



# Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Preliminary Minutes**  
**Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm**  
**Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center**  
**3971 Richmond Court NW, Grand Rapids MI 49534**

**I. Routine and Organizational Business**

- A. President Hart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Kenowa Hills Early Childhood Center, 3971 Richmond Court NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534.
- B. President Hart opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Gustinis, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts and Robinson are present; Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann, and Director of Finance Gilchrist along with student representative Elise Zahrt are present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Roberts to approve the agenda. **Motion approved 6-0.**

**II. Hearings and Correspondence**

- A. Correspondence - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation several organization and individuals who have donated items to the district. A list of contributions is available upon request.
- B. Recognition
  - 1. Early Graduates
    - i. Kenowa Hills High School had 2 early graduates. Pathways High School had 9 early graduates with some in attendance this evening.
    - ii. Two early graduates shared their plans for after graduation.
  - 2. Donations - Superintendent Hopkins acknowledged with appreciation the individuals and businesses that made donations to the district (list available upon request).
- C. Board Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

**III. Information Items**

- A. Early Childhood Center Spotlight, Mr. Luke Scholten
  - 1. The ECC staff, students, and families have enjoyed using the new flexible learning space. Mr. Scholten noted it has been wonderful inviting families and community members into the new spaces. The flexibility of the extended learning space has been beneficial.
  - 2. The Preschool Open House is February 2nd, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.
  - 3. The Learning Center celebrated 15 years of serving this community. Students are now graduating from Kenowa Hills who attended The Learning Center childcare program.
- B. Student Representative Report, Elise Zahrt
  - 1. There has been some new clubs at the high school. Student Representative Zahrt highlighted the Green Team Environmental Club and Culture Club.
  - 2. There have been new lunch options that students have enjoyed at the high school.
  - 3. It was noticed that Freshman Academy was shared and celebrated on KHPS social media.

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

ECC SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

### C. Finance

1. Turf and Track Contract Awards - Total Board Award: \$1,317,101 - Architect-Foresite Design | Manager-OAK
  - i. Earthwork: Dean's Landscaping & Excavating - \$489,200
  - ii. Electrical: Kleyn Electric - \$67,000
  - iii. Synthetic Turf: A-Turf Inc - \$518,000 | Bid alternate for shock pad of \$111,000 | Bid alternate of additional 4 year warranty - \$1
  - iv. Track Resurfacing: A.G Sports Services LLC - \$131,900
2. Athletic Complex Scoreboard
  - i. Examining several different styles, options and price points
  - ii. Proposal includes game clocks and timeclocks for team rooms and officials' room. It is anticipated MHSAA will eventually be requiring game clocks.
  - iii. New scoreboard could include integrated sound for the stadium. The sound system will need to be updated regardless whether this is incorporated with a new scoreboard.
  - iv. The Board would like to expand the conversation about how to improve outdoor athletic fields to support K-12 athletic programs.

### D. Social Contract

1. *This item will be tabled until the Committee Meeting*

### IV. Public Comment - one individual made comment.

*The purpose of this meeting is to conduct Board of Education business. There will typically be no attempt to comment or give answers at this meeting. Audience members who wish to make comments are invited to complete the appropriate form located at the entrance. Each speaker has a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the board. Inquiries requiring a response will be referred to the superintendent in the cases where contact information is provided. We ask all individuals making public comments to follow our board policy. Any person in violation of the policy for disruptive conduct will be asked to leave. Any threats or suggestions of violence will be turned over to law enforcement.*

### VI. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member LaBotz supported by Member Gustinis to approve the consent agenda. **Motion approved 6-0.**
  1. January 9, 2023 Organizational Meeting Minutes
  2. Annual Education Reports
- B. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Gustinis to approve the turf and track bid awards for the athletic complex in the amount of \$1,317,101 utilizing 2016 bond funds for this project. Report #23-013. **Motion approved 6-0.**

### VII. Future Items for Consideration

- A. Future Meetings
  1. 02/06/23 6:00 pm Special Meeting (Trustee Vacancy) - Administration Building
  2. 02/13/23 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
  3. 02/27/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Central Elementary
  4. 03/13/23 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
  5. 03/27/23 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Alpine Elementary
- B. Go Around - Board members discussed logistics of special meeting to interview board candidates.

### VIII. Adjournment

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President Hart adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Danielle M. S. Roberts, Secretary

FINANCE

SOCIAL CONTRACT

ACTION ITEMS

1/6/23 ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING MINUTES

ANNUAL REPORTS

TURF & TRACK #23-013

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT