



# Kenowa Hills Public Schools

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting Preliminary Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Alpine Elementary School

4730 Baumhoff NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544

### I. Routine and Organizational Business

- A. President LaBotz called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. at Alpine Elementary School; 4730 Baumhoff NW, Grand Rapids, MI. 49544.
- B. President LaBotz opened the meeting with a moment of silence.
- C. Members Present: Courtade, Hart, LaBotz, Roberts, Robinson, and Turner (arrived at 6:37) are present. Gustinis is absent. Superintendent Hopkins, Assistant Superintendent Dinkelmann, and Finance Director Gilchrist are present.
- D. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Robinson to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 5-0.**

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### II. Hearings and Correspondence

- A. Correspondence - None.
- B. Recognition - Alpine Elementary Principal Jason Snyder introduced new Alpine Elementary staff who are in attendance.
- C. Board District Communication - Members reported on various district events in which they participated.

RECOGNITION

BOE COMMUNICATION

### III. Information Items

- A. Alpine Elementary Spotlight - Principal Snyder presented on the benefits and small class sizes. Kent School Services Network (KSSN) Coordinator assigned to Alpine Elementary, Kim Poplaski, highlighted the Community School model and the role KSSN has at Alpine Elementary.
- B. Student Representative Report - Jake Jonker provide a written report for board members in lieu of an oral report given his inability to be in attendance.
- C. Proposed 2024-2025 School of Choice Openings - Superintendent Hopkins reviewed the school of choice recommendations for the upcoming school year.
- D. Ad Hoc Committee Update; Members Hart and Turner provided a recap of a meeting held with Superintendent Hopkins and Director Gilchrist. They determined there is a benefit in hiring an Human Resources Director and recommend the costs associated with this position be included in the FY25 budget for consideration.

ALPINE SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

24-24 SOC OPENINGS

AD HOC COMMITTEE

### IV. Public Comment: No comments were made.

*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.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

### V. Action Items

- A. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion passes 6-0.**
  - 1. February 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- B. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to strike delinquent taxes as presented by Alpine Township. Report #24-016. **Motion passes 6-0.**
- C. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the purchase of a band tower from Educational Steel Products, LLC in the amount of \$63,225 and other related installation costs in the amount of \$25,500 for a total of \$89,625. This purchase will be funded through an anonymous donation of \$50,000 to the Instrumental Music Boosters and the remaining \$39,625 coming from the Capital Projects Fund. Report #24-017. **Motion passes 6-0.**
- D. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Robinson to approve the resolution to Opt Out of State Schools of Choice Section 105 Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Report #24-018. **Motion passes 6-0.**
- E. Motion by Member Courtade supported by Member Hart to approve a resolution to participate in the State 105c Schools of Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Report #24-019. **Motion passes 6-0.**
- F. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Courtade to approve the resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Report #24-020. **Motion passes 6-0.**
- G. Motion by Member Hart supported by Member Turner to publish **145** openings through the Kent ISD Cooperative Schools of Choice Program and unlimited openings through the State of Michigan 105c School of Choice Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Report #24-021. **Motion passes 6-0.**

**VII. Future Items for Consideration**

- A. Future Meetings
  1. 03/07/24 6:00 pm KIASB Dinner Meeting - Kent ISD KCTC Building
  2. 03/11/24 6:30 pm Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Building
  3. 03/25/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Early Childhood Center
  4. 04/15/24 6:30 pm Regular Board of Education Meeting - Administration Building
  5. 05/06/24 6:30 PM Committee of the Whole Meeting - Administration Meeting
- B. Go Around

**VIII. Adjournment**

- A. Seeing no additional agenda items, President LaBotz adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

RESOLUTION TO STRIKE  
DELINQUENT TAXES -  
ALPINE TWP.  
Report #24-016

DOWER PURCHASE  
Report #24-017

STATE 105 SOC  
PROGRAM  
Report #24-018

STATE 105c SOC  
PROGRAM  
Report #24-019

SOC PROGRAM  
Report #24-020

SCHOOL OF CHOICE  
OPENINGS  
Report #24-021

FUTURE MEETINGS

GO AROUND

ADJOURNMENT