April 15, 2019 KENT ISD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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 Haidle at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bajema, Drake, Haidle, Joseph and Rettig
Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Caniff, Assistant Superintendents Hagerty, Koehler, Smith and Recording Secretary Conners; Directors Campbell, Dymowski, Finkel, Kaufman, Myers and Peraino; Principals Bush, Graham, Hendry and Kiley

Guests: Lane Bucsi, Joanne Hewartson, Deborah VanDyke

President Haidle welcomed all visitors and provided an opportunity for public comment.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the minutes from the Board Work Session of March 18, 2019, the Regular School Board Meeting of March 18, 2019 and the Special Board Meeting of March 25, 2019. Approve the minutes from the Closed Board Session of March 25, 2019.

Ayes: All present  
Nays: None  
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved that the bills from March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

a. General Education $ 6,926,567.13 
b. Special Education 8,712,667.14 
c. Community Service 283,163.80 
d. Career Technical Education 646,405.86 
e. Cooperative Education 102,073.05 
f. Capital Projects:  
   1) General Education 279,518.21 
   2) Special Education 671,388.32 
   3) Career Technical Education 40,989.93 
g. Skutt Scholarship Fund 0.00 
h. Trust & Agency 10,025.70 
i. Internal Service Fund 0.00 

TOTAL $ 17,672,799.14
Ayes: Members Drake, Joseph, Rettig, Bajema and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the 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.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the appointments of the center-based Special Education program staff.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Joseph and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the creation of a new Finance and Supports Coordinator position to support the Kent ISD Center Programs.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Drake, Joseph, Rettig and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the creation of four new coaching positions to support the Kent ISD Center Programs and approve the addendum for an additional three new coaching positions to support the Kent ISD Special Education Department and local programs. Directors Dymowski and Myers work together using statewide data to identify these additional supports needed to help support student achievement and provide a continuum of services for both the center programs and local programs. This will increase support and provide coaching to special education teachers.

Ayes: Members Drake, Joseph, Rettig, Bajema and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the creation of two IT technician positions to support the Kent ISD Center Programs

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.
Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the evaluation of Superintendent Ron Caniff for the 2018-19 school year. President Haidle stated that Caniff's accomplishments and positive evaluation is due in part to the great leadership team and the great work of the many departments at Kent ISD. Both the board and Superintendent Caniff thanked the directors and principals for their support and work this past year. It was further resolved to approve the extension of Superintendent Caniff’s contract for an additional year with an expiration of June 30, 2021 and that he receive the same salary increase percentage as non-union and administrative staff for the 2019-2020 contractual year.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Joseph and Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the Budget Hearing for May 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and the “Notice of Public Hearing” to be published in the Grand Rapids Press.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Drake, Joseph, Rettig and Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake it was resolved to combine and approve items 3.a.-3.h. - amendments to the following 2018-19 budgets: General Education Operating, Special Education Operating, Community Service, Career Technical Education Operating, Cooperative Education Operating, General Education Capital Projects, Special Education Capital Projects and CTE Capital Projects. A copy of the amendment resolutions are included with the legal minutes of this meeting. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty reminded board members that this is the second of three yearly amendments presented to the board.

Ayes: Members Drake, Joseph, Rettig, Bajema and Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the payment of Act 18 funds to local districts in the amount of $20,342,517. This is the final of three payments made during the 2018-19 school year and represents 25% of the total funds. Charter schools receive their final payment in October after all special education costs are reported.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.
Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the low bid from Innovative Sheet Metals in the amount of $555,500 as the contractor for the E-Wing Metal Roof Project. Director Peraino stated this is a much-needed project that was identified by the facility needs assessment completed earlier.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Joseph and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the low bid from Dykema Excavators in the amount of $334,743.75 as the contractor to provide improvements to the west side of the ring road and the installation of sidewalks and crosswalks. This project will provide sidewalks for about half of the campus and will greatly improve safety for all students and staff.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Drake, Joseph, Rettig and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the low bid from Purity Cylinder Gases in the amount of $266,342.47 for welding equipment for the Kent ISD welding program.

Ayes: Members Drake, Joseph, Rettig, Bajema and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve Progressive AE as the Design-Build Firm for the welding program at a project cost of $1,198,878.91.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the purchase of a commercial mower from Spartan Distributing in the amount of $58,499.40.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Joseph and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of new laptop computers for Center Program staff in the amount of $184,461.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Drake, Joseph, Rettig and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.
Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the KVO building renovation budget at a cost not to exceed $585,000. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty reported that this would be a collaboration center and a home community to over nine programs serving Early Childhood students.

Ayes: Members Drake, Joseph, Rettig, Bajema and Haidle
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the request for 14 students and 3 advisors to travel to Anaheim, California May 1-5, 2019 to participate in or intern for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Competition.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the request for up to three students and one advisor to travel to Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills May 2-3, 2019 to participate in the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society (MITES) State Competition.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Joseph and Haidle
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve travel and expenses for one (1) board member to attend the NCORE Conference May 28 – June 1, 2019 in Portland, Oregon with customary and allowable expenses covered. This training is directly linked to Kent ISD’s Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Drake, Joseph, Rettig and Haidle
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to appoint Recording Secretary, Cindy Conners, to act on behalf of Claudia Bajema, Secretary of the Kent Intermediate School Board, on all matters concerning the School Board election scheduled for June 3, 2019.

Ayes: Members Drake, Joseph, Rettig, Bajema and Haidle
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*
KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT        Kent County, Michigan        April 15, 2019

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to adopt a resolution for a property transfer request for realignment of parcel boundaries as requested by both Forest Hills Public Schools and Caledonia Community Schools.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

MASB will be offering a Summer Institute with CBA classes April 26 & 27 at Kent ISD. President Haidle commended Superintendent Caniff and the Kent ISD staff for maintaining the culture of Kent ISD during the past year with the many changes and new initiatives.

Superintendent Caniff thanked the board for their time during both meetings today. He thanked Director Lovelady-Mitchell for her work on the DEI National Equity Project. He reported that the Michigan’s Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MiBLSi) recognized Kent ISD and Kent County districts for the work done through the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes Approved: May 20, 2019

Andrea Haidle, President

Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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