



Board of Commissioners Meeting
Hybrid – at Kent ISD & Zoom
Thursday, September 28, 2023
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Minutes

Present: Co-Chair Kate Pew Wolters, Co-Chair Lew Chamberlin, Claire Guisfredi, Hanna Jaworski, Melinda Johnson, Anthony Queen, Joslyn Ward, Howard Earle, Josh Sayles, Milt Rohwer, and Carl Ver Beek

Absent: Ron Koehler, Dr. Juan Olivarez, Kelsey Perdue, Randy Thelen, Michelle Van Dyke, Amanda Barbour, and Sean Welsh.

Guests: None

Staff: Shelby Glover, Daniel VanderMolen, Cati Cortes, and Kristen Sobolewski

Welcome:

Kate Pew Wolters called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Consent agenda:

Kate Pew Wolters asked for a motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda, including the minutes from the July 27, 2023 meeting.

Motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda: Milt

Support: Melinda

Motion Passed

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Equity:

No update

Investing Early:

- **Treasurer's Report**

- **August Financials:**

- Josh Sayles presented the August First Steps Kent and Ready by Five financials.

- Motion to approve as presented: Lew Chamberlin

- Support: Melinda Johnson

- Motion Passed

- **Budget review**

- Josh Sayles presented the 23/24 FY Budget.

- Revenue:

- Highlighted projected grants are not guaranteed, but we are highly optimistic that they will come through.
- Expenses:
 - 95% of the increases have come from Mainspring, but this is to be expected based on increased revenue from the same grant. This is “in & out.”

Motion to approve as presented: Melinda

Support: Milt

Motion Passed

- **Grants Update**

- Josh: No updates
- Shelby: Only major update is that we did not receive Lever for Change.

Ready by Five Update

Kate Pew Wolter explained that Jennifer, Heather, & Megan were absent as they are at the millage renewal subcommittee meeting with Kent County Board of Commissioners. Ready By 5 steering committing is submitting a proposal for additional MILS of .45. We have done some preliminary polling and will be on the August ballot.

Nominating committee:

The nominating committee and chair Melinda Johnson brought forward 2 names to be added to the board. Krawshawn Martin and Kevin Clay.

Melinda Johnson presented two names for consideration:

Move to accept both Krashawn Martin and Kevin Clay to the board: Melinda Johnson

Second: Milt

Motion: Passed

Adjournment & Executive Session:

Kate Pew Wolters ended the meeting at 9:33 a.m. with an executive session immediately following.

Next Commission Meetings:

Thursday, November 16, 2023