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 4:01 p.m.

Members Present: Bajema, Grifhorst, Haidle and Joseph (Thorne arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: None

President Bajema welcomed new principals Duane Kiley, Brandy Lovelady-Mitchell and Cary Stamas to the board meeting.

Upon motion of Member Haidle, supported by Member Grifhorst, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Organizational/Regular meeting of the School Board and approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Board Work Session.

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

Upon motion of Member Grifhorst, supported by Member Joseph, it was resolved that the bills from July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 be allowed and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the amount summarized in the accounts payable report:

a. General Education	$ 4,113,793.60
b. Special Education	13,102,101.39
c. Career Technical Education	823,529.41
d. Cooperative Education	202,678.20
e. Capital Projects:	
1) General Education	85,570.87
2) Special Education	138,378.35
3) Career Technical Education	277.83
f. Skutt Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
g. Trust & Agency	28,541.47
h. Internal Service Fund	13,864.93
TOTAL	$ 18,509,736.05

Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that the Special Education fund payout this month was higher than typical due to a Medicaid payout and a $3.5 million payout in the itinerant lapse money.

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

Fred Thorne arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Haidle, 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.

It was resolved to approve the ratification of union contracts for GSRP Lead and Associate Teachers, KIEA Teachers, CTE Specialists, Transportation Drivers and Aides and Kent Innovation High School Teachers. Assistant Superintendent Sullivan noted in her recommendation that she is grateful for the positive relations we have with our employee groups, which is reflected in the collaborative nature by which we bargain. She conveyed her appreciation to the leadership of the bargaining groups and to the membership as well for the productive and constructive tone she experienced at the bargaining table. Superintendent Caniff stated that the union contracts are a three-year agreement and are within the parameters set by the board previously. This agreement includes 180 instructional days effective 2016-17 as required in the new statutes.

It was resolved to approve 2015-16 negotiated calendar for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) Lead and Associate Teachers. Superintendent Caniff reported that the 2015-16 calendars for Kent ISD Career/Technical Education/Kent Transition Center/Special Education/MySchool@Kent/Kent Innovation High were approved at the May board meeting and that this GSRP calendar is now ready for approval. Director Ghareeb reported that this calendar for preschoolers includes 172 teacher days and 130 student instruction days. The GSRP program is funded by the State.

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

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the bid from Valley City Sign in the amount of $36,817 for the Watchfire 16mm electronic sign for the Beltline entrance. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty thanked Directors Peraino and Kaufman for their work on this project. This bid is for an internally lit LED sign and does not include the sign casing. He explained the placement of the new sign at the Beltline entrance and said that we should have delivery and installation within the next few months. It will be possible to change the message on this sign wirelessly.

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 purchase of furniture and equipment for the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) through Lakeshore Learning Materials in the amount of $59,686.12. Assistant Superintendent Hagerty stated that this purchase for equipping thirteen (13) classrooms in local districts is due to the growth in the GSRP preschool program. Kent ISD runs GSRP programs in eighteen (18) of our local districts. Superintendent Caniff stated that Kent County received an additional 1400 slots this year based on the State formula. There is an increase in slots for the head start program which is now offering full day programming. Superintendent Caniff noted that the GSRP program fits in well with the Kent Intermediate Superintendents' Association (KISA) goal of having every child prepared for kindergarten.

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

Upon motion of Member Joseph, supported by Member Haidle, it was resolved to approve the MySchool@Kent/Success Link handbook for 2015-16. Principal Stamas reported that this had previously been an addendum in the KCTC handbook. He reported that SuccessLink has three off-campus locations, at the Gaines Township Library, the Downtown YMCA and the Kent District Library Service Center. The open house for MySchool@Kent will be on October 22, the same night as the KCTC open house.

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

Assistant Superintendent Smith presented a report on the status of the development of an Early Warning System (EWS) tool made possible through the Consolidated Services Grant. This report was also shared with Kent County Superintendents last week. The EWS takes multiple assessments and resources currently being used such as DIBELS and MAP to help change underperforming schools to schools exceeding achievement objectives. This tool, being developed by Edify (Kickstand), supports the goals of the Reading Now Network (RNN).

Assistant Superintendent Smith explained that the goals of the project include:

- Create a data-driven system that will identify early reading challenges
- Develop a learning resource library of best practice instruction and intervention strategies
- Make these resources available through the existing online Edify learning management system.

He described how the Reading Now Network, Edify and the IGOR data warehouse tie together in the Early Warning (Eco) System. The data is then used to assess learning, identify gaps and provide teacher and student supports. If successful, the tool may be replicated for Math, Science and Social Studies. Additional information can be obtained from the Instructional Services Department.

President Bajema congratulated Director Kaufman and Assistant Superintendent Koehler on their recent awards received from the Michigan Schools Public Relations Association (MSPRA). In addition the board commented that they liked the new seating configuration and would like to continue to meet in the new room for future meetings.

Superintendent Caniff stated that Dennis Baine will be the new Director of Fiscal Services and will be at Kent ISD full time by the end of this month. He reminded the board members of the Diversity Kick-off event this Thursday, August 20th at the Northview Performing Arts Auditorium and of the Kent ISD staff kick-off breakfast on August 31st at the Celebration Cinema.

The meeting was adjourned by President Bajema at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved: September 21, 2015

Andrea Haidle

Andrea Haidle, Secretary

Claudia Bajema

Claudia Bajema, President

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