

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

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

Member Absent:

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Rodgers, Myers and Recording Secretary Lovell; Directors Baine, Dymowski, Brockway, Lamar, Peraino and Stamas; Principals Lienesch, Verwey.

Guests: Deb VanDyke

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President Haidle turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent of Student Services Kirsten Myers for a report on the student services equity and student success work. Myers updated board members on the specific programs under her department and outlined the work of each their services.

The special education team this year is beginning the second cycle of a three-year strategic plan for improved outcomes. Myers provided an update on the equity strategies implemented within the student services department. Internal activities such as equity check-ins at departmental meetings, book studies, and a commitment to more equitable hiring practices are in full motion. From an external prospective, an Equity in Special Education Community of Practice was created, along with the development of a vision for equity and theory of action with various stakeholders.

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

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 Regular School Board meeting.

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

Approval of 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 Director of Workforce Development position.

Approve the Administrative Assistant for Career & Talent Development position.

Approve the Associate Managing Editor Position for School News Network.

Approve the Cybersecurity Administrator position for IT.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of five 2023 Ford Transit vans for the Empower U program in the amount of \$287,410.00.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the purchase of furniture from Lakeshore Learning Materials in the amount of \$26,162.58 for the Early Childhood Special Education classrooms at South Godwin Elementary.

Ayes: Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the purchase of Sugar Customer Relationship Management software for the Career and Talent Development group in the amount of \$98,520.00

Ayes: Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the purchase of Rubrik R6412S back-up appliance for disaster recovery. Assistant Superintendent Philipps explained this appliance will provide a refresh and upgrade for back up data storage and will be housed at Comstock Park Public Schools.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the initial payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds. Assistant Superintendent Philipps noted September's initial payment of \$20 million is one of three distributions totaling \$96 million. Special Education's budget this year experienced a 5% increase due to taxable value growth. We also elevated the base amount by \$5 million due to a structural surplus in the Special Education fund.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Bajema, Supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the purchase of White School Building from Sparta Area Schools. Assistant Superintendent Philipps noted the Center Programs Region I transition program is currently housed in Cedar Springs and Rockford. This building would provide a dedicated facility for Empower U. The Sparta board approved this in August. Some renovations are expected, as this building was previously for early childhood students.

Ayes: Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to the Property Transfer Agreement from Forest Hills Public Schools to Caledonia Community Schools.

Ayes: Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the recommendation to reduce the personnel action items as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

President Haidle recognized the final version of Kent ISD's strategic plan, which was presented as an information item. Superintendent Koehler shared that expanded leadership team has reviewed the goals and key objectives developed by each action team and believes this plan will help provide clarity for the organization, allowing us to make more progress than ever before. The strategic plan will also encompass the equity and student success work developed through each department.

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment. No public comment was given.

President Haidle encouraged board members to attend the Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards dinner meeting. This event will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Museum High School featuring a presentation on Early Childhood.

Superintendent Koehler reminded board members of the MASB Delegate Assembly to be held on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm. Superintendent Koehler shared that the Michigan Department of Education and the MTSS Technical Assistance center recognized our MTSS staff including Kirsten Rice, John Mudie, Emily Kienke and Mark Raffler for their outstanding work.

The School Board moved to closed session at 6:35 p.m. (OMA Sec. 8)

A motion was made by Member Drake, supported by Member Bajema for the board to return to open session.

The board returned to open session at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 7:10pm.

Minutes Approved: October 19, 2022



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Andrea Haidle, President



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Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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