August 19, 2019 KENT ISD SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

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 Vice-President Drake at 4:00 p.m.

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Caniff, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Sullivan, and Recording Secretary Conners; Directors Baine, Campbell, Dymkowski, Finkel, Karsten, Kaufman, Lamar, Lovelady-Mitchell, Myers, Peraino, and Stamas; Principals Bush, Graham, Hendry and Kiley

Guests: Susan Brummel, Sharon Grant, Megan MacNaughton, Joan Meyer, Terri Portice, Deb Tennant, Deborah VanDyke, Kathy VanLier, Leon Hendrix

Vice-President Drake, on behalf of the board, extended his thoughts and prayers to President Haidle on the recent loss of her husband. He then welcomed all visitors and provided an opportunity for public comment.

The following individuals addressed the board:
Joan Meyer - Staff issue
Terri Portice - Staff issue

Assistant Superintendent Sullivan provided the revised board Bylaw 0167.3 and Policy 9130 for first reading. This recommendation provides a process to address concerns and resolve differences and disputes in the newly acquired center programs.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 regular/organizational meeting of the School Board.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Rettig and Drake
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved that the bills from July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

a. General Education $7,642,570.38
b. Special Education – Center Programs 215,217.10
c. Special Education 6,197,415.00
d. Community Service (Enhancement Millage) 453,403.42
e. Career Technical Education 352,653.53
f. Cooperative Education 70,044.43
g. Student/School Activity Fund 0.00
h. Capital Projects:
   1) General Education          27,811.79
   2) Special Education          1,357,722.52
   3) Career Technical Education 798,535.92
i. Skutt Scholarship Fund       499.00
j. Trust & Agency               14,951.54
k. Internal Service Fund        0.00

**TOTAL**                     $ 17,130,824.63

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema and Drake
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the creation of a new Supervisor of Early Childhood Special Education and Integrated Supports position. Director Myers stated that this recommendation was the result of a thorough needs assessment that was conducted and showed a gap in leadership for birth – 5-year-old students. With staffing changes this addition will be cost-neutral.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Rettig and Drake
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the creation of a new Test Proctor position at MySchool@Kent. Principal Hendry reported that having a proctor to monitor the testing center will free up coaches and instructors for more direct time with students. This position is also cost neutral due to staffing changes.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema and Drake
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the creation a new Assistant Supervisor position in the Facilities department. Director Peraino reported that there are currently three supervisors. The new assistant supervisor will be cost neutral as we convert a temporary intern into an assistant supervisor. This position is necessary as we serve an additional 16 new sites due to the addition of the center programs.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Rettig and Drake
Nays: None

*Motion declared to have carried.*
Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the creation of two Career Technical Education Specialist (CTES) positions for deployment in the KCTC Health Careers program. Principal Graham stated that these were formerly contracted employees that will now be hired as full time Kent ISD staff. There are several cost efficiencies in place now that the Health Careers program has moved and are consolidated on the KCTC campus.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema and Drake
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Bajema, it was resolved to approve the creation of two new paraprofessional positions in the Adult Education programs, converting the current temporary positions to permanent positions.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Rettig and Drake
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig, 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.

Ayes: Members Rettig, Bajema and Drake
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Rettig it was resolved to approve the purchase of 205 Chromebooks from Presidio in the amount of $44,280 to be used for the Center Program Students at the Community Transition Center and approve the addendum to purchase an additional 108 Chromebooks to be used as student devices at KEC Oakleigh and KEC Beltline. The total purchase is 313 Chromebooks in the amount of $67,608. Superintendent Caniff stated that there had been some confusion on whether the technology was staying with the Center Programs or whether they belonged to GRPS. Once it became apparent that GRPS would be keeping these devices he authorized an emergency purchase last week so that the technology was available for the beginning of the school year.

Ayes: Members Bajema, Rettig and Drake
Nays: None
Motion declared to have carried.

Superintendent Caniff extended his condolences to President Haidle on behalf of Kent ISD staff. He thanked the communications department, the HR department, and all the staff that had a part in helping both the staff kick-off celebration and opening day with students go smoothly. He reported that the first day at the center programs went very well.

Director Myers reported on the 31n funds and stated that the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has exemplified Kent ISD for the interconnected systems framework we have
developed for this work. She informed the board that we are presenting to MDE on this work this Thursday. Director Karsten reported that the first Great Start Readiness Program classroom on this campus will open on September 9. There are currently 13 students registered.

Superintendent Caniff thanked the audience members that spoke and said that their concerns will be taken seriously.

Vice-President Drake stated that the next meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. He adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes Approved: September 16, 2019

Andrea Haidle, President

Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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