

A regular Kent ISD School Board meeting was held at the administrative offices on Monday, April 15, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Member Absent: Drake, Featherston

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Gorman, Gardner, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Baine, Behm, Castle, Hendry, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Preuss, Stamas; Principals Lienesch, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Jaimie Mueller, Cinnamon Mellema, Cristy Monge Franco, Eric VanDyke

Guests:

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Director Hendry to present the Learning awards. This month's award was presented to Cristy Monge Franco. Her supervisor, Jaime Mueller, was given the opportunity to share words of appreciation on her behalf.

Assistant Superintendent Glen Finkel provided an update on cybersecurity and Kent ISD's measures to keep our technology safe and secure. Board Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.11.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the KIEA KCTC Stipends as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the final payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds in the amount of \$23,405,572.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the Notice of Public Hearing to be published in the Grand Rapids Press announcing the Budget Hearing for Monday, May 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Ayes: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the resolutions to amend the 2023-2024 budgets.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve Dr. Ron Gorman's three-year superintendent contract beginning July 1, 2024.

Ayes: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment. No comment was given.

Member Hamming invited board members to attend the upcoming KIASB Legislative Dinner on Thursday, April 25 at Kent Career Tech Center from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

President Haidle shared that she and Member Featherston will attend MASB's Capital Day on April 24. This event provides an opportunity to meet with local legislators and share our regions educational priorities.

Superintendent Koehler shared that the participation window for the MI Student Voice survey recently closed, and over 70,000 responses were received statewide. Our team will soon review the aggregate data to learn more about the results. The MI Student Voice survey covers three domains: social-emotional, belonging and inclusion, and student engagement. The purpose is to identify how to increase student engagement in the classroom and support the need for additional dollars allocated toward mental health resources.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved on May 13, 2024

Andrea Haidle, President

Matt Rettig, Treasurer

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