



Kalkaska Public Schools

*Board of Education Regular Meeting – MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2026*

*Board of Education Room
315 S Coral Street
Kalkaska, MI 49646
5:30 p.m.*

Members Present: Chase Stevenson, Dr. Richard Hodgman, Steve Ordway and Rachael Birgy

Staff Present: Principal, Staci Short, Assistant Principal, Aaron Ostrander, Dean of Students, Kevin Malbouef, Human Resource Director, David Alan Tucker, Director of Business Services, Jeff Scoggins and Executive Administrative Assistant, Cari Jo Roberts

Others Present: 10

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 Steve Ordway, support by Dr. Richard Hodgman, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried 4- to 0.

Building	Fall 2026	Fall 2025	Fall 2024	Fall 2023
ECLC	100 (6 w/FTE)	101 (7 w/FTE)	112	80
BSE	286	273	261	259
KUE	254	265	253	242
RCE	54 (9 HS)	56+12 (HS)	71+15 (H.S.)	85 (14) GSRP
KMS	265	282	307	308
KHS	428 (32 KAP)	431 (37 KAP)	453	463
Total	1293 w/FTE 1387 w/prek	1314 w/FTE 1408 w/prek	1457	1423
*Fall '26 estimated as of 9-14-2026				

4. Consent Agenda Items

Motion by Chase Stevenson, support by Steve Ordway, to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from the regular meeting on August 17, 2026, as presented
- Payment of General, Bond, and Athletic fund bills, as presented
- Hiring of staff (pending cleared background checks):

Ancillary Staff:

- Bill Johnson, 9th Grade Boys' Head Basketball Coach
- Kirk McKay, Robotics Club Coach
- Anastasia Weatherholt, Transportation Supervisor
- Lindsey Bruneel, GSRP Paraprofessional
- Alysha Misiolek, GSRP Paraprofessional
- Kelli Ingersoll, GSRP Paraprofessional
- Mason Moses, Varsity Boys' Assistant Soccer Coach
- Michelle Walter, Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach

	Katelyn Wilke, GSRP Paraprofessional Motion Carried 4 to 0.
5.	Student / Staff Recognition
	Kalkaska Alternative Program Leader and KHS Assistant Principal, Mr. Ostrander recognizing Kole Scarborough and KAP Dean of Students, Mr. England
6.	Three Lakes Association Presentation
	KHS students presenting their latest aquatic study of Lake Bellaire.
7.	Europe Presentation
	Summer trip presentation by KHS teacher and chaperone, Mr. Olds.
8.	Public Communication
	None.
9.	Superintendent Update (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
	- KAP Update (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) - Student Enrollment (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) - KHS Woodshop Class Success (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) - Teach!Mi – Grand Rapids (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) - Blazer Bash – Amazing Turnout (<i>650ish hotdogs, 40 gallons of drinks, 28 KPS volunteers and 36 community organizations</i>) Big shout out to organizer Brett Bontrager, THANK YOU! (4) (5) (6) - Superintendent Evaluation Timeline (<i>in your orange folder</i>) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6)
10.	Discussion Items
	- Acceptance of Generous Donations - MASB Delegate Assembly - EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) Update / Review - Building Level Reports
11.	Blazer Board Briefs
	<i>Resignations and Retirements:</i> - Riley Vyverberg, Robotics Club Coach - David Alan Tucker, Human Resource Director - Kari Risinger, Paraprofessional - Kimberlee Ellison, Paraprofessional
12.	Action Items
	<i>Acceptance of Generous Donation</i>

Vision — Inspiring excellence through perseverance, resilience, and individual success.

Mission — Supporting families to build successful students.

	Motion by Dr. Richard Hodgman, support by Chase Stevenson, that the Board of Education accepts the very generous donations from Iott Seed Farm, Inc., Miller Poineau Naumes, Inc. and Kevin Dwayne Gay and friends, to be used for our newly developing KHS woodshop class. Motion Carried 4 to 0.
b.	<i>MASB Delegate Assembly</i> No Board members will be attending the MASB Delegate Assembly, therefore there was no Board action.
13.	Board Updates
	<i>Glow, Grow, Know</i> - Shout out to Board member Wendy Watson - KHS woodshop class - KHS Band Camp Shout Out from Facebook Post - KHS Varsity Football Coach, Darren Conklin, Break the Rope (lanyards at your seat) - Dollar General Literacy Foundation award - Many KPS community donators, we <i>THANK YOU!</i> <i>Reminders of upcoming events:</i> - Interviews for Payroll, Benefits and Human Resources Specialist
14.	Adjournment
	Motion by Chase Stevenson, support by Steve Ordway, to adjourn. Motion Carried 4 to 0. Time adjourned: 6:27 p.m.