

The Kent ISD School Board held a regular meeting at the Kent Conference Center on Monday, April 20, 2026. President Haidle called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle.

Member Absent: Schottke

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

Staff Members: Mark Rottman, Chris Dart, Andrew Rosema, Cinnamon Mellema

Guests: Cindy Patin, Vickie Finkler, John Kozal

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President Haidle welcomed attendees and turned the meeting over to Director Arnold to honor Mark Rottman, Andrew Rosema, and Chris Dart with the Leading Learning Award. Assistant Superintendent, Glen Finkel also shared words of appreciation.

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to combine and approve the consent agenda items D.1-D.21.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Drake, Haidle

Nays: None

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

Upon motion by Member Featherston, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the purchase of classroom and office furniture for KEC Oakleigh.

Ayes: Featherston, Drake, Hamming, Haidle

Nays:

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

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the three-year service agreement from DJ's Landscaping for Groundskeeping services for Pine Grove Learning Center, Empower U South, and Empower U North.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle

Nays:

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the GMB to provide engineering services for the replacement chillers and associated equipment for both KCTC East and West.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Drake, Haidle  
Nays:

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

Upon motion of Member Hamming, supported by Member Drake, it was resolved to approve the purchase of a Bobcat Forklift from Morrison Industrial Equipment for the Facilities Department's pole barn.

Ayes: Featherston, Drake, Hamming, Haidle  
Nays:

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

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Featherston, it was resolved to approve the distribution of Special Education Act 18 funds.

Ayes: Drake, Hamming, Featherston, Haidle  
Nays:

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

Upon motion of Member Featherston, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the April Budget Amendments outlined in the board packet.

Ayes: Hamming, Featherston, Drake, Haidle  
Nays:

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

Upon motion of Member Drake, supported by Member Hamming, it was resolved to approve the renovations to Empower U South/Adult Ed and Empower U Central, and approve Owen Ames Kimball as the construction manager for the project.

Ayes: Featherston, Drake, Hamming, Haidle  
Nays:

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

President Haidle provided the opportunity for public comment. On behalf of the Lily Frog Pad organization, Ms. Vickie Finkler, Ms. Cindy Patin, and Mr. John Kozal spoke regarding the program offerings at the Howard Christensen Nature Center. Mr. Kozal also submitted a formal letter to the Board requesting that the buildings remain intact to support continued programming.

Member Hamming shared that last month's Kent Intermediate Association of School Boards (KIASB) meeting had great participation, and KCTC's culinary students did an excellent job preparing the meal.

President Andrea Haidle noted that Superintendent Ron Gorman's annual evaluation was conducted in closed session, with the formal report to be presented in May. Superintendent Gorman also

thanked the Board for the opportunity to highlight the impactful work taking place across Kent ISD during the evaluation.

President Haidle adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Minutes approved on May 18, 2026

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Andrea Haidle, President

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David Drake, Secretary

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