

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the administrative offices on Monday, October 21, 2024. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle.

Member Absent: Drake, Featherston

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Fee, Finkel, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers, Gardner; Directors Arnold, Baine, Bray, Campbell, Castle, Graham, Hendry, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Sneider, Stamas, Store, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Cinnamon Mellema, Rebecca Hodges, Karen Lezan

Guest:

Director Hendry and Director Arnold honored Lindy Clayton, Brenda Garcia, Jaime Thomasma, and Rebecca Hodges with the Leading Learning Award. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share their appreciation.

Director Castle shared a presentation on the West Michigan Teacher Collaborative and provided an overview of enrollment data and what support we offer to those enrolled in the program. Board Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.12.

Ayes: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve hiring Jared Herron as the new Myschool@Kent Principal.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved the purchase of PowerSchool Licenses for MiPSE in the amount of \$334,021.48.

Ayes: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve adoption of the revised Emergency Operations Plan provided by our Safety and Security team.

Ayes: Hamming, Rettig, Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the second distribution of Special Education Act 18 funds.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

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

President Haidle shared that former superintendent of Rockford Public Schools, Dr. Michael Shibler, was recognized with the Education Advocacy award by the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards during last week’s fall presentation. Dr. Shibler played a significant roll in the grass roots advocacy to support public education.

Member Hamming shared that she will be attending the Michigan Council of School Attorneys Fall Conference held on October 24 at MASB’s Annual Leadership Conference and will report out about her experience in November.

Superintendent Gorman shared a high-level overview of the superintendent evaluation goals. A mid-year progress report will take place at the school board meeting on December 16.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes approved on November 11, 2024

Andrea Haidle, President

Anne Hamming, Secretary

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