

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 6:11 p.m.

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

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Koehler, Assistant Superintendents Philipps, Rodgers, Glass, and Finkel; Recording Secretary Lovell; Directors Karsten, Dymowski; Principal Verwey, Staff members: Deb Vandyke, Steve Toonstra, Nate Cooper, Stephanie Villalta, Laura Otten, Julie Hartman, Erin Zacek.

Guests:

President Haidle welcomed visitors and turned the meeting over to Director Hendry to present the Leading Learning awards. The Leading Learning awards were presented to Nate Cooper, Officer Steve Toonstra, and Nancy Sullivan. Supervisors and colleagues were given the opportunity to share words of appreciation on behalf of the recipients.

The Continuous Improvement team members Julie Hartman, Stephanie Villalta and Laura Otten provided an overview of how they support local districts who have been identified by MDE as in need of improvement. Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions. President Haidle thanked the Continuous Improvement team for sharing.

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 April 17, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting.

Approve the bills from April 1 through April 30, 2023 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report.

a. General Education	16,435,837.04
b. Special Education – Center Programs	251,144.74
c. Special Education	26,231,114.86
d. Community Service (Enhancement Millage)	50.14
e. Career Technical Education	965,020.04
f. Cooperative Education	26,377.75
g. Student/School Activity Fund	15,631.40
h. Capital Projects:	
1) General Education	-

2) Special Education	1,887,023.84
3) Career Technical Education	72,631.67
i. Internal Service Fund	0.00
TOTAL	\$45,884,831.48

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 leave of absence for Teacher Academy Instructor Adrianna Lynn.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Educator Support Consultant for the Teaching & Learning Department.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Lead Parent Educator Coach for the Bright Beginnings Program.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) GSRP Supervisor

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Assistant Principal for CTE Curriculum & Program Improvement.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) KCTC Teacher Consultant.

Approve the FTE increase from .5 to 1.0 for a Secondary Programs Welding Instructor.

Approve the FTE increase for SNN Editor and add three (1.0) reporters to replace contract positions.

Approve the addition of a one (1.0) Staff Accountant for the Business Office.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Staff Accountant for Accounts Payable and Grants in the Business Office.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Orientation and Mobility Specialist Position for Special Education.

Approve the addition of staff for the Center Programs Empower U Program as outlined in the board packet.

Approve the addition of one (1.0) Speech and Language Pathologist for Center Programs Deaf & Hard of Hearing/ Oral Deaf Program.

Approve the bid from Automotive Equipment Specialists, Inc. (AES) in the amount of \$27,885 to purchase four rotary Hoists and arm lifts.

Approve the bid from Doc’s Hydraulic-Pneumatic Training, LLC in the amount of \$25,300 for a Hydraulic Training System.

Approve the bid from FAAC Incorporated in the amount of \$28,985 for a Range Advanced Training System for the Secondary Programs Criminal Justice Program.

Approve the bid from Weather Shield in the amount of \$63,412 to replace two roof sections at the Kent ISD Maintenance Building.

Approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$45,064.

Approve the bid from Schneider Company in the amount of \$57,174 for eight Epson robots for the Mechatronics program at KCTC.

Approve the purchase of 60 Mac Mini computers from Apple Education Store in the amount of \$52,740 for the Graphic Communications program at KCTC.

Approve seven KCTC students to participate in the HOSA International Competition in Dallas, Texas on June 20-25, 2023.

Approve the KCTC Field Trip to the National SkillsUSA Competition in Atlanta, Georgia on June 19-24, 2023.

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the bid from Advanced Technologies Consultants, Inc. in the amount of 352,800 for twelve Universal robots for KCTC mechatronics program.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the purchase of furniture for Empower U South (Wyoming) from Custer office Environments in the amount of \$113,944.70.

Ayes: Rettig, Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the recommended 2023-24 tax levies as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Bajema, Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle
Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

Upon motion of Member Bajema, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the summer tax collections per out existing agreements.

Ayes: Drake, Featherston, Rettig, Bajema, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried

President Haidle offered the opportunity for public comment.

Superintendent Koehler shared that Kent ISD is showing remarkable leadership at the state level. The following appointments were shared from the Teaching and Learning Department.

MAISA - GELN (General Education Leadership Network): Kelli Brockway (Chair Elect 23-24; Chair 24-25; Past-Chair 25-26)

MAISA - SEILN (Special Education Instructional Leadership Network): Kirsten Myers (Chair 23-24, Past-Chair 24-25)

MAISA - ELA (English Language Arts Leadership Team): Mark Raffler (Chair 23-24, Past Chair 24-25)

MAISA - MLT (Math Leadership Team): Marcus Deja (Chair 23-24, Past-Chair 24-25)

MAISA - SS (Social Studies): Mark Raffler (Past-Chair 23-24)

MSELA (Michigan Science Education Leadership Association): Wendi Vogel (President 23-24, 24-25)

Wendi Vogel is also the Region B director for the NSELA (National Science Education Leadership Association) and Rusty Anderson is the Director of the MAISA Early Math Task Force.”

Superintendent Koehler shared that more than 60 districts statewide have participated in the MI Student Voice Perception Survey resulting in more than 30,000 student responses. This data will provide us with a statewide sample of how our students feel about their engagement and belonging in their school and allow us to identify strategies to close achievement gaps in the classroom.

Superintendent Koehler reported that last week’s Early Childhood Laugh and Learn event at Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park was a record setting event. Over 1,500 people were in attendance to experience gardens, listen to music and visit multiple community vendors with free admission. A grant was received from Ready by Five that provided free dinner to over 1,000 attendees.

Our Career and Talent Development initiative CareerPrep2030, will be held this Wednesday, May 17 at the Kent Career Tech Center. Randy Thelen, CEO of The Right Place, Chris Bardaggia, Steelcase Vice President of Global Quality and Lean, and Scott Korpak, Superintendent of Northview Public schools are committee co-chairs that will lead our visioning committee to develop a plan to engage more students in CTE programming and be more prepared to navigate the workplace prior to employment.

The Kent ISD Biennial election will take place on Monday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kent ISD Educational Service Center. Superintendent Koehler noted that he will not be present as he was formally invited to participate on the College Board Superintendent Advisory Committee. This invitation came following a visit from the College Board this past winter to discuss offering additional AP courses to students within Kent County. Approximately 37 teachers from across the county will receive training on the AP courses offerings over the summer.

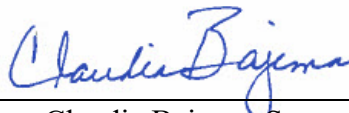
President Haidle congratulated the KCTC students and staff who will be attending the upcoming national competitions for HOSA and SkillsUSA.

The meeting was adjourned by President Haidle at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved: June 19, 2023



Andrea Haidle, President



Claudia Bajema, Secretary

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