JANUARY 20, 2020 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 and Rettig
Member Absent: Joseph

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Caniff, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Sullivan, and Recording Secretary Conners; Directors Dymowski, Finkel, Karsten, Myers, Peraino and Stamas; Principals Bush, Hendry and Kiley

Guests: Kurt Goodman, James Swenson, Joel O'Donnell-WMAA student, Mia Ramos- Sparta student, Zoe Pack-Rockford Student, Deborah VanDyke

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

Superintendent Caniff thanked the board for their many years of service to Kent ISD. January has been designated as a month to show our appreciation to the board. The board was presented with note pads bearing the new Kent ISD logo and our mission, vision and core values. They received Kent ISD mugs with a beautiful bouquet and cookie flower arrangement that were designed by the KCTC culinary and agriscience students.

Instructors James Swenson and Kurt Goodman, along with three welding students, thanked the board for their support and presented them with personalized name plates designed and created by the students. They answered questions about the program and the processes involved to create the name plates. Instructor Swenson informed the board that they plan to offer a second-year welding program next year and provide college credits and credentials to students. The board expressed their appreciation for these gifts.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of December 16, 2019.

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

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

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e. Career Technical Education 426,072.80  
  f. Cooperative Education 25,755.39  
  g. Student/School Activity Fund 11,339.54  
  h. Capital Projects:  
      1) General Education 388,401.23  
      2) Special Education 521,271.10  
      3) Career Technical Education 12,142.03  
  i. Internal Service Fund 0.00  

**TOTAL** $19,362,948.14

Member Haidle asked for clarification on Special Education and CTE salary taxes paid out of the general fund account. Assistant Superintendent Philipps stated that the check is written from the general fund account, but the cost is split accordingly and billed to the specific area that an employee works in.

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

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, 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 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 creation of two Information Technology positions for the Region 1 Technology Consortium. Director Finkel stated that Region 1 technology utilization has grown over the past three years and we are now supporting over 5,000 computers, but the staffing has remained the same. This request for another IT technician and a second IT technology coordinator comes from the consortium steering committee. These positions are funded through the Region 1 Technology Consortium.

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

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the striking of personal property taxes from previous tax rolls.

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

*Motion declared to have carried.*
Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve Natura Shield-Michigan LCC as the contractor for the Lincoln Power Plant Roof project in the amount of $52,200.00. This cost is a result of wind damage during the September 12, 2019 storm and is covered by insurance.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution as required by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Assistant Superintendent Philipps stated that this resolution has been in place for the current fiber project. This new resolution clarifies and gives authority to specific positions within Kent ISD and not specific individuals.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

With reluctance Member Bajema, supported by Member Drake, presented a motion to accept the resignation of school board trustee Bill Joseph. Member Haidle stated that Member Joseph has served on the Kent ISD board since 2002, that this was a commitment he took seriously and that he served faithfully for many years, always putting students and their needs first in all his decision making. Principal Kiley stated that Member Joseph was a regular visitor at the Transition Center and he had a unique ability to connect with and mentor students, and that his presence would be greatly missed. The board expressed their appreciation for his many years of service at Kent ISD, and at Kentwood Public Schools prior to his service here, and send their best wishes as he steps down from the Kent ISD school board. The board reviewed the requirements and timelines to fill this vacancy.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

Superintendent Caniff stated that work on the 2020-2021 budget has started, as we present our budget to local districts in May. He asked Assistant Superintendent Philipps to provide an overview of the 2020-2021 budget assumptions that will be used to build the budget for next school year.

Assistant Superintendent Philipps reviewed statistics from the January Revenue Conference which showed a 2.7% growth in the school aid fund for 2019-2020. The school aid fund is healthy, in part due to the line-item vetoes from Governor Whitmer. Possible 2020-2021 school aid budget areas to watch include MPSERS increases, GSRP “per slot” increases, the foundation allowance and SAF support of postsecondary education.

Assistant Superintendent Phillips stated that some data points in the budget assumptions are already known and set, such as union staff wage increases and medical costs. Other areas, such as school aid and the retirement costs, will be finalized later this year. These budget assumptions are based on a conservative taxable value increase of 3%. He reviewed the additional revenue this would
create. Earnings on investment income are projected to be lower as the earning rate has decreased. He reviewed other revenue assumptions regarding Section 81 state funding, Section 61a1 & 62 state funding, and grant funding; and expense assumptions such as staff compensation, benefits, utilities and capital outlay. These assumptions will be updated and refined throughout the spring as more data becomes available. The state legislature has committed to have a budget in place by July 1st. The board thanked Assistant Superintendent Philipps for this thorough report.

The board expressed their appreciation for the gifts received. Member Bajema reflected on Martin Luther King Day and the importance of being an advocate of equity for all students, especially students of color. She stated that Kent ISD needs to be cognizant of this charge and of many factors such as poverty that influence the achievement gap evident in education.

Director Stamas gave a report on the current work with Talent 2025 and the EDP software being piloted at Northview and Muskegon schools. This opens experiences and opportunities for students and is currently offered at no charge.

Principal Graham reported that the KCTC cyber patriots, led by instructor Cheryl Hansen, placed first in both the Gold and Silver division in a recent competition.

Superintendent Caniff reported that last week’s KIASB dinner with diversity guest speaker Dr. David Rease was well attended. He thanked all the board members for their attendance and support during Assistant Superintendent Koehler’s retirement celebration.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 17, 2020

Andrea Haidle, President

Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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