

A regular meeting of the Kent ISD School Board was held at the administrative offices on Monday, February 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Haidle at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rettig, Featherston, Hamming, Haidle

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Gorman, Gardner, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Baine, Behm, Brockway, Burns, Castle, Dymowski, Graham, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Lillis, McClintic, Stamas, Store; Principals Lienesch, Verwey, Zaszak; Recording Secretary Lovell; Staff Members: Deb VanDyke, Melissa Monette, Elizabeth Schafer, Emily Herrmann, Stephanie Harkema, Joanne Platt

Guests: Maureen Krason, Trey Monette

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent Rodgers to present the Leading Learning awards. Awards were presented to Melissa Monette, Elizabeth Schafer, Emily Herrmann, Stephanie Harkema and Thomas Doan. Supervisors were given the opportunity to share words of appreciation on behalf of the recipients.

Early Childhood Director, Ashley Karsten and Director of ECSE and Integrated Supports, Alissa Hofstee, shared a presentation on the early childhood multi-tiered system of support model. Board members were given the opportunity for questions.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1-D.12 with the exception of item D.10. President Haidle requested this action item be voted on separately following discussion.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the bid from CrowdStrike Falcon Complete software from VDA Labs in the amount of \$78,397.84. This purchase will replace the existing anti-virus software with Endpoint Detective Response (EDR) which provides a more proactive approach to cyber security.

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 striking of personal property taxes from previous tax rolls.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the Board Policy Amendments as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

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

Superintendent Koehler shared that last week’s KCTC open house was a huge success and hundreds of students were in attendance to learn more about our CTE programs. While we will continue to enroll students at KCTC, we soon will be offering additional CTE opportunities to students in their local districts developed by the CareerPrep2030 committee. Superintendent Koehler invited board members to attend the Career2030 conference to be held on March 4, 2024 at the Kent Career Tech Center.

Superintendent Koehler shared that the Michigan Department of Education has invited our Director of Teacher Development, Laura Castle and team members to present on the West Michigan Teacher Collaborative. This program will increase the teacher pipeline in our region and prepare candidates for the most challenging educational settings.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes Approved on March 18, 2024

Andrea Haidle, President

Laura Featherston, Secretary

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