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 (6:03), Haidle, Joseph and Rettig
Member Absent: 

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Caniff, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Sullivan and Recording Secretary Conners; Directors Baine, Campbell, Dymowski, Finkel, Karsten, Kaufman, Lamar, Lovelady-Mitchell and Stamas; Principals Bush, Graham, Hendry and Kiley

Guests: Jennifer Ansell, Susan Brummel, Todd Hendricks, Megan MacNaughton, Susan Samples, Shannon Spettel, Deborah VanDyke

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

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019 regular meeting of the School Board.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

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

- General Education $6,720,744.85
- Special Education – Center Programs 131,104.50
- Special Education 5,517,549.36
- Community Service (Enhancement Millage 5,646,933.77
- Career Technical Education 742,262.11
- Cooperative Education 110,450.85
- Student/School Activity Fund 12,494.20
- Capital Projects:
  1) General Education 143,699.75
  2) Special Education 2,093,159.10
  3) Career Technical Education 738,858.88
- Skutt Scholarship Fund 1,500.00
- Trust & Agency 8,449.25
- Internal Service Fund 10,000.00

TOTAL $21,877,195.62
President Haidle noted that enhancement millage funds and Special Education funds collected are paid back directly to the local districts.

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

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Rettig, 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 Joseph, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the creation of a new Instructional Support Specialist – Food Service position. President Haidle stated that the rationale for this position is well documented by Director Dymowski.

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

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the creation of a new Oral-Deaf Instructional Support Specialist – Cued Speech Transliterator position. Director Dymowski stated that we have an Oral/Deaf program and a total communication program. A third major program in offered at other agencies is cued speech. We currently have a student with unique needs that will benefit from this new program.

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

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the tentative agreement with the Great Start Readiness Program Union groups.

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

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the change of title of two current Career Exploration Coordinators to Career Readiness Consultants. Director Stamas stated that this is a result of a transition in their roles and responsibilities over the last 6-7 years. These staff members are already doing consultant work.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Rettig, Bajema, Drake and Haidle
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.
Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to hold a second reading and approve the revised Kent ISD Bylaws & Policies.

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

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the distribution of $20 million of Act 18 Special Education funds to the local districts based on the payout formula authorized by the Kent Intermediate Superintendents’ Association, Public School Academies, and the Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education. Assistant Superintendent Philips reported that 75% of Act 18 funds are paid out to districts in September and October, and the remaining 25% is paid out in April. There was a 5.8% increase in Act 18 funds for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

*Motion declared to have carried.*

President Haidle reminded board members of the MASB Annual Leadership Conference November 8-11 in Traverse City. Matt Rettig will be attending for the Kenowa Hills Board of Education. Kent ISD will not have a voter at the delegate assembly this year. President Haidle thanked all the departments and staff for the many cards and expressions of sympathy she received last month. It was deeply appreciated.

Superintendent Caniff stated that the GSRP preschool observation room laboratory classroom is now open on campus. We have filled all 16 slots and have a wait list. Director Karsten also reported that Kent ISD received a Help Me Grow grant from the Great Start Collaborative for outreach and navigation services to help set up a gateway to access early childhood services throughout the county. A project coordinator will be hired to help direct this work.

The Career Readiness department will pair almost 1900 students with 29-30 manufacturing companies in Kent County during the week of September 30 (National Manufacturing Week). We have received grant money to provide bussing for this event. Superintendent Caniff congratulated KTC Principal Duane Kiley on receiving the Champion Award from Michigan Rehabilitation Services. He will be meeting with the Governor and will receive the award on October 17.

President Haidle reminded board members of the upcoming KCTC and KTC open houses October 17, the board meeting on October 21 and the KIASB dinner meeting on October 24.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes Approved: October 21, 2019

Andrea Haidle, President

Claudia Bajema, Secretary