

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, June 15, 2026. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hamming, Drake, Schottke, Haidle.

Member Absent: Featherston

Kent ISD Staff Present: Superintendent Gorman, Assistant Superintendents Finkel, Fee, Philipps, Rodgers, Myers; Directors Arnold, Baine, Behm, Campbell, Graham, Hendry, Hissong, Hofstee, Houtman, Karsten, Larkin, Lienesch, Maynard, McClintic, Moore, Murphy, Sneider, Store, Verwey; Recording Secretary Lovell;

Staff Members: Ryan Vandermolen, Eric VanDyke, Jacob Bandstra, Cinnamon Mellema

Guests: Lauren Barnes, Joy Sportel (Progressive AE), Jared Gauss, Ryan Nugent (Owen Ames Kimball)

Upon motion by Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, the Board approved an amendment to Agenda Item I, changing the language from “Approval of the Budget Assumptions” to “Approval of the Budget Adoption.”

President Haidle turned the meeting over to Director Hendry, who recognized Angela Elenbuam with the Leading Learning Award. Adult Ed Director Gerry Verwey accepted the award on her behalf and offered words of appreciation.

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Philipps introduced representatives from Progressive AE and Owen Ames Kimble, who presented the schematic design plans for the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) satellite campus. The presentation included project renderings, cost estimates, funding strategies, and an overview of the anticipated construction timeline. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback throughout the discussion.

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to combine and approve the consent agenda items D.1-D.20.

Ayes: Schottke, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion by Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the property transfer request as outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Hamming, Drake, Schottke, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the addition of life and care insurance for Non-Union Professional Leadership contracts for grades 9-12 and the superintendent.

Ayes: Drake, Schottke, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve J. Stevens Construction to replace a portion of the roof on the KCTC West building.

Ayes: Schottke, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the bid from United Commercial Services as the custodial contractor for the Kent ISD buildings outlined in the board packet

Ayes: Hamming, Drake, Schottke, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Schottke, it was resolved to approve the adoption of the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ayes: Drake, Schottke, Hamming, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the budget amendments for the 2025-26 school year.

Ayes: Schottke, Hamming, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

Upon motion of Member Schottke, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the Kent ISD administration to reduce positions within the Great Start Readiness program for the 2026-27 school year.

Ayes: Hamming, Drake, Schottke, Haidle

Nays: None

Motion declared to have carried.

President Haidle shared that the Michigan Association of School Boards is seeking feedback from member districts on potential resolutions to amend its bylaws.

President Haidle also reported that the Consortium of State School Boards Associations is holding a federal advocacy conference on September 21–23, 2026, in Washington, D.C. Registration is currently open for any Board members interested in attending.

Superintendent Gorman noted that this was the final Board meeting to be held at the Kent Conference Center and that future meetings will be held at the Educational Service Center (ESC).

Superintendent Gorman also highlighted the upcoming United Way Day of Service on June 26, when staff can give back their time by volunteering at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids, Kent County Parks, St. Gianna's No Cost Baby Boutique, and Kids' Food Basket. Dr. Gorman thanked the Human Resources team for organizing this event.

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment. No public comment was given.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes approved on July 20, 2026

Andrea Haidle, President

David Drake, Secretary