



BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, January 13th, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Kentwood Public Schools
5820 Eastern Ave SE
Kentwood, MI 49508

The regular meeting of the Kentwood Board of Education was held on Monday, January 13th, 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

Newly elected board members, Mimi Madden, Allen Young, Tanya Powell-May and Marlon Brown, took the Oath of Office.

OATH OF OFFICE

Elections of Officers for 2025.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Ms. James, seconded by Mr. Battery, to elect Mimi Madden as President.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion by Mr. Battey, seconded by Ms. Taboda-Arzate, to elect Sylvia James as Vice President. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Motion by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, seconded by Ms. James, to elect Allen Young as secretary. ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Motion by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Brown, to elect Pete Battey as Treasurer. ELECTION OF TREASURER

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. James, to approve the minutes from the board meeting of December 9th, 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

Presentation by Sunil Joy regarding the redistricting process and the policies that are under action items. The Kentwood Education Foundation Red & Black Gala will take place on February 27th. Please let Sydney know if you would like to attend. The year the KPSEF is supporting the programs from the KIDS programming here in Kentwood. Next week Monday is MLK Day - Jan 20th - and the theme is Mission Possible. It is a district holiday and a day for students and staff to recognize MLK Jr. in the way that is right for them. Our condolences for Jimmy Carter - the department of education was founded under his leadership. Our next board retreat is Jan 27th - there will be an update on the strategic plan, as well as budget amendment (no finance committee), non homestead millage update, 1 action item on that agenda for the approval of non homestead mileage for the May ballot. We welcome Tom to the team officially!

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Mr. Battery, to approve the maps and policies for the purposes of redistricting elementary buildings as presented. These changes will take effect beginning the 2025-26 school year. REDISTRICTING POLICIES

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Taboada-Arzate, to approve the purchase of STEM pilot furniture for Bowen and Explorer Elementary. STEM FURNITURE PILOT

Motion carried. Battey abstains.

Motion by Mr. Young, supported by Ms. James, to adopt the attached board policies. This is the second reading. 2ND READING POLICIES

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. Powell-May, supported by Ms. James, to approve the disbursement summary for December 2024. DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. James, supported by Mr. Young, to adjourn the meeting. ADJOURNMENT

Motion carried.

The board meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Allen Young, Secretary