

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 6:01 p.m.

Members Present: Bajema, Haidle, Featherston and Rettig

Member Absent: Drake

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Gardner, Philipps, Gorman, Rodgers, Myers, Finkel and Recording Secretary Lovell; Directors Baine, Brockway, Dymowski, Graham, Hendry, Karsten, Peraino; Principals Verwey, Lienesch.

Guests: Sherrie Blankenship (Maner Costerisan) Gordon VanWieren (Thrun Law), Eric DeLong, Carrie Rivette (City of Grand Rapids), Ken Yonker (Kent County Drain Commissioner), Stacy Hissong (Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes) Erik Petrovskis (Meijer) Kristen Doneth (Kent ISD staff member)

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President Haidle welcomed Sherrie Blankenship, lead auditor at Maner Costerisan, to share the Kent ISD 2021-2022 financial audit. An unmodified opinion for the financial statements was awarded, which is the highest level given. It was also reported there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses found within the district's internal controls.

Ms. Blankenship provided the board with highlights of the audit noting \$4.7 million in capital assets have been placed into service and also reported significant changes to pension and OPEB liabilities. Ms. Blankenship reviewed the results on a governmental fund basis and budget comparisons with board members. Maner Costerisan completed a single audit on a Special Education cluster, Career and Technical Education and COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and found no material weakness or significant deficiencies. This single audit was also issued as unmodified opinion. Ms. Blankenship thanked Director Baine and Assistant Superintendent Philipps and all those in the business office for providing the information necessary to complete the audit.

Assistant Superintendent Philipps thanked Director Baine and the business office for their work and noted it is rare to receive such a clean audit with no recommendations. Director Baine shared his appreciation to this team, especially Anna Schutter, for her assistance through this process. President Haidle thanked Director Baine and his team for their exceptional work.

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

Ayes: Bajema, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried***

Approve the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting.

Approve the bills from October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report.

a. General Education	9,172,576.44
b. Special Education – Center Programs	293,064.57
c. Special Education	42,094,558.348
d. Community Service (Enhancement Millage	4,018,259.362
e. Career Technical Education	487,531.24
f. Cooperative Education	19,843.11
g. Student/School Activity Fund	14,616.48
h. Capital Projects:	
1) General Education	1,054.25
2) Special Education	519,158.19
3) Career Technical Education	198,462.00
i. Internal Service Fund	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,819,124.38</b>

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 Transition Coordinator for Center Programs.

Approve the addition of a Teacher Consultant and Instructional Support Specialist for residential settings.

Approve the addition of an Occupational Therapist for Center Programs Pine Grove Learning Center.

Approve the addition of one Instructional support Specialist and one temporary Instructional Support Specialist for KEC Oakleigh.

Approve the addition of a Kitchen Cafeteria Attendant position for KEC Beltline.

Approve the list of surplus items outlined in the board packet and grant permission to the Kent ISD administration to dispose of these items.

Approve a resolution regarding the collection and notification to local units of government for summer taxes and authorize the board secretary to sign the notice.

Approve a Kent Innovation High student to participate in the nation-wide Gone Boarding programs annual trip in Southern California on January 7-12, 2023.

Approve the nominees for open Parent Advisory Special Education (P.A.S.E) seats for the 2022-2025 term.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the request for transfer of Kent ISD Property for proposed stormwater facility expansion.

Mr. Eric DeLong, interim City Manager of Grand Rapids, thanked board members for their collaboration throughout this planning process. President Haidle confirmed with Attorney VanWieren, the specific parcel of land intended to construct the stormwater retention pond. Member Bajema asked if any residents have been notified of the project. Mr. DeLong shared that the City will provide written notice to homeowners along with project meetings that will be open to the public prior to construction.

Ayes: Bajema, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried***

Upon motion of Member Featherston and supported by Member Bajema it was resolved to approve the bid from Miller Welding Supply Co. in the amount of \$301,750 for the welding equipment at KTC.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, and supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the bid from Anatomage Inc. in the amount of \$105,040.00 for the purchase of an Anatomage table for KCTC's Health Career Program.

Ayes: Bajema, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Bajema and supported by Member Featherston it was resolved to approve the bid from Nationwide Construction Group in the amount of \$40,432.00 for fencing installation at KEC Oakleigh.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, and supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve Owen Ames Kimball as the construction manager for the KEC Oakleigh project in the amount of \$879,028.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Featherston,

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried***

Upon motion of Member Featherston, and supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the purchase and installation of playground equipment in the amount of \$148,784.00 for Early Childhood Special Education program at South Godwin Elementary.

Ayes: Bajema, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, and supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the 2021-22 financial audit presented by Maner Costerisan.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried***

Superintendent Koehler shared the positive response received by community members for hosting the inaugural *Listen. Learn. Lead-State of the Student* event held on October 24, 2022. Approximately 300 participants gathered to hear from a panel of both students and superintendents about their school experience post pandemic. Superintendent Koehler thanked Dr. Gorman for organizing the student leadership community that has provided students from each district the opportunity to share their own perspectives and elevate student voice.

Kent ISD has received national attention from the Aspen Institute for their publication on a project completed nearly a decade ago. A small grant was received to create a student leadership community that provided students the opportunity to learn about different faiths and meet others who have also experienced interfaith conflicts including former prime minister Tony Blair, who authored a book on multicultural religions.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes Approved: December 19, 2022



Andrea Haidle, President



Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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