

A regular Kent ISD School Board meeting was held at the administrative offices on Monday, May 13, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Members Present: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle.

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Gorman, Gardner, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Baine, Behm, Burns, Campbell, Castle, Hendry, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Preuss; Principals Lienesch, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: David Breen, Vicki Powers

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Director Hendry to present the Leading Learning awards. This month's awards were presented to David Breen and Vicki Powers. Each of their supervisors was given the opportunity to share words of appreciation on their behalf.

Lincoln School Adaptive Art Teacher Whitney Ferrell introduced students who participated in the MAEA Michigan Art Education Region 9 Art Exhibition. The school board recognized the students for their hard work and dedication.

Kent ISD Nurse Consultant Rachel Vandenbrink shared the reproductive health curriculum that will be used in center programs and Myschool@Kent. Board Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.14.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rittig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Hamming, it was resolved to approve the statement of work from Plante Moran for the administration of a regional cybersecurity feasibility study at the fixed fee of \$165,000.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the new KCTC Principal starting in the 2024-2025 school year.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the purchase of a Process Control Training System from Advanced Technologies Consultants for the KCTC Mechatronics program in the amount of \$124,805.00.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve 4 KCTC students and 2 student advisors to attend the HOSA International Competition in Houston, Texas, on June 26-30, 2024.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve 2 KCTC students and 2 student advisors to attend the National Skills USA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 24-28, 2024.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

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

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the KIASB board of directors seats for a three-year term.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

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

Member Featherston shared her experience attending MASB’s Behind-the-Scenes at the Capital event with President Haidle and Education Advocates of West Michigan Executive Director Dan Behm. They learned more about what’s happening in Lansing and how they can best advocate for education.

Superintendent Koehler shared that Dr. Davie Store received recognition this week for this research report on the MI Student Voice Perception Survey. Over 70,000 students responded to this year’s survey, representing 108 districts statewide.

The West Michigan Teacher Collaborative is fully underway, and 150 students are enrolled through Grand Valley State University. This will provide our districts with 100 new teachers next year and 50 current teachers with additional endorsements. According to Superintendent Koehler, the State Board of Education believes this is the state's flagship program.

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

Minutes Approved on May 13, 2024

Andrea Haidle, President

Laura Featherston, Secretary

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