



Kalkaska Public Schools

*Board of Education Regular Meeting – MINUTES
Monday, April 20, 2026*


*Board of Education Room
315 S Coral Street
Kalkaska, MI 49646*

Members Present: Rachael Birgy, Mary Scobey, Wendy Watson, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Chase Stevenson and Mitch Saxton

Staff Present: Superintendent, Rick Heitmeyer, Human Resource Director, David Alan Tucker, Director of Business Services, Jeffrey Scroggins, Principals, Staci Short, Gehman and Ryan Moore, Dean of Students, Kevin Malbouef and Executive Administrative Assistant, Cari Jo Roberts

Others Present: 9

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Rachael Birgy, at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance	
3. Approval of/Amendment to the Agenda	Motion by Wendy Watson, support by Mary Scobey, to approve the agenda as amended. *Amendment: Addition of Action Item 11., c Motion Carried 6 to 0.
4. Consent Agenda Items	Motion by Chase Stevenson, support by Dr. Richard Hodgman, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Minutes from the regular meeting on March 23, 2026, as presented · Payment of General, Bond and Athletic fund bills, as presented · Hiring of staff (pending cleared background checks): None. Motion Carried 6 to 0.
5. Student / Staff Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Kalkaska Middle School Principal, Mrs. Laura Gehman recognizing McKenna Jenkins, Avery Shriver, Ruby Smith and Alexis Floreno for their efforts on cleaning up the KART trail.
6. Rapid City Elementary - Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Presentation by Mr. Kevin Malbouef, Dean of Students
7. Public Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Amanda Cherwinski

8.	Superintendent Update (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Teach!Michigan Texas (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) · Teach!Michigan Next Cohort (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) · Graduation Reminders (4) (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · May 21 practice will be after breakfast and slideshow, roughly 10 a.m. · May 21 report to KHS Auditorium between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. · May 21 graduation begins at 7 p.m. in the HS Gymnasium · Staff Appreciation Luncheon <i>info in orange folder to take with you</i> (4) (5) (6) · McTeacher Night <i>info in orange folder to take with you</i> (4) (5) (6) · GTRCF honoring Citizen of the Year, Mrs. Kim Cotton, <i>info in orange folder to take with you</i> (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) · Initial meeting with IDI and Triangle (5) (6) · I Love U Guys (4) (5) (6) · Snow day forgiveness (3 additional days – forgiven) but will be making up one (1) (2) (3)
9.	Discussion Items
	a. Approval of RC Proposal
	b. Building Level Reports
	c. Closed Session
10.	Blazer Board Briefs
	<p>Resignations and Retirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Helen Crawford</i>, retiring at end of school year · <i>Julie Rodes</i>, retiring at the end of school year · <i>Sue Woodruff</i>, retiring at the end of the school year · <i>Deb Meyer</i>, GSRP Teacher
11.	Action Items
a.	<p><i>Approval of Rapid City Proposal</i> Motion by Mitch Saxton, support by Dr. Richard Hodgman that the Board of Education approves and supports the Rapid City restructure proposal, as presented and discussed.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Mitch Saxton, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Mary Scobey, Chase Stevenson, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
b.	<p><i>Closed Session</i> Motion by Wendy Watson, support by Chase Stevenson, that the Board of Education approves to go into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged information.</p> <p>Into closed session: 6:28 p.m.</p>

	<p>Out of closed session: 7:20 p.m.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Wendy Watson, Chase Stevenson, Dr. Richardson, Mitch Saxton, Mary Scobey and Rachael Birgy</p>
c.	<p><i>Separation Agreement</i></p> <p>Motion by Chase Stevenson, support by Wendy Watson, that the Board of Education approves the separation agreement with an employee, as presented.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Ayes: Mitch Saxton, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Mary Scobey, Chase Stevenson, Wendy Watson and Rachael Birgy</p>
12.	Adjournment
	<p>Motion by Dr. Richard Hodgman, support by Mitch Saxton, to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion Carried 6 to 0.</p> <p>Time adjourned: 7:21 p.m.</p>