Kent ISD

KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kent Conference Center 1633 East Beltline NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
July 20, 2026

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, July 20, 2026. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hamming, Schottke, Featherston, Haidle.
Member Absent: Drake

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Fee, Philipps, Rodgers, Myers; Directors Arnold, Baine, Behm, Graham, Hendry, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, McClintic, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell;

Staff Members: Aaron Stockland, Dr. Karl Nelson

Guests: John Kozal

President Haidle welcomed staff and visitors and requested approval of the Board agenda.

Upon Motion by Member Schottke, supported by Member Featherston, the Board approved removing agenda item F.19 from the consent agenda and placing it as item N on the agenda.

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

President Haidle turned the meeting over to Superintendent Gorman. Dr. Gorman requested nominations for the Kent ISD School Board for the 2026-2027 school year.

Upon motion by member Featherston, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to nominate the following slate for the Kent ISD School Board of Officers

President: Hamming
Vice President: Schottke
Secretary: Featherston
Treasurer: Haidle
Trustee: Drake

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

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to authorize the former Treasurer to continue to sign checks until the necessary documents can be processed and the equipment modified, not to exceed ninety (90) days from this date.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the resolution to designate bank depositories.

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

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the resolution authorizing accounts through JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the resolution designating the superintendent or his designee to assume the responsibilities of the treasurer for the administration of funds and to sign checks, contracts, agreements, and purchase orders.

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

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the School Board meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the procedures to call special meetings of the Board.

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

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the resolution to appoint Legal Counsel to represent Kent ISD.

Ayes: Schottke, Featherston, Haidle, Hamming
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the resolution for Kent ISD staff members to use Kent ISD credit cards for district business.

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

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the resolution authorizing electronic transactions and designating an Electronic Transfer Officer.

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

Career and Talent Development Directors Joe Lienesch, Ryan Graham, Dr. Karl Nelson, and Gerry Verwey shared a presentation on the opportunities available to students in our region and the growth of Career pathways. Board Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to combine and approve the consent agenda items F.1-F.18.

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

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the interoffice courier services agreement with Professional Courier Services.

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

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the purchase of Goalbook Toolkit Subscriptions for Center Programs and local districts' special education teachers and staff.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the purchase agreements with TECHnista for the MEERA lab equipment package and the subscription services.

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

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve Owen Ames Kimball's demolition package to demolish and excavate the former Dutton Elementary Site.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Schottke, it was resolved to approve the purchase and installation of new boilers at Pine Grove Learning Center.

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

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the capital outlay for secondary programs technology.

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

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve annual board policy updates provided by Thrun Law.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the memo of understanding between Kent ISD and local districts to grow CTE pathway programs.

Ayes: Haidle, Featherston, Hamming
Nays: None
Abstained: Schottke
Motion declared to have carried.

President Hamming offered the opportunity for public comment. Mr. John Kozal spoke on behalf of Howard Christensen Nature Center and thanked Dr. Gorman for coordinating a process to disperse the surplus items from the nature center.

Superintendent Gorman expressed his appreciation to the Career and Talent Development team for their presentation, commending their continued focus on data, performance metrics, and identifying new opportunities to expand student access and success through career and technical education.

Superintendent Gorman congratulated Anne Hamming on assuming the role of Board President and thanked Andrea Haidle for her years of dedicated leadership and service as Board President.

President Hamming adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Minutes approved on August 17, 2026

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Anne Hamming, President

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Laura Featherston, Secretary