

A regular meeting of the School Board of said district was held in the Administrative Offices on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Joseph at 4:01 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Bajema, Mrs. Haidle, Mr. Joseph, and Mr. Zinger (Mr. Zinger arrived at 4:20 p.m.)

Member Absent: Mr. Thorne

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Konarska, Assistant Superintendents Hagerty, Koehler, Smith, Sullivan, and Recording Secretary Conners; Directors Grandy, Kaufman, Peraino, VanderJagt, VanderPloeg and Weese; Principals Johnson, Kimber and Kraus.

Guest: None

President Joseph opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and expressing his condolences to the families affected by the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut this past week. He asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence to honor the children that lost their lives in this terrible act of violence.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting of the School Board and minutes of the December 3, 2012 Board Work Session.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Haidle and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved that the bills from November 1, 2012 through November 30, 2012 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

a. General Education	\$ 5,140,622.00
b. Special Education	1,467,242.75
c. Career Technical Education	418,824.44
d. Cooperative Education	85,862.29
e. Capital Projects:	
1) General Education	0.00
2) Special Education	261.75
3) Career Technical Education	23,324.27
f. Skutt Scholarship Fund	500.00
g. Trust & Agency	4,594.45
h. Internal Service Fund	37,945.54
 TOTAL	 \$ 7,179,177.49

Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that the dollar amount was lower than previous months due to not having any Special Education payout this month.

Ayes: Members Haidle, Bajema and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve personnel recommendations regarding resignations and terminations, appointments, new assignments and/or contract adjustments, leaves of absence, and temporary contract employees. A copy of the recommendations is included with the legal minutes of this meeting. Assistant Superintendent Sullivan stated that the contract for Sarah Earnest was adjusted to reflect her new position of Regional Human Resources Director. Contracts for success coaches for Myschool@kent have also been adjusted upwards. She said that their caseloads are much higher than expected due to the increased number of students (300). She is thrilled with the quality of staff they have in this program and wants to be sure to be able to keep them. President Joseph asked if these would transition to permanent positions if the numbers remain up. Assistant Superintendent Sullivan stated that they would. Member Bajema asked how many days these coaches are currently working. Assistant Superintendent Sullivan said that they are working five days a week and are very busy.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Haidle and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the construction budget for Kent Innovation High not to exceed \$2,859,572 and to accept the bids from the contractors recommended in each bid category and authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services to sign contracts, change orders, and other documents necessary to complete this project within the budget approved. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty said that Director Peraino has been working with a committee on the design and building out for Phase II of Kent Innovation High. He stated that the bids have been out, received, and that they have met with the bidders. He stated that most projects came in below bid, and that the \$2.85 million is within the budget range. Additional finances will be required for technology and furniture. Kent ISD is hoping to again partner with Steelcase to decrease costs on furniture. The technology should be less costly than last time since some of the original technology in Phase I can be expanded and used also for Phase II. He said that construction could start as early as tomorrow once it is approved. There will be some disruption to current classrooms, but classrooms in KCTC are now ready to be used for KIH.

Member Haidle asked about the five categories for allowances. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty said that the contingency line was if everything went wrong, while the other allowances are for budgeted work that needs to be done. Director Peraino said there is a vault underground that may need to be moved, so contingencies were built in for this work. Member Haidle asked how the work would start out. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty said work would start by the east driveway, a wall will be removed and they will start building out. President Joseph asked about the

number of bids received. Director Peraino said they had an excellent turnout with over 100 bids for the project. He said the public meeting on the bidding process took over an hour, as there were so many bids to open.

Member Haidle asked if costs were increasing since new housing and construction is recovering and doing better. Director Peraino said that the construction industry has turned around and is back on the rise. He stated that some of the larger bidders chose not to bid on this project because they currently have too much work.

Ayes: Members Haidle, Bajema and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Member Zinger arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the Letter of Intent with Urban Market and allow the Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services to sign and complete the necessary documents and lease within the same financial parameters as the LOI. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that this project is receiving both national and local attention and will be good for Kent ISD and provide lots of exposure. The agreement is for 6 classrooms and 2 labs at \$13.91 per foot. The cost to build out would be on top of this cost. We are currently analyzing which programs are the best fit downtown. President Joseph asked about the projected costs. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty said the total cost for the 8 rooms, renting of the commercial kitchen and utilities and other expenses would run approximately \$300,000 per year. Member Haidle asked about the rent increasing yearly and going up according to the CPI, and if this was typical. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty said that all the rents we are involved in at this time do increase yearly.

Superintendent Konarska said that expanding the Culinary Arts Program into the Conference Center as was previously discussed would have been much more expensive (\$2-3 million), and that having a commercial kitchen already in place is very valuable. He suggested having a January board work session to review this program, potential benefits, and options on which programs to move to the Urban Market. President Joseph asked for Kent ISD to also consider safety initiatives for the students and others as we move forward on this project. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty said the bus drop off would be on the south side, right into the classroom area. He said there is a dedicated entrance for the restaurants. Member Zinger asked about our exposure to the public. He said that this is a great marketing tool and we need to be sure that the public sees the Kent ISD programs and knows we are there, stating we should have a greater role than just tenants. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that at this time there is not a lot of public exposure and that being on the second floor we would need to make ourselves known. Several ways to do this were discussed. Superintendent Konarska said that Urban Market is very supportive and wants us there and that we can find opportunities to get exposure, saying we “don’t want to be the best kept secret” in the Urban Market.

Member Haidle asked about the liquor license for the restaurants which may include space on the second floor, stating that parents will need to know about this so they are not surprised. Superintendent Konarska stated that we would be up front with all students and parents on what is located down at the Urban Market. President Joseph asked if the students were excited about this opportunity. The students currently don’t know about this new location. The Culinary Program

does have a waiting list. Member Haidle asked if we would have duplicate programs here and at the Urban Market or if they would be different programs. Principal Kraus said that they are looking at these options now. Students will meet the same standards, but the delivery method may be different. There are some reasons to keep the advanced program on site. Opportunities to partner with other programs such as sustained agriculture may also be available at the downtown site. He said that the current kitchen is jam packed with three classes working out of it, which is not practical to keep up. They are anxious to gain some new space. Director Grandy said that the health program will not be a duplicate program. Member Haidle asked if we could afford this, and Assistant Superintendent Hagerty assured her that we could.

Ayes: Members Zinger, Bajema, Haidle and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Zinger, it was resolved to approve the disposition of surplus equipment. Member Haidle asked if the laptops and electronics are generally taken and used by the local districts. Director Peraino said that these usually go quickly to the local districts.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Haidle, Zinger and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Zinger, it was resolved to approve the request for a KIH student to attend the Educon Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from January 24 – January 27, 2013. Principal Kimber stated that this is a very beneficial conference that her staff have attended previously. Educon is an “unconference” of ideas and is led by parents and students. Staff would like to bring a student and parent along to learn about this with the idea of bringing a similar conference here to KIH. Members Haidle and Zinger asked about the expenses for the parent and teacher and whether these also needed to be approved. Principal Kimber clarified that, while their costs are covered through her budget, they fall under different guidelines and that the student attending an out of state conference is what needs board approval. Member Zinger asked if the meal allowance was enough, and if we should be paying some of the hotel bill for the parent also. Principal Kimber said that the cost for the parent to attend would also be covered through her conference fund.

Ayes: Members Haidle, Zinger, Bajema and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Zinger, it was resolved that the Kent Intermediate School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.

Ayes: Members Zinger, Bajema, Haidle and Joseph

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Items from Board Members:

Member Haidle clarified that the Grassroots meeting will be held January 31st, 2013 and not July 31st as stated in the upcoming events. She reminded everyone to be proactive in January regarding the Oxford Report. Member Haidle recommended that the Board President send a thank you to Laura Robinson at KTC for the floral arrangements. President Joseph stated that he attended two CBA classes last week, #351 – Social Media and #354 – Unleashing Your Innovative Potential. Both classes were great classes which he enjoyed and learned from.

Superintendent’s Report:


Superintendent Konarska thanked President Joseph for his opening comments and said that we are reviewing all our emergency and safety procedures. He said that a letter was sent to the Governor from all 20 districts requesting a veto of the current legislation regarding the right to carry concealed firearms into schools. Assistant Superintendent Koehler said that while school boards could set up “gun free” zones, any current legislation being considered would supersede that. Superintendent Konarska stated that there have been lots of legislative issues this past week and that there have been some victories. The EAA and Conversion School legislation have not been acted on, and PPT may have full replacement. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Koehler for all his hard work and his time in Lansing talking with legislators during the past week.

Superintendent Konarska said that we would review some dates in January to set up a board work session. Superintendent Konarska stated to show our appreciation to the Kent ISD School Board, the Kent Transition Center students prepared holiday table arrangements and a personal letter for each School Board Member. He invited the board members and administration to join him in the Algonquin Café for the annual Holiday Gathering.

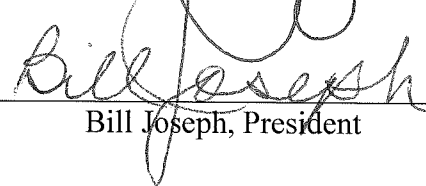
The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at Kent Intermediate School District’s Educational Service Center in the Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned by President Joseph at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes Approved:



 Steve Zinger, Secretary



 Bill Joseph, President

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