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 (who also served as Recording Secretary); Directors Baine, Earnest, Finkel, Ghareeb, Grandy, Peraino, VanderJagt and VanderPloeg; Principals Kiley, Kraus, Lovelady-Mitchell and Stamas.

Guests Present:  Michele Alber and Andrew Schipper

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 Regular School Board Meeting.

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 that the bills from February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

- a. General Education  $7,342,421.72
- b. Special Education  4,562,885.63
- c. Career Technical Education  571,704.75
- d. Cooperative Education  49,412.02
- e. Capital Projects:
  1) General Education  0.00
  2) Special Education  328,782.74
  3) Career Technical Education  5,561.88
- f. Skutt Scholarship Fund  0.00
- g. Trust and Agency  28,123.34
- h. Internal Service Fund  0.00

TOTAL  $12,888,892.08

Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that the payout from various funds for this month were typical for this time of year.

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

*Motion declared to have carried.*
Upon motion of Member Grifhorst, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to combine
and approve items F.1.a-c with the ability to discuss each agenda item separately.

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. A copy of the recommendations is included with the legal
minutes of this meeting. Assistant Superintendent Sullivan noted the resignation of Althea
Perkins-Johnson, a bus driver who has devoted many years of dedicated service to students.
Sullivan explained that Ms. Perkins-Johnson is leaving to accept a position at the airport in the
field for which she recently completed her college degree, and she thanked her for her service.

It was resolved to approve the creation of a KCTC pre-apprentice liaison position. Member
Haidle inquired whether the pre-apprentice program will be targeting students specifically at
KCTC and asked if students who receive a pre-apprenticeship remain a student at KCTC?
Principal Kraus explained that this program targets KCTC students specifically, and the student
will indeed remain a student at KCTC. The liaison position coordinates placement and also
supervises students.

It was resolved to approve the creation of a receptionist/administrative assistant for Kent ISD
Secondary Programs position. Assistant Superintendent Sullivan explained that the part time
position will provide customer service in our KCTC Student Services office as we presently do
not have a dedicated person to greet guests or answer the phone. The individual previously
having those duties assumed responsibility for enrollment of KIH students in a job shift this year.
The part time position will also be assigned KIH duties on a limited basis (covering the lunch
period).

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

**Motion declared to have carried.**

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved to approve
the striking of personal property taxes from previous tax rolls. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty
noted that several “waiver and consent” requests from various municipalities were received prior
to the February regular board meeting and were acted upon at that time. The two under
consideration (Grand Rapids and Kentwood) were received subsequent to that meeting.

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 request for 60 KCTC students and 12 advisors to participate in the SkillsUSA state
competition April 7-10 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. President Bajema extended congratulations
to the qualifiers and wished them a great experience at the upcoming state competition.

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

Motion declared to have carried.

Member Joseph distributed an article that appeared in the Grand Rapids Press on Sunday, March 20, regarding KCTC students in Larry Ridley’s Engineering & Architectural Design class developing a device to help a 6th grade student with cerebral palsy to open her locker. He commended the students for applying their learning, especially on a project that is such a worthy cause.

Member Haidle inquired about the graduation and dropout rate report recently released by CEPI and available on MiSchoolData. M-Live recently reported on these results for last year’s graduating class, and she noted that Michigan Virtual Charter Academy had a 4-year cohort graduation rate of 23% and a dropout rate of 50 percent. She stated that improvement in those rates is essential, and inquired if closer scrutiny is warranted to address this cyber school. Superintendent Caniff noted that Michigan Virtual is considered a Priority School by MDE, and as such it must participate in the state’s Superintendent Dropout Challenge and address the problem in its School Improvement Plan.

President Bajema congratulated Principal Kraus and Instructor Joe Phillips for recently earning the Best Practice Award for their presentation of KCTC’s Design Lab at the Governor’s Education & Economic Summit. The duo earned first place in this competition, which was accompanied by a $5,000 award to be used for the program.

Superintendent Caniff asked Director Finkel to report on the status of the Wide Area Network Bids. Finkel noted that bids were received and we are currently going through the post bid review process. A recommendation could be forthcoming to the board at its April 18 meeting. Caniff also asked Director Grandy to report on the upcoming Business Partners Appreciation breakfast. Grandy stated that the event is intended as a way to acknowledge and thank our many partners who help advise our various CTE programs and help students with meaningful placement. The event will be held in early May at the Downtown Market. More information will be forthcoming. Lastly, Caniff thanked Principal Kiley on a successful open house event. He also thanked the board members who were able to attend this event as well as KCTC’s open house on March 10.

Caniff explained that he would like to schedule a work session during the month of April to review program adjustments for next year and discuss implications on the budget. We will also review the facility audit report which will be completed by that time. He suggested April 25 at 4:00 p.m. Cindy Conners will touch base with board members next week to determine if that time and date work with schedules. If so, the meeting will be posted accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bajema at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes Approved: April 18, 2016

Andrea Haidle, Secretary

Claudia Bajema, President