

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular and organizational meeting at the administrative offices on Monday, July 15, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors, Burns, Campbell, Hendry, Houtman; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Cinnamon Mellema

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Superintendent Gorman requested nominations for the Kent Intermediate School Board president for the 2024-2025 school year.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the slate for board officers for the 2024-2025 school year:

Andrea Haidle- President  
Matt Rettig, Vice-President  
Laura Featherston- Treasurer  
Anne Hamming-Secretary  
David Drake-Trustee

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to authorize the former Treasurer to continue to sign checks until the necessary documents can be processed and equipment modified, not to exceed ninety (90) days.

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 authorize the designation of bank depositories.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to authorize the accounts through JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA.

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 designate the superintendent or his designee to assume the treasurer's responsibilities for the administration of funds and to sign checks, contracts, agreements, and purchase orders.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the school board meeting dates with an amendment to change the meeting time to 4:00 p.m.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the procedure for calling special meetings of the Board.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to appoint Legal Counsel to present Kent ISD.

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 Kent ISD Staff members' use of Kent ISD credit cards for district business.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve authorizing Electronic Transactions and designating an Electronic Transfer Officer.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Director of Safety & Security Sean Burns presented a report outlining the department's growth and current progress in providing a safe and secure environment for staff and students.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the consent agenda action items E.1-E.12.

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 the West Michigan Teacher Collaborative to contract with Leading Educators to provide professional learning during the 24-25 school year in the amount of \$110,530.00.

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 to approve hiring Dr. Jennifer Fee for the Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services position.

Ayes: Drake, 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 shared that the state budget allocated \$9 million for the West Michigan Teacher Collaborative, bringing over 300 teachers to the pipeline this year alone. With support from Dan Behm, Director of Education Advocates of West Michigan, we received \$500,000 for the MI Student Voice Student Perception Survey. This funding will support the administration of the student, staff, and parent surveys, which will provide data that helps us understand the student experience and how to improve student outcomes. Superintendent Gorman thanked Director Burns for his safety and security presentation and stressed that student safety will always be first priority at Kent ISD.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved on August 19, 2024

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Andrea Haidle, President

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Anne Hamming, Secretary

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