

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, May 19, 2025. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Drake, Rettig, Haidle.

Member Absent: Featherston, Hamming

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman; Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Fee, Gardner, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Arnold, Bray, Burns, Campbell, Graham, Hissong, Houtman, Hendry, Karsten, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Murphy, Stamas, Verwey; Principal Weigel; Recording Secretary Lovell

President Haidle welcomed attendees and turned the meeting over to Directors Danielle Hendry and Bryndan Arnold to honor staff members Lisa Coin and Jill Turnquist with the Leading Learning Award. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share their appreciation for these individuals.

The Career & Talent Development team presented the annual report for CareerPrep 2030. President Haidle thanked the team for their extraordinary work over this past year, and for expanding CTE opportunities for students. Director of Adult Education, Gerry Verwey, also shared an update on the classes and certifications available to our adult learners. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1- D.17.

Ayes: 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 and installation of a generator for KEC Beltline.

Ayes: Drake, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the furniture for Empower U South from Custer Office Environments.

Ayes: Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve United Commercial Services as the custodial contractor for multiple center program buildings.

Ayes: Drake, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the agreement with Relayhub to support Medicaid claims billing.

Ayes: 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 technology equipment for center programs as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Drake, Rettig, 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 two 3D printers for the KCTC Mechatronics program.

Ayes: Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion by Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve Kent ISD to authorize the millage levies as recommended, totaling 5.315 mills in 2025.

Ayes: Drake, Rettig, Haidle

Nays:

Motion declared to have carried.

Superintendent Gorman's annual evaluation occurred on April 21, 2025, in a closed session. The Board unanimously approved an effective rating for the 24-25 school year, the highest rating possible under the new evaluation system, and will extend his contract for another year.

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment, but no comments were given.

Dr. Gorman shared the recent passing of staff member Kristopher Schollmeyer, a beloved teacher at Empower U South. Support services will be available to staff and students as they navigate this difficult time.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Minutes approved on June 16, 2025

Andrea Haidle, President

Matt Rettig, Vice President

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