

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the administrative offices on Monday, September 16, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers, Gardner; Directors Arnold, Burns, Baine Lillis, Campbell, Store, Hissong, Karsten, Castle, Sneider, Lienesch, Maynard, Behm, Hofstee, Verwey, Larkin, McClintic, Houtman; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Cinnamon Mellema, Karrie Smith, Nick Veldkamp

Guest: Mike Washburn

Director Hendry honored Nick Veldkamp and Karrie Smith with the Leading Learning Award. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share their appreciation.

Director Houtman shared a presentation on the strategic plan and provided an overview and timeline to develop our next iteration of LEAD 2.0. The goal is to have a fully developed plan by May 31, 2025.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.9

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the purchase of CrowdStrike Endpoint Detection and Response Licenses not to exceed \$147,936.00.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the property transfer request located at 480 Kinney Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49534, to be transferred from Grandville Public Schools to the Kenwoa Hills Public School district.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the initial payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the renovations to the Educational Service Center in the amount of \$4,836,090 and authorize Owen Ames Kimball as the contractor for this project.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

President Haidle offered the opportunity for public comment. No comments were given.

President Haidle shared that MASB is hosting a Region III Legislative Priorities Meeting at Kent ISD’s Educational Service Center on October 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and encouraged board members to attend.

Superintendent Gorman thanked staff for welcoming him into their buildings this past month. He will continue to visit buildings and programs every month.

Superintendent Gorman thanked Assistant Superintendent Sue Gardner and her team for collaborating with the West Michigan Construction Institute to provide additional CTE pathways for students in our region. He also thanked Ron Houtman for his strategic plan presentation and for keeping our leadership team accountable for meeting our organizational goals.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved on October 21, 2024

Andrea Haidle, President

Anne Hamming, Secretary

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