

A regular meeting of the Kent ISD School Board was held at the administrative offices on Monday, December 18, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Haidle at 4:00 pm.

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

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Gorman, Gardner, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Baine, Burns, Castle, Campbell, Dymowski, Graham, Hissong, Hendry, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Preuss, Stamas; Principal Lienesch and Verwey; recording Secretary Lovell; Kent ISD Staff: Nick Morse, Heather Snieder.

Guests:

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Director Hendry to present the Leading Learning award. Talibah Sawyer was announced as this month's Leading Learning award recipient. Principal Verwey accepted the award in her absence and shared words of appreciation for her dedication to students.

President Haidle welcomed Ron Houtman, Director of Strategic Planning and Organizational Initiatives, who shared a presentation highlighting the progress made towards our strategic plan's goals and objectives. Board members were given the opportunity for questions.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to combine and approve action items E.1-E.6.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the purchase of Avigilon security cameras and related equipment in the amount of \$121,616.66 from People Driven Technology.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Hamming, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the resolutions to amend the 2023-2024 Budget.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve 45 students and four advisors from the KCTC HVAC-R program to attend the International Air-Conditioning, Heating, Refrigerating Exposition in Chicago, IL on January 23, 2023.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Assistant Superintendent Gorman shared that the West Michigan Teacher Collaborative held interviews and has officially accepted 71 educators into the program to obtain a bachelor’s degree in education. This cohort has representation from all three counties and 35% of the individuals are from underrepresented groups.

Assistant Superintendent Gorman shared the Kent ISD holiday schedule and thanked Director Houtman for providing a synthesized overview of the strategic plan’s goals and objectives.

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 15, 2023

Andrea Haidle, President

Laura Featherston, Secretary

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