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Item: Approval of Agreement for sale of Howard Christensen Nature Center property

Submitted by: Kevin Philipps

Date: 3-9-26

Recommended by: Kevin Philipps *KP*

Board Meeting Date: 3-16-26

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the attached resolution and purchase/sale agreement with Land Conservancy of West Michigan to sell the property associated with the Howard Christensen Nature Center for \$1,000.

BACKGROUND:

Kent ISD and Land Conservancy of West Michigan have worked collaboratively to agree on a proposed sale of the Howard Christensen Nature Center property. Utilization of the nature center by our constituent districts has been minimal in the last couple of years and a survey of our local superintendents confirmed minimal usage would continue in the future. The buildings located at the nature center are aging and will require significant investment in the future. Kent ISD was gifted the land by the Christensen family in the 1970's with the intent of the property being a space for students to access nature. Administration wants to continue to honor the intent of the Christensen family, and are pleased that Land Conservancy has stepped forward with their interest to acquire the property and maintain the property as a recreational and educational nature site for the community and students. The resolution authorizes the sale of the property from Kent ISD to Land Conservancy and directs the Superintendent of his designee, to execute the purchase agreement and take any other actions required to complete the sale of the property, including signing closing documents.

If there are any questions in advance of the meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Attachment(s)