



# Kalkaska Public Schools

*Board of Education Regular Meeting – Minutes  
Monday, April 15, 2024*

Members Present: Regan Foerster, Mary Scobey, Wendy Watson, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Sarah Dudek and Rachael Birgy

Staff Present: Superintendent, Rick Heitmeyer, Director of Business Services, Jeffrey Scroggins, Human Resource Director, David Alan Tucker, Principals, Staci Short and Laura Gehman,

Others: 8

<b>1. Call to Order</b>	
	The meeting was called to order by Rachael Birgy, at 5:30 p.m.
<b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	
<b>3. Approval of/Amendment to the Agenda</b>	
	Motion by Regan Foerster, support by Wendy Watson, to approve the agenda as amended. <i>*change made to action item c., reason for closed session: negotiations</i>  Motion Carried 6 to 0.
<b>4. Consent Agenda Items</b>	
	Motion by Regan Foerster, support by Mary Scobey, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Minutes of February 19 and March 11, 2024, as presented</li><li>· Payment of General, Bond and Athletic fund bills, as presented</li><li>· Hiring of Staff (pending cleared background checks)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Rik Ponstein, Assistant Girls' Varsity Coach</li><li>· Josh England, Dean of Students</li></ul></li></ul> Motion Carried 6 to 0.
<b>5. Staff or Student Presentation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Presentation by Laura Gehman, Rapid City Elementary Principal, honoring students who have attended RCE kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade: <i>Caitlin Ager, Ammelia Amidon, Kielely Babbitt, Brennan Bielski, Ransom Comfort, Gauge Douglas, Aubrey Drinkwine, Gwen Finley, Alexis Freeland, DJ Freeland, Kayden Hittle and Mona Inman</i></li></ul>
<b>6. Master Teacher Presentation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Presentation by Vicki McGlone, Ali Bridson, Dan Briggs, Kerry Wilson and Helen Crawford</li></ul>
<b>7. Public Communication- Persons Wishing to Address the Board</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janeine Alberts</li> </ul>
<b>8. Superintendent Update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction Update (6)</li> <li>Dean of Students – Structure (2) (4) (5) (6)</li> <li>MOU Teach! America Update (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)</li> <li>Negotiations (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)</li> <li>Willard Ryckman (6)</li> <li>Trout Festival – Board Ride on Bus (4)</li> <li>Technology Breach – Protecting Sensitive Information (6)</li> <li>Graduation Reminder – KHS Auditorium, May 23 at 6:45 p.m. (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)</li> </ul>
<b>9. Discussion Items</b>	
a.	Proposed Project for Fiber Networking Construction
b.	Memo of Understanding (MOU) Teach! Michigan
c.	Building Reports
d.	Closed Session
<b>10. Action Items</b>	
a.	<p><i>Proposed Project for Fiber Networking Construction</i></p> <p>Motion by Wendy Watson, support by Sarah Dudek, that the Board authorizes Superintendent Heitmeyer to enter into a contract with Turnkey Network Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$947,642.47 for a new district-owned fiber networking run from the high school to Rapid City Elementary, contingent on funding for 100% of the amount to be approved by a combination of federal and state sources, as discussed and presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Wendy Watson, Sarah Dudek, Mary Scobey, Regan Foerster, Dr. Richard Hodgman and Rachael Birgy</p>
b.	<p>MOU Teach! Michigan</p> <p>Motion by Regan Foerster, support by Mary Scobey, the Board of Education authorizes Superintendent Heitmeyer to enter into a services agreement with Teach! Michigan, as discussed and presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Regan Foerster, Mary Scobey, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Sarah Dudek, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
c.	<p><i>Closed Session – Negotiations</i></p> <p>Motion by Sarah Dudek, support by Mary Scobey, the Board of Education goes into closed session to discuss negotiations.</p> <p>Time start: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Time end: 7:09 p.m.</p>

	<p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Sarah Dudek, Mary Scobey, Regan Foerster, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	<p>Motion by Dr. Richard Hodgman, support by Mary Scobey, to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Time adjourned: 7:10 p.m.</p>