

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, November 11, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

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Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Fee, Finkel, Philipps, Rodgers, Gardner; Directors Arnold, Baine, Bray, Campbell, Castle, Graham, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Sneider, Stamas, Store, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Braxton Platt, Collin Howell, Mary Fedewa, Anna Schutter, Kelly Bowers, Colby Wheeler, Gregg Isenhoff, Brian Cassell, Jacob Bandstra, Denise Pohl, Michael Dewicki, Mary Hunter, Andrew Eggert, Nic Bond, Todd Bowman.

Guest: Sherrie Blankenship, Cameron Weibel, Ada Peterson

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President Haidle turned the meeting over to Superintendent Gorman, who introduced KCTC's Culinary Instructors. The instructors shared an overview of the American Culinary Federation accreditation process, along with their strengths and areas for improvement from their visit this past Spring. Board members were given the opportunity to ask the students in attendance questions about their experience in the culinary program.

Director Arnold honored Brian Cassell, Gregg Isenhoff, and Colby Wheeler with the Leading Learning Award. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share words of appreciation.

Sherrie Blankenship, CPA at Maner Costerisan, shared a presentation on the Kent ISD financial audit. Ms. Blankenship provided the board with highlights of the audit, noting that \$12.6 million in capital assets have been placed into service and reported significant changes to pension and OPEB liabilities. There was also a change in the net position of \$23.5 million. Ms. Blankenship reviewed the governmental funds and budget comparisons for the General, Special Education, and CTE funds. Maner Costerisan completed a single audit on federal awards and found no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. This single audit was also issued as an unmodified opinion and a low-risk audit.

President Haidle thanked Assistant Superintendent Philipps, Director Baine, and his team for their hard work on this year's audit.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.7.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

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

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

President Haidle shared that the Michigan Association of School Boards has reached out to highlight Kent ISD in an upcoming edition of the LeaderBoard Magazine. She thanked Board members for their willingness to provide input and for being recognized statewide.

Superintendent Gorman thanked the Leading Learning Awards recipients for their outstanding work supporting students every day in the classroom and out in the community. Dr. Gorman reminded staff and board members of the upcoming Listen. Learn. Lead-*State of the Student* event scheduled for next Monday, November 18, at Frederik Meijer Gardens from 9 to 11:00 a.m.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes approved on December 16, 2024

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Andrea Haidle, President

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Anne Hamming, Secretary

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