

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the administrative offices on Monday, February 17, 2025. 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, Gardner; Directors Arnold, Baine, Bray, Campbell, Graham, Hendry, Herron, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Murphy, Sneider, Stamas, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Stacy Crowell, Bonnie Lewis, Edwin Montoya, Laura Otten, Cinnamon Mellema

Guest:

President Haidle welcomed attendees and turned the meeting to Director Bryndan Arnold to honor staff members Bonnie Lewis, Stacy Crowell, and Edwin Montoya with the Leading Learning Award. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share their appreciation.

Superintendent Gorman shared that Kent ISD's Continuous Improvement Specialist, Ms. Laura Otten, was recently selected as one of Michigan's 2025 National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators State Leadership Award winners. Board members thanked Ms. Otten for her outstanding leadership.

Assistant Superintendent Kirsten Myers presented an update on the current structures of support in Center Programs along with the program improvements implemented this year. Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.11.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of furniture from Custer Office Environments for Phase I of the ESC renovation.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to adopt the amended board policies as recommended by Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

President Haidle offered the opportunity for public comment. No public comment was given.

President Haidle shared an overview of her recent trip to Washington, D.C., for the National School Boards Association Advocacy Institute Conference and thanked Kent ISD for organizing visits with our congressional leaders.

Superintendent Gorman shared a high-level update of this year’s goals, which include increased communication, doubling the number of CTE and CTE-‘like’ programs, and implementing the strategic plan over the next three years. Each goal is currently on target for completion at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Superintendent Gorman thanked Kirsten Myers for her presentation at today's meeting.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes approved on March 17, 2025

Andrea Haidle, President

Anne Hamming, Secretary

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