



A Public Property Transfer Hearing of the Kent ISD School Board and Allegan Area ESA School Board was held in the Kent Conference Center on October 6, 2025. The meeting was called to order by President Haidle at 4:00 p.m. for the consideration of a property transfer request from Wayland Public School District (Allegan Area ESA) to Caledonia Community Schools (Kent Intermediate School District).

Members Present: Ms. Hamming, Ms. Featherston, Mr. Drake, Ms. Haidle, Mr. Day, Ms. Howard, Ms. Calhoun, Mr. Collier

Members Absent: Ms. Schottke, Ms. Ballard

Guests: Mr. Richard and Ms. Hodgson (Property owners), Ms. Lloyd (Allegan Area ESA)

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendent Philipps and Recording Secretary Lovell.

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A motion was made by Member Featherston, supported by Mr. Day to nominate president Haidle as the Chairperson for the meeting.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Drake, Haidle, Day, Howard, Calhoun, Collier

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried***

A motion was made by Member Collier, supported by Member Haidle to approve Member Howard as the Secretary of the meeting.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Drake, Haidle, Day, Howard, Calhoun, Collier

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried***

Property owners had the opportunity for public comment. Property owners shared their reasoning for the property transfer.

- The School District line on their street is random and is based on the choices of the previous homeowners on this street.
- As adult learners, the Hodgson's would like to access services where their neighbors access services for their children and for themselves. The Hodgson's prefer the services accessible through Kent ISD and KDL
- The Hodgson's have easier access to services through Kent ISD and KDL based on where they live, work and travel each day.
- The Hodgson's would prefer to have their property tax dollars support Kent ISD due to the breadth of services available.

President Haidle turned the hearing over to Kent ISD Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Kevin Philipps, to provide an overview of the property transfer request from Wayland Public School District (Allegan Area ESA) to Caledonia Community Schools (Kent ISD). Mr. Philipps reviewed the common principals that are considered for property transfer request.



- Requested Transfer straightens or simplifies constituent school district boundary.
- Welfare of any applicable students, including, but not limited to, the length of a student's commute to and from school, whether or not a school bus is utilized.
- Elimination of geographical barriers to constituent school district
- Approval of the constituent school districts.

Allegan Area ESA Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Abby Lloyd, shared a brief overview of the in-depth conversations between her and Ms. Hodgson regarding the property transfer process.

Board members were provided the opportunity for discussion.

A motion was made by Member Collier, seconded by Featherston, to deny the property transfer requested by Mr. and Ms. Hodgson from Wayland Public Schools (Allegan Area ESA) to Caledonia Community Schools (Kent Intermediate School District).

Ayes: Featherston, Hamming Drake, Haidle, Day, Howard, Calhoun, Collier

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried***

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes Approved: November 17, 2025

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Andrea Haidle, President  
Kent ISD

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David Drake, Secretary  
Kent ISD

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