

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, January 13, 2025. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Gardner Philipps, Myers, Rodgers; Directors Arnold, Baine, Behm, Bray, Burns, Campbell, Graham, Hisson, Hendry, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Murphy, Sneider, Stamas, Verwey; Principal Herron, Weigel; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Cinnamon Mellema, Jacob Bandstra, Lindsey VanDyke

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President Haidle welcomed attendees and turned the meeting over to Mr. Bryndon Arnold, who presented the Leading Learning Awards to Craig Weigel and Laura Fisher.

Director Ashley Karsten and Director Alissa Hofstee shared an Early Childhood MTSS update highlighting the Early Childhood Programs.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.4.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

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

Superintendent Gorman thanked Director Alissa Hofstee and Director Ashley Karsten for their presentation and for continuing to be ambassadors for early childhood education.

Superintendent Gorman congratulated Mr. Craig Weigel and Ms. Laura Fisher on being recognized with this month's Leading Learning Award. Both individuals are highly deserving and great examples of what it means to "Lead Learning."

Superintendent Gorman shared a compliment received for Mr. Ron Houtman on his work preparing for the Educational Service Center Renovation. His work helped the transition go smoothly for all of his colleagues.

Superintendent Gorman thanked Board Members for their dedication to Kent ISD and shared a recognition gift for School Board Appreciation Month.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 17, 2025

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Andrea Haidle, President

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Anne Hamming, Secretary

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