

A regular Kent ISD School Board meeting was held at the administrative offices on Monday, March 18, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Gorman, Gardner, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Burns, Castle, Dymowski, Hendry, Hissong, Houtman, Karsten, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Stamas; Principals Lienesch, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Deb VanDyke, Joanne Platt, Nic Bond

Guests: Brett Lambert, Doug VanderJagt, Bill Ross

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President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Director Hendry to present the Learning awards. Awards were presented to Debra Smith and Faith DeYoung. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share words of appreciation on behalf of the recipients.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to combine and approve action items E.1-E.13.

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 addition of four new classrooms and fifteen additional positions for Center Programs beginning in the 24-25 school year.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve one Board Certified Behavior Analyst and two Registered Behavior Technicians for Center Programs-Lincoln School.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the new Student Services positions beginning in the 24-25 school year.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the bid from Fiber Link, Inc. for \$231,436.00 to connect Lincoln Campus and Pine Grove Learning Center to the wide-area network.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle  
Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the purchase of Ruckus Wireless Access Points from Vector Technologies for \$378,335.00. In addition, we request approval to purchase the Cisco Network Fully Powered Switches from Sentinel Technologies Inc. for \$104,809.00, which provides the power to these access points.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle  
Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the purchase of Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) Hardware and Maintenance Agreement from People driven in the amount of \$121,337.05.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle  
Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve Turnkey Network Solutions' bid for a three-year contract for fiber maintenance services.

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 furniture purchase for the Launch U and MySchool@Kent Programs for \$326,960.01 from Custer Office Environments.

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 the purchase of Ukeru blocking pads from Grafton Inc., in the amount of \$91,236.00

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of 30 Learning Station Inspire laptops and software licenses from ZSpace in the amount of \$146,670.00

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved that the property transfer request be approved as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the resolution to accept Superintendent Koehler's retirement effective June 30, 2024, and appoint Dr. Ron Gorman beginning July 1, 2024.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Board members congratulated Superintendent Koehler on his retirement and thanked him for his outstanding leadership over the past three and a half years. They also congratulated Dr. Ron Gorman on his appointment and expressed their enthusiasm toward working together in the near future.

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

Member Hamming shared an update on the recent dinner presentation held by the Kent Intermediate Association of School boards. The evening featured KCTC students highlighting their CTE program, followed by a presentation by KCTC Principal Joe Lienesch and Assistant Superintendent Sue Gardner, defining CTE programming and its future direction.

Member Haidle shared an update on her recent visits to various Kent ISD program events, including a GSRP classroom at Wyoming Early Childhood Center, KCTC's Culinary program to attend the American Culinary Federation reaccreditation, and the CareerPrep 2030 conference. Each event was exceptional and highlighted the great work happening throughout our county.

Superintendent Koehler announced that Joe Lienesch will be transitioning into the Director of CTE position as current Director Cary Stamas moves into retirement in the spring of 2025. The KCTC principal position will be posted this Spring.

Superintendent Koehler thanked board members and expanded leadership members for their commitment to “Leading Learning” and looks forward to seeing what this team accomplishes in the future.

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, the board moved to a closed session to discuss collective bargaining agreements. (OMA Section 8c)

Ayes: All present

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

The board went into a closed session beginning at 6:53 p.m.

The board moved to open session at 8:13 p.m.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes Approved on April 15, 2024

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Andrea Haidle, President

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Laura Featherston, Secretary

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