

A regular meeting of the School Board of said district was held in the administrative offices of the Kent Intermediate School District on the above date. The meeting was called to order by President Haidle at 6:04 p.m.

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Gardner, Philipps; Directors Baine, Brockway, Dymowski, Finkel, Lamar; Principals Kiley, Lienesch and Verwey

Guests: Nancy Parson, Julie Guenther, Amy Kerkstra

President Haidle welcomed all visitors and turned the meeting to Superintendent Koehler to present the Leading Learning and Golden Keyboard Awards. Nancy Parsons from the Great Start Readiness Program accepted the Leading Learning Award for her work supporting teachers and students as a break aide for the past eight years. GSRP Supervisor Julie Guenther, described Ms. Parson as a true “superhero” for the staff and students in her building. Director Hendry accepted the Golden Keyboard Award on behalf of Lynnette Hosler. Ms. Hosler recently joined the HR team and has been instrumental in creating numerous efficiencies to their processes and is a true asset to the team.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the consent agenda action items a-e.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Approve the minutes from the Board Work Session and Regular School board meeting of April 18, 2022.

Allow orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

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.

Approve the addition of a STEM Consultant for the Teaching and Learning department.

Approve the increase in contract days for the Office of School Participation Case Manager position.

Approve the increase in contract days for KEC Oakleigh Principal position.

Approve the addition of an English Learner Coach to support Special Populations.

Approve the name change of the Community Transition Campus to Empower U.

Approve the 2022-2023 calendars for Secondary Programs, GSRP, Center Programs and *Early On*.

Approve the summer tax collections per our existing agreements.

Approve the recommended 2022-2023 tax levies.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the secondary programs renovation project in the amount of \$5,312,319.00. Assistant Superintendent Philipps noted that this is the first phase of renovations for the KCTC and KTC buildings. The Hospitality, Culinary and Marketing programs will move back to campus from the Downtown Market this summer along with the precision machinery at GRCC to create an advanced manufacturing hub at KTC. Multiple bids were made for this project that came in below budget. Assistant Superintendent Gardner added that this the beginning of a three to five-year vision to co-locate programs and provide more opportunity for students to learn cross functional skills.

Ayes: Bajema, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of the Oakleigh School building from Grand Rapids Public Schools in the amount of \$810,000.00. Assistant Superintendent Philipps shared that during the transition of Center programs it was a long-term vision to purchase the buildings that we were operating, and recently settled on a purchase agreement with Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the bid from Severance Electric to provide fiber maintenance for the 2022-2023 school year. Director Finkel noted that Severance Electric is already providing fiber maintenance for phase one and two of our fiber network and have provided excellent customer service.

Ayes: Bajema, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of two Pure Storage Flash Arrays through Presidio in the amount of \$439,447.50. Director Finkel shared that this purchase will enable the retirement of five older storage arrays and consolidate the workload to two devices. This purchase will also provide a significant performance boost for many students within Kent ISD and the local districts

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the KCTC SkillsUSA Field Trip to Atlanta, GA for the National Leadership Skills Conference. Principal Lienesch thanked board members for providing students the opportunity to participate in these events.

Ayes: Bajema, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the KCTC Field trip to Nashville, TN for the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Internationals competition.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to adopt the resolution to oppose Let MI Kids Learn Voucher Initiatives. Superintendent Koehler shared that efforts continue across the state to use public funds to finance private education. Legislature had previously put forth two bills to the Governor's office, both vetoed and identified as unconstitutional under state law. This veto led to a ballot proposal that could potentially allow for individuals and business to offset their tax burden by donating to a state fund that would provide resources for private educational services. The initial impact is expected to be \$500 million and long-term as high as \$3.5 billion. Should this proposal move forward, it could be quite harmful to public education.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

President Haidle noted she may not be available at the June board meeting.

Superintendent Koehler shared the upcoming graduation ceremonies for the Adult Education and Special Education Center Programs. An expanded leadership team retreat will be held on June 1, 2022 to set the goals and objectives along with prioritizing these goals over next three years.

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Minutes Approved: June 20, 2022



Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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Matt Rettig, Treasurer