KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kent Conference Center 1633 East Beltline NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
August 17, 2026

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, August 17, 2026. President Hamming called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff Members: Amanda Kettel, Sarah Misiak, Cinnamon Mellema, Jennifer Kolhoff

Guests: Jared Gauss, Jeremy Amshey, Lauren Barnes

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

Upon Motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Haidle, the Board approved removing agenda item E.1 from the informational items and placing it as item F.18 on the agenda.

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

President Hamming turned the meeting over to Kevin Philipps to introduce Progressive AE and Owen Ames Kimball, who provided an update on the CTE South satellite campus. Following the presentation, Director Hendry and Director Arnold presented the Leading Learning award to Amanda Kettel and Sarah Misiak. Supervisors shared words of appreciation.

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

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

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve GMB Ecosystem of teams to provide engineering services for the replacement HVAC and associate equipment for KCTC East A wing.

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the annual renewal for Qualtrics software.

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

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Schottke, it was resolved to approve the agreement between Kent ISD and Owen Ames Kimball for construction management services for the KCTC satellite site.

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

President Hamming offered the opportunity for public comment.

Ms. Jennifer Kolhoff, President of the KIEA Interpreters Bargaining Unit, addressed the Board and shared information related to staffing levels and compensation for the Kent ISD Total Communication Program.

Board Member Andrea Haidle shared that she plans to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute, January 31–February 2. Board approval for travel will be brought forward at the September Board meeting.

President Hamming shared information regarding the School Finance Bootcamp scheduled for September 17 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Additional information will be distributed to Board members. She also noted John Helmholdt will receive the Education Advocacy Award.

Superintendent Gorman thanked Progressive AE and Owen Ames Kimball for their presentation and partnership as the district works to build its new Career Tech Ed building in the county's southern region.

Superintendent Gorman shared that approximately 80 new staff members attended New Hire Orientation earlier in the day and thanked Ron Houtman and the Human Resources team for their efforts in welcoming and supporting new employees.

Superintendent Gorman congratulated Kirsten Myers on receiving the Marvin Beekman Award from the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education (MAASE).

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

Minutes approved on September 21, 2026

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Anne Hamming, President

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Laura Featherston, Secretary