The 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 Bajema at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Bajema, Grifhorst, Haidle, Joseph, and Thorne
Members Absent: None

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Caniff, Assistant Superintendents Hagerty, Koehler, Smith, Sullivan, and Recording Secretary Conners; Directors Baine, Earnest, Finkel, Gharreeb, Grandy, Kaufman, Peraino and VanderPloeg; Principals Kiley, Kraus, Lovelady-Mitchell and Stamas.

Guests Present: Amanda Thomas

Upon motion of Member Thorne, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 regular meeting of the School Board.

Ayes: All present
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved that the bills from September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

- General Education $ 4,678,889.60
- Special Education 20,127,440.77
- Career Technical Education 658,970.99
- Cooperative Education 460,508.69
- Capital Projects:
  - General Education 0.00
  - Special Education 30,259.56
  - Career Technical Education 19.88
- Skutt Scholarship Fund 1,500.00
- Trust and Agency 17,945.47
- Internal Service Fund 0.00

TOTAL $ 25,975,534.96

Ayes: Members Haidle, Joseph, Thorne, Grifhorst and Bajema
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Grifhorst, it was resolved to combine and approve items F.1.a-b.

It was resolved to approve the personnel recommendations regarding resignations and terminations, appointments, new assignments and/or contract adjustments, leaves of absence, and temporary contract employees. It was further resolved to approve the addendum to the personnel
recommendations regarding hiring the TRIG Program Director under the MDE TRIG grant with costs covered through the TRIG Operations Activity. The official copy of the personnel recommendations and the addendum are included with the legal minutes of this meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Sullivan stated that this is part of the TRIG grant that Director Finkel leads. Wexford-Missaukee ISD asked Kent ISD to be the contract holder. This position is grant-funded and the person offered the position understands that this is currently a two-year grant funded position.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Thorne, Grifhorst, Haidle and Bajema
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Grifhorst, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the payment of Act 18 Special Education Funds to the local districts in the amount of up to $36,137,179.00. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that this second payout brings the total to 75% of almost 75 million dollars paid out to the local districts. He stated that the amount paid to East Grand Rapids is decreased due to a programming shift; their program is now designated as a CI programs instead of an ASD program and is therefore not funded through Act 18. These dollars are reallocated to other special education programs. He stated that Kent ISD implemented a fiscal review process last year and is reviewing fund recipients to ensure that the dollars are spent appropriately.

Ayes: Members Thorne, Grifhorst, Haidle, Joseph and Bajema
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Thorne, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the overnight trip on November 3rd to Lansing, MI for four SkillsUSA State Officers. Principal Kraus reported that we have four students that are current SkillsUSA officers. They will go to Lansing on November 3rd to help set up and lead the annual conference. We have an additional 30 – 35 students attending the Skills USA conference on November 4th.

Ayes: Members Grifhorst, Haidle, Joseph, Thorne and Bajema
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Grifhorst, it was resolved to approve the nominees for open Parent Advisory Special Education (P.A.S.E.) seats for the 2015-2018 term as approved by our local education agencies.

Ayes: Members Haidle, Joseph, Thorne, Grifhorst and Bajema
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to adopt a resolution in support of the current opportunity for school districts to purchase electric supply at significant savings from alternate energy suppliers. Director Peraino stated that this resolution is in response to two bills recently introduced in the House and Senate which would restrict current
choices. Our involvement in the Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) has saved Kent ISD over $700,000. MISEC has been around since 1977 and has 325 district members. The future of this legislation is unclear, but adopting this resolution will support Advocate Chris Glass as he discusses the implications of this bill with our current legislators.

Ayes: Members Joseph, Thorne, Grifhorst, Haidle and Bajema
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Assistant Superintendent Smith provided an update on the Upjohn Institute Data Analysis presented at the Kent Intermediate Superintendents Association (KISA) fall retreat in regards to math instruction. He emphasized the importance of a “math mindset”, of early math proficiency and of helping students become mathematicians. He stated that Kent ISD Math Consultant Rusty Anderson and Kent ISD Science Consultant Wendi Vogel have been working with districts to identify high performing teachers and classrooms and to share their best practices, similar to what the Reading Now Network does with a literacy focus. The math consultants shared that students in key districts that received 60 minutes or more of math instruction daily had greater success. Smith reviewed the current mathematics landscape, how math instruction has changed and the importance of math professional development, how districts can help teachers develop a math mindset and some success stories throughout the county.

Member Haidle shared an Education Week article about the credentials required of dual enrollment teachers. She thanked everyone involved in her nomination for the YWCA Tribute Award. She will receive this award at a luncheon on November 17th. She thanked her fellow board members at Kent ISD and East Grand Rapids for the programs and successes and shared that they are a part of the reason she was chosen for this award.

Member Joseph asked about the status of the current legislation regarding the ability of individual districts to secede from ISD’s and either join contiguous ISDs or provide services directly. Superintendent Caniff reviewed these bills and said that we are monitoring them closely.

Superintendent Caniff reported that state superintendent Brian Whiston spoke at the recent KISA retreat and provided his vision to make Michigan a “top 10 education state within 10 years”. He reminded board members of the tomorrow’s preview of the movie “Most Likely to Succeed” at Celebration Cinema, the KCTC open house this Thursday, October 22, and the upcoming Grassroots meeting on October 29. The November 18 visit to KIH from an Arkansas contingency has been moved back to spring.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bajema at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes Approved: November 16, 2015

Andrea Haidle, Secretary

Claudia Bajema, President

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