
BOARD AGENDA ITEM

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Item: Director of Adult Education

Submitted by: Dave Rodgers

Date: 9-3-24 _____

Recommended by: Sue Gardner and Dave Rodgers Board Meeting Date: September 16, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board approve the hire of Gerald Verwey as the next Director of Adult Education. This recommendation comes as a result of Dr. Laura Preuss accepting another role outside of Kent ISD.

BACKGROUND:

From the pool of applicants, four candidates were selected for initial interview (two internal and two externals.) Following the first round, the panel comprised of Leadership Team members and two Adult Education staff members found strong consensus around Gerry Verwey, who currently serves as the principal of MySchool@Kent. An experienced building and program administrator here at Kent ISD, Gerry thoughtfully articulated how his experiences, beliefs and goals align with the mission of Adult Education.

On Thursday, August 29th, Adult Education staff had the opportunity to meet informally with Mr. Verwey and ask questions. Staff who attended provided supportive and affirming feedback to Sue Gardner and Dave Rodgers.

It is anticipated that Gerry will continue supporting MySchool@Kent in transition while he begins to get acclimated to Adult Education. This is certainly a loss for MySchool@Kent. We will promptly begin seeking a new program leader for that program.