

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, Featherston and Rettig

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Gardner, Philipps, Rodgers, and Recording Secretary Lovell; Directors, Dymowski, Finkel, Hendry, Karsten, Myers, Peraino and Stamas; Principals Lienesch

Guests: Gordon VanWieren, Thurn Law Attorney, Meghan Aupperlee

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent Gardner to provide the vision and structure of the newly developed Career and Talent Development office. Ryan Graham and Cary Stamas shared the key initiatives and their systematic approach to creating a long-range plan to expand the career and technical education programs.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the consent agenda items outlined below.

Ayes: All present

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Approve the minutes of the September 19, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular School Board Meeting.

Approve the bills from September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 be allowed and 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 School Security Officer Position

Approve the addition of an Autism Spectrum Disorder Teacher and two Instructional Support Specialists for Lincoln School.

Approve the addition of a Jobs for Michigan Graduates (JMG) Specialist.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the purchase of furniture from Custer Office Environments in the amount of \$232,847.62 for the secondary program's renovation budget.

Ayes: Bajema, Featherston, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the October payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds in the amount of \$51,800,921 as authorized by the Kent Intermediate Superintendent's Association, Public School Academies, and the Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education along with an extra payment of \$4,000,000. This is the second of three payments.

Ayes: Featherston, Drake, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the proposal from VDA Labs to support contingency response plans.

Ayes: Drake, Bajema, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the adoption of the human trafficking school safety protocol. HYTPE Coordinator, Meghan Aupperlee, shared that this resolution will support the ongoing education and training of school staff to identify and respond appropriately to human trafficking.

Ayes: Bajema, Featherston, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

President Haidle encouraged board members to attend both the KIASB dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the Grand Rapids Public Museum High School at 6:00pm and the legislative priority meeting on Wednesday, October 26 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Kent ISD.

Superintendent Koehler shared the Career and Talent Development department was created due to the feedback from local districts and directly aligns with goal one of our strategic plan.


Superintendent Koehler invited board members to attend the *Listen. Learn. Lead-State of the Student* event to be held on Monday, October 24 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. The inaugural event will highlight student voice and represent the student leadership community followed by a superintendent panel that will react to the student's feedback and experiences. Assistant Superintendent Gorman shared the exciting work happening within the student leadership community and the opportunity students have to collaborate with their peers from other districts.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Bajema, the board moved to closed session at 6:35 p.m. (OMA Sec. 8)

The board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 7:15 p. m.

Minutes Approved: November 14, 2022



Andrea Haidle, President



Claudia Bajema, Secretary