the petitions to strike personal property taxes for 2019 and prior years for the City of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$722.09, Township of Gaines in the amount of \$1,244.13, and the City of Kentwood in the amount of \$22,205.93.

STRIKE  
PROPERTY TAXES

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Allen, to approve bids as recommended by Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. (OAK) in the amount of \$30,787,220 to construct the new Multipurpose Facility. Funding is from the 2021 Bond Issue.

MULTIPURPOSE  
FACILITY

Motion carried. Madden abstains.

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to approve bids as recommended by Fritz Wahlfield Construction (FWC) in the amount of \$4,185,386 to renovate Crestwood Middle School. Funding is from the 2021 Bond.

CW RENOVATION

Motion carried. Madden abstains

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to contract Hendrik Associates to replace the boiler at Endeavor Elementary in the amount of \$373,180.00. Funding is from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

EN BOILER

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Young, to purchase collaboration furniture for \$31,946.42 and STEM classroom furniture for \$55,609.06 from Custer Inc for Pinewood Middle School. Funding is from 2021 Bond funds.

STEM FURNITURE

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Brown, to approve a contract with MOSS to provide and install a public address system at a cost of \$453,611.41. Funding for this project will come from 2021 Bond and 2025 Building and Site Sinking Funds.

MOSS CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Mr. Battey, to approve the agreement with Digital Age Technologies (DAT) to provide new classroom technology equipment and installation services at a cost of \$782,553.00. Funding for this project will come from 2021 Bond and 2025 Building and Site Sinking Funds.

DAT CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. James, to approve the contract with MOSS to provide audio-visual equipment and installation services at a cost not to exceed \$285,404.23. Funding for this project will come from 2021 Bond and 2025 Building and Site Sinking Funds.

MOSS AV  
CONTRACT

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to adopt the resolution for schools of choice for the to opt out of Section 105 – State Schools of Choice Program.

SOC - OPT OUT  
SECTION 105

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Ms. Powell-May, to adopt the resolution to opt out to Section 105c – State Schools of Choice Program

SOC - OPT OUT  
SECTION 105C

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to adopt the resolution to opt in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program.

SOC - OPT IN  
KENT ISD

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Battey, supported by Mr. Young, to approve the disbursement summary for January 2025.

DISBURSEMENT  
SUMMARY

Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Young, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

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Allen Young, Secretary

