

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, June 16, 2025. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rettig, Featherston, Hamming, Haidle.  
Member Absent: Drake

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman; Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Fee, Myers, Philipps, Rodgers; Directors Arnold, Baine, Behm, Bray, Burns, Campbell, Graham, Houtman, Hendry, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, Lillis, Maynard, McClintic, Murphy, Stamas, Store, Sneider Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell  
Staff Members: Vesna Westerlund, Melissa Buurstra, Julie Guenther, Kathryn O' Hara Wallis, Cinnamon Mellema

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President Haidle welcomed attendees and turned the meeting over to Human Resources Director Bryndan Arnold to honor staff member Vesna Westerlund with the Leading Learning Award. Early Childhood Director, Ashley Karsten, shared words of appreciation to Vesna for her dedication to the staff and students within the Great Start Readiness Program.

Ms. Kelli Campbell, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an update on the current initiatives underway among her staff and how they intertwine with the values of Kent ISD. President Haidle thanked Ms. Campbell for her comprehensive presentation and the excellent work happening county-wide.

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to combine and approve action items D.1- D.23.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle  
Nays: None  
***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the purchase of SchoolLinks for the Career and Talent Development department and our local districts.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle  
Nays: None  
***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the purchase of maintenance vehicles for the Facilities Department.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle  
Nays: None  
***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve two pool vehicles, including a 2025 GMC Acadia and a 2025 GMC Yukon, from Todd Wenzel Buick GMC to be used by various Kent ISD programs.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the purchase and installation of AV Systems for the ESC conference rooms.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the change order to the Empower U North remodel project.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Rettig, it was resolved to approve the purchase of a CNC Milling Machine from Gerotech for the KCTC Precision Machining program.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the renovations to the Lincoln School courtyard by Sinclair Recreation.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the replacement of the Beltline Campus exterior signage and contract with Valley City Signs to complete this project.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the final budget amendments for the 24-25 school year.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the adoption of the budget for the 25-26 school year.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve hiring an Assistant Principal for KCTC.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Rettig, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Rettig, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve hiring a Director of Center Programs.

Ayes: Featherston, Rettig, Hamming, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the Superintendent's three-year contract.

Ayes: Rettig, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays:

***Motion declared to have carried.***

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment. No public comments were given.

Superintendent Gorman thanked Ms. Kirsten Myers, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, for her additional commitment to directly oversee the center programs this past year. Instead of rushing to hire, she decided to take the time to understand the skills required for this leadership role and ultimately found an exceptional individual for the position. Dr. Gorman also thanked the Communications Department and Teaching and Learning for their recent professional learning offerings. Both of these events required a tremendous amount of effort and were well-attended by educators.

Dan Behm shared a brief overview of the legislative landscape at both the state and federal levels. Board Members had the opportunity to ask questions.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 21, 2025



Andrea Haidle, President



Anne Hamming, Secretary

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