

At the January 12, 2021 meeting held virtually, the Kent City Schools Board of Education took the following action:

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:**

- As part of the usual January organizational meeting, the Board elected **Brian Boykin** as president and **Rebekah Wright Kulis** as vice-president and set meeting dates and times.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Recognized, thanked and distributed wooden plaques created by students in the CTE Computer-Aided Design and Engineering Technologies program to Board members as part of School Board Recognition Month.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Adopted an alternative tax budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022.
- Authorized Treasurer to make short-term investments in depository banks; request tax advances from County Auditor; pay bills; make intrafund transfers; pay expenses incurred for school-related activities; retain legal services; established a service fund for Board expenses; appoint Assistant Superintendent as Board designee for suspension appeal hearings and authorized Superintendent to appoint personnel for up to 45 days before Board action.
- Appointed **Pamela Ferguson** as Legislative Liaison representative and **Brian Boykin** as Student Achievement Liaison with OSBA.
- Approved contract with Newsela, Inc for digital resources for students in grades 2-12 funded by the district's Ohio Department of Education Literacy Grant.
- Approved CCP agreement with Kent State University.
- Approved proclamation for National CTE Month.
- Approved summer school program and extended year program.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES:**

- Approved July 1, 2021 retirements of **Vendora Foster**, fourth grade teacher at Walls, and **Djuna Swing**, first grade teacher at Davey, and July 1, 2021 retirement of **Sharon Petry**, Secretary II at the DePeyster Building.
- Approved the resignations and appointments.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Approved donations totaling of \$19, 870.75, including a \$10,000 donation to Rough Rider Reads and a \$7,250 donation from the Friends of **Greg Starc**.
- Heard a report about upcoming COVID-19 vaccinations for teachers and staff.