

At the April 21, 2014, meeting held at Stanton Middle School, the Kent City Schools Board of Education took the following action:

COFFEE TALK PRESENTATION

- Heard a presentation about the Kent Girl Coders, a new group at Stanton.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Heard a presentation from **Tom Munn** about a special award from the International Society of Arboriculture made to **John Lang** and **Tom Franek**, instructors of Forestry and Landscape Management College Tech Prep.
- Presented a report on a collaborative pilot opportunity for K-12 teachers to work with Kent State University professors on STEM projects.
- Presented a statement on National Volunteer Week.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Recognized Bistro on Main restaurant as a collaborative organization.
- Presented Friend of Kent Schools award to the family of **AJ Nicholson**, who started the AJ Way in memory of their son to keep his compassion and kindness alive and help others.
- Authorized participation in FY 2016 State and Federal programs, including Title 1; Title II, Title III, IDEA Part B, Parent Mentor; Alternative Education Grant; E-Rate; Early Childhood Special Education, Ohio K-12 Network.
- Approved school day waivers for 2015-2016.
- Approved re-adoption of current Title I programs policy.
- Approved purchase of network equipment.
- Approved lease for digital mailing system.
- Approved summer youth program with Coleman Professional Services and Portage County Department of Jobs and Family Services.
- Approved amendment of school health services agreement.
- Approved annual contract for audiology services.
- Approved agreements for athletic field maintenance.
- Approved field trips for DECA to Orlando, FL and girls golf team to Kokomo, IN.

PERSONNEL ISSUES:

- Approved retirement of **Melody Vardon**, school psychologist at Davey.
- Approved a lengthy list of appointments/reappointments and changes of appointments for 2015-2016, as well as a lengthy list of tutors, aides, classified staff and substitute teachers. Approved a list of reduction in staff (RIS), non-renewals for teaching/limited contracts and supplemental contracts/extended time.
- Approved continuing contract status for **Richelle Campbell, Kiel Cox, Jessica Evanson, Carla Geraghty, Jenna Lockhart, Tracy Reschke, Laura Simmonds** and **Rachel Yohn**.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Approved donations totaling \$6,557.50, including \$5,537.50 from Walls School Association to purchase 20 Chromebooks.