

A regular meeting of the School Board of said district was held in the administrative offices on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Haidle at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bajema, Haidle, Featherston, Drake and Rettig

Member Absent:

David Drake joined the meeting at 6:04pm.

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Gorman, Rodgers, Glass, Gardner and Finkel; Recording Secretary Lovell; Directors Baine, Karsten, Lamar, Brockway, Stamas, Peraino, Dymowski, Store; Principals Verwey, Lienesch; Staff members Crystal Gumbs, Jaime Mueller, Kelly Cleveland, Jeff Miller, Debra Haff, Alissa Hofstee, Lindsey VanDyke, Debra Burkhardt.

Guests: Travis Comstock, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C.

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent Rodgers to present the Leading Learning awards. Quality Improvement Coach for the Great Start to Quality program, Crystal Gumbs, was presented with the Leading Learning award in the category of Going Above and Beyond. GSQ Director Jaimie Mueller shared that Crystal is an exceptional team member who continues to find additional ways she can support local child care providers.

Early On provider, Nikki Mulder, was presented with the Leading Learning Award in the category of Being a Leader of Learning. ESCE Supervisor Alissa Hofstee, shared that Nikki has the ability to serve infants and toddlers alongside their caregivers with dignity and professionalism.

Kent ISD Oral Deaf teacher, Kelly Cleveland, was recognized with the Leading Learning award in the category of Being a Leader of Learning. DHH Oral Deaf Program Coordinator, Deborah Burkhardt, shared that Kelly is a leader amongst her colleagues.

Facilities Supervisor, Jeff Miller, was recognized with the Leading Learning Award in the category of Being a Leader of Learning. Director Tim Peraino shared that Jeff's commitment to making the facilities clean has provided us with a better environment to work and learn.

President Haidle welcomed Director Oogie Lamar, to present on the impact of the Adult Education program. President Haidle provided the opportunity for questions and thanked Director Lamar for his dedication to students enrolled in the Adult Education program.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the consent agenda items outlined below.

Ayes: Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Approve the minutes of the March 20, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting and School Board Work Session.

Allow the bills from March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 and allow orders to be drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report.

a. General Education	12,086,568.22
b. Special Education – Center Programs	309,120.96
c. Special Education	7,151,762.88
d. Community Service (Enhancement Millage)	856,518.75
e. Career Technical Education	888,362.09
f. Cooperative Education	39,981.39
g. Student/School Activity Fund	15,162.48
h. Capital Projects:	
1) General Education	-
2) Special Education	434,548.48
3) Career Technical Education	325,343.21
i. Internal Service Fund	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$22,107,368.46

Approve the personnel recommendations regarding resignations and terminations, appointments, new assignments and/or contract adjustments, leaves of absence, and temporary contract employees. A copy of the recommendations is included with the legal minutes of this meeting.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) PD Hub Clerk position for Teaching and Learning.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Administrative Assistant position for the Communications Department and School News Network.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Director of Grants and Strategic Partnerships position for the department of Legislative and Organizational Affairs.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Region I Safety & Security Coordinator.

Approve the addition of the Center Programs positions for Lincoln Campus.

Approve the addition of the Center Programs positions for Empower U.

Approve the addition of a Program Coordinator position for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Total Communication Program.

Approve the addition of a one (1.0) Center Programs Behavioral Coach.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Assistant Facilities Supervisor position for the facilities team and appoint current staff member to fill this position.

Approve the bid from Riverworks Construction in the amount of \$38,500 to prepare the playground site for the Early Childhood Special Education program located at South Godwin Elementary.

Approve the purchase of 322 Chromebook computers from Sehi Computer Projects, Inc. in the amount of \$95,556.72

Approve the purchase of 60 ProBook 440 laptop computers from InaCOMP in the amount of \$83,520.

Approve the Notice of Public Hearing to be published in the Grand Rapids Press announcing the Budget Hearing for Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the bid from Riverworks Construction in the amount of \$105, 000 for the repair work to address erosion control problems at Lincoln Campus.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the Letter of Understanding amending the terms of severance eligibility for the Center Programs.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the resolutions to amend the 22-23 budgets.

Ayes: Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of furniture for Empower U Central from Custer Office Environments in the amount of \$296,165.02.

Ayes: Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the property transfer request as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the final payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the evaluation of Superintendent Koehler for the 22-23 school year.

Ayes: Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Superintendent Koehler recognized Teacher Academy Instructor, Adrianna Lynn, who has been honored by Teach Plus National for her participation in policy work. She has also received a research award from U.S Fulbright where she will do an in-dept study aboard to advance her professional growth.

Superintendent Koehler recognized Assistant Superintendent Chris Glass for receiving the Friend of Education award by the Michigan School Business Officials. Superintendent Koehler thanked him for his continued work lobbying to support public education.

Superintendent Koehler shared the Career and Talent Development team has named their visioning committee CareerPrep2030. CEO of The Right Place, Randy Thelen, Chris Bardeggia, Vice President of Steelcase and Northview Public Schools Superintendent Scott Korpak, will be co-chairing this committee on May 17, 2023 to develop a long-term vision that will shape the future of career preparation.

Upon motion by Bajema, supported by Featherston, the board moved to closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h).

Ayes: All present

Nays:

Motion declared to have carried.

The Board moved to closed session at 6:46 p.m.

The board moved to open session at 7:31 p.m.

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston it was resolved to approve the conditional settlement agreement as presented and designate Superintendent Koehler to execute the terms and conditions of the settlement on behalf of the Kent ISD School Board.

President Haidle offered the opportunity for public comment.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes Approved: May 15, 2023

Andrea Haidle, President

Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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