

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

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Philipps, Myers, Rodgers; Directors Arnold, Baine, Behm, Bray, Burns, Castle, Graham, Hissong, Hofstee, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Sneider, Stamas, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Cinnamon Mellema, Nick Morse, Todd Bowman, Tiffany Smith

Guest: Sergeant Scott Dietrich, Lieutenant John DeGroot

President Haidle welcomed attendees and turned the meeting to Mr. Sean Burns, Director of Safety and Security. Mr. Burns recognized School Resource Officer Steve Toonstra for his exceptional service in responding to a crisis involving a student who had left the KEC Beltline campus. Officer Toonstra's intervention and compassion for this student reflect his dedication to our students' safety both in and out of the classroom.

Upon motion by Member Featherston, seconded by Member Rettig, to recognize Steve Toonstra for his exemplary service and life-saving actions on behalf of our students and community.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Director Hendry presented the Leading Learning Awards to Andrea Fortin and Tiffany Smith. Supervisors were also given the opportunity to express appreciation.

Education Advocates of West Michigan Director Dan Behm shared a legislative update highlighting the recent election and what to expect from the lame-duck session in Lansing. Board Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.6.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve CrowdStrike Falcon's bid for Endpoint Detection and Response Licenses for Kent ISD's constituent districts, not to exceed \$728,936.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the 3-year maintenance renewal of Tableau Data Analytic software in the amount of \$151,049.88.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve Bulb Digital's development of a \$120,000 Child Care Navigation CRM Database.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the resolutions to amend the 24-25 Budget.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

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

Superintendent Gorman thanked Deputy Steve Toonstra for his dedication to our students' safety and security. He also recognized the school shooting in Madison, Wisconsin, today and thanked our safety and security team for their incredible efforts preparing, should such an event happen in our region.

Superintendent Gorman thanked Dan Behm, Director of Education Advocates of West Michigan, for this evening's presentation on potential upcoming legislation changes and what to expect with the administration shift in the new year.

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, the board moved to a closed session to complete the Superintendent's mid-year progress review (OMA8a).

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle
Nays:

Motion declared to have carried.

The Board moved to a closed session at 5:01 p.m.

The board moved back into open session at 5:41 p.m.

Board members affirmed their satisfaction with Dr. Gorman’s performance and thanked him for his extraordinary leadership.

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the goals, artifacts, and desired training outlined by Superintendent Gorman.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 13, 2025

Andrea Haidle, President

Anne Hamming, Secretary

