

A regular meeting of the Kent ISD School Board was held at the administrative offices on Monday, October 16, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Haidle at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Rettig, Featherston, Hamming, Haidle

Member Absent: Drake

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Gorman, Finkel, Myers, Rodgers; Directors Baine, Burns, Dymowski, Graham, Hissong, Hendry, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Maynard, McClintic, Peraino, Stamas; Principal Lienesch and recording Secretary Lovell; Kent ISD Staff: Bob Rouse, Mitch Smith, Deb VanDyke, Cinnamon Mellema.

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent Rodgers to present the Leading Learning awards. The Leading Learning awards were presented to Laurel Minard, Bob Rouse and Mitch Smith. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share words of appreciation on behalf of the recipients.

President Haidle welcomed Facilities Director, Tim Peraino who shared a presentation highlighting the major projects completed by the Facilities Departments. Board members were given the opportunity for questions.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.8.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the contract from Bulb Digital to provide IT planning and support for the new community childcare navigation platform in the amount of \$150,000.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the purchase of furniture for Empower U North from Custer office Environments in the amount of \$240, 530.46.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the removal of surplus equipment and grant permission to Kent ISD to dispose of these items per policy/guidelines.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the second payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to appoint Laura Featherston as the Delegate for the MASB Delegate Assembly held on Thursday, November 9, 2023.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

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

Superintendent Koehler shared that MiMTSS recently recognized eight school districts statewide for their fidelity to a multi-tiered system of support. Four of these districts were within Kent ISD and have worked in partnership with Kirsten Rice, Kent ISD's MTSS Coordinator.

The MASB Soundboard highlighted the work of our Region I Security Coordinator position this past week. This work focuses on aligning emergency procedures and protocols amongst neighboring districts to allow for surrounding security to step in during an emergency situation.

The CareerPrep 2030 committee will be meeting next Monday, October 23 to share the strategies developed this past Summer designed to increase the training and work-based learning opportunities across the district.

President Haidle School Board shared that the Board pledges to support Dr. Gorman while Superintendent Koehler is on medical leave. Superintendent Koehler shared his confidence in Dr. Gorman and the leadership team to lead with fidelity to the strategic plan's goals and values.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Minutes Approved: November 13, 2023

Andrea Haidle, President

Laura Featherston, Secretary

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