

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular and organizational meeting at the administrative offices on Monday, August 19, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle.

Member Absent: Drake

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers, Gardner; Directors Burns, Lillis, Campbell, Maynard, Behm, Hofstee, Houtman Graham, Stamas McClintic, Houtman; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Max Wicklund, Joy Walczak Edith Reyes, Bob Brenzing

Assistant Superintendent Rodgers honored Tawnie Hartzel with the Leading Learning Award and shared a few words in her absence.

Director McClintic introduced the communications team and shared a presentation on the new school closure guidelines and current initiatives they support throughout Kent ISD.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.16.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve hiring the Director of Facilities and Operations.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to hire a Director of Personnel for the Human Resources Department.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the resolution with item number six removed, as Kent ISD already has an anti-bully policy.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to adopt the revised Kent ISD Board policies outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

President Haidle offered the opportunity for public comment. No comments were given.

President Haidle shared that MASB is hosting “Behind the Scenes at the Capital” on September 18 from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. in Lansing for those interested in attending.

President Haidle shared that a board work session to set Superintendent Gorman's goals will be held on September 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Gorman shared that he had the opportunity to visit KCTC on the first day of school and was excited to see students engaged in learning. He thanked the communications team for their presentation and this year's new initiatives. He also thanked the human resources and technology team for onboarding over 100 new employees and closing over 800 tickets.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Minutes Approved on September 16, 2024

Andrea Haidle, President

Anne Hamming, Secretary

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