

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 4:00 p.m.

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Gorman, Myers, Rodgers, Glass, Gardner and Recording Secretary Lovell; Director Graham, Karsten, Stamas Peraino; Principals Verwey, Lienesch.

Guests: Karen Lezan, Bright Beginnings

President Haidle welcomed Early Childhood Director, Ashley Karsten, and Bright Beginnings Coordinator, Karen Lezan, to present on the impact of the Bright Beginnings Program. Kent ISD has offered Bright Beginnings services for the past 21 years. Services include home visits and playgroups for families from pregnancy until kindergarten age. In the past year, 2,677 home visits took place with over 50 playgroups a month located in all 20 local districts. The program has recently received grant funding through MDHHS for the Healthy Moms, Health Babies Expansion program to assist families who experience substance misuse. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and thanked Ms. Lezan for her presentation.

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

Ayes: Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle.

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting and School Board Work Session.

Approve the bills from November 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report.

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| a. General Education | 7,022,211.89 |
| b. Special Education – Center Programs | 253,634.18 |
| c. Special Education | 2,145,561.45 |
| d. Community Service (Enhancement Millage | 174.17 |
| e. Career Technical Education | 534,087.45 |
| f. Cooperative Education | 48,463.79 |
| g. Student/School Activity Fund | 6,113.57 |
| h. Capital Projects: | |
| 1) General Education | 148,499.36 |
| 2) Special Education | 656,334.80 |
| 3) Career Technical Education | 1,745,868.74 |

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| i. Internal Service Fund | 0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$12,557,949.40 |

Assistant Superintendent Philipps shared the highlights from the fall budget resolutions. A significant change was the increase in property tax revenue originally estimated at 3% last spring that resulted in a 5.5% increase. This provided an additional \$2.7 million in revenue from property tax collections. Investment income was also amended from an original budget of \$175,000 to \$2 million, due to interest rates shifting from 0% to between 4-5%. State funded grants have also risen, providing an additional \$3 million in GSRP and Adult Education funds. Special Education funding was also amended due to the state budget creating a new categorical that provides 75 % reimbursement from the foundation allowance, in addition to the 28.6% cost reimbursement.

Expenditures show Medicaid distributions are up to \$3 million in conjunction with \$4 million in Special Ed Act 18 supplemental funds to be allocated to local districts this year. Hiring additional staff for CTE program instruction and counseling services also contribute to increased expenditures. Special Education and Career Technical Capital fund budgets were increased from the original estimate. This is due to additional construction work that was projected for the 2023-24 school year that has now been moved up to this fiscal year.

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 one (.4) FTE Center Programs Administrative Assistant.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) FTE MiPSE Developer Position.

Approve the addition of two (1.0) FTE Early Intervention Specialists for *Early On*.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) FTE Safety & Security Department Supervisor.

Approve the resolution to amend the 2022-23 budget amendments.

Approve the purchase and installation of an audiology sound room from the Soundroom Experts in the amount of \$35,654.12.

Approve the 2022-23 KTC Handbook Revisions as outlined in the board packet

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

Assistant Superintendent Rodgers shared the common calendar that has been reviewed by local superintendents and neighboring counties. This will provide a perpetual five-year calendar for district planning. The three-year renewal for a pre-Labor Day start was also approved by MDE.

Superintendent Koehler thanked the leadership team for their outstanding work throughout the strategic planning process this year and wished everyone a happy holiday.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Minutes Approved: January 16, 2023



Andrea Haidle, President



Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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