

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mrs. Coleman, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Falkofske, Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Ms. Stevens and Mr. Garcia were excused.

Mrs. Coleman, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a regular meeting of the School Board of Kenosha Unified School District. Notice of this regular meeting was given to the public by forwarding the complete agenda to all requesting radio stations and newspapers. Copies of the complete agenda are available for inspection at all public schools and at the Superintendent's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the Superintendent's office.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communication Officer, presented the 2017 Academic All State Division 1 Boys Cross Country Team and the Districtwide Elementary/Middle School Spelling Bee Winners.

There were no Administrative and/or Supervisory Appointments.

Mr. Wade introduced the student ambassador, Marquon Williams from Bradford High School, and he made his comments.

There was no legislative report.

Views and/or comments were made by the public.

Board members made their responses/comments.

Mrs. Coleman gave the Board President remarks.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis gave the Superintendent's Report.

Consent-Approve item XI-B – Minutes of two 1/9/18 Special Meetings and 2/13/18 Special Meeting; 1/9/18, 1/23/18 and 2/13/18 Executive Sessions, and 1/12/18 Regular Meeting was pulled from the consent agenda.

Board members then considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item XI-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations and Separations.

Consent-Approve item XI-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the January 2018 cash receipt deposits totaling \$239,774.71, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$39,251,803.04, be approved.

Check numbers 560200 through 561163 totaling \$7,019,426.22, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$283,625.18, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the January 2018 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$16,024,307.59, and net payroll check batches totaling \$9,461.77, be approved.”

Consent-Approve item XI-D – Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy 6633 and Electronic Devices Policy 5435 submitted by Mr. Brian Beiger, Regional Coordinator of Leadership and Learning – Secondary; Ms. Susan Valeri, Chief of School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“A committee working on Policy 5435 electronic devices met and approved an updated policy in February 2011 with the goal of allowing students to use cell phones and other electronic devices in conjunction with instruction. With the revision, electronic devices could be utilized to access information, provide learning feedback, collaborate and be incorporated as a productive tool in the classroom.

The committee stated they recognized that electronic devices could be disruptive to the learning environment and stressed that good management by teachers and a strong, supportive student policy needed to exist.

Rebecca Stevens emailed a request on February 10, 2017, at 6:42 a.m. stating, *“I would also like a survey sent out to the teachers, all other staff, parents and students asking them to review the boards policy on electronic devises for feedback as this policy has not been reviewed since it was updated in 2011. Thank you, Rebecca Stevens School Board Member.”*

In the spring of 2017, KUSD surveyed all staff, parents, students and the Kenosha community on the use of electronic devices in school. The board was presented the survey results of the KUSD Cell Phone Survey on July 25, 2017.

Upon conclusion of the survey and further review of policy 5435, it was discovered that policy 5435 and policy 6633 closely align with one another and both reference student electronic device use. The work going forward was done on the basis of combining the two policies to eliminate any confusion.

The recent survey, in conjunction with the related survey from this past Spring, showed a mixed realization for the educational benefits of using student owned technology in the school. This policy revision will allow for those benefits to be utilized

during non-instructional periods and locations at all schools (i.e. before and after school including while utilizing district transportation). At the High School level, it is recommended that during a student's designated lunch period, students are allowed access to student owned technology in the cafeteria/commons area. In addition, increased attention will be given towards integrating opportunities for positive use and value for student owned technology 30 devices. Building administrators and school staff will continue to monitor and allow for student owned technology use in the classroom when approved by instructional staff or principal. The majority of administrators and district teachers stated there is a benefit to having students using electronic devices in the classroom. In researching existing policies and cross referencing them for electronic procedures and rules, it was discovered that Policy 5435 and 6633 closely align and should be combined into one policy. School Leadership worked collaboratively with Teaching and Learning and Information and Accountability to update policy 6633 Student Technology Acceptable Use (Attachment B) to align with survey results and feedback. It is recommended that policy 5435 Electronic Devices (Attachment D) be eliminated because all areas are now covered in policy 6633.

The school board approved revised Policy/Rule 6633 Student Technology Acceptable Use, which includes the elimination of Policy/Rule 5435 Electronic Devices, as a first reading on January 23, 2018. Administration recommends that the school board approve the revision of Policy/Rule 6633 and elimination of Policy 5435 as a second reading on February 27, 2018.”

Consent-Approve item XI-E – School Board Policies 1331, 1350, 1400, 1500, 1510, 2810, 3422, 3900, 6740 and 6741 submitted by Tamarra Coleman, excerpts follow:

“At the request of School board members Michael Falkofske and Rebecca Stevens, ten school board policies were placed on the July 25, 2017, regular school board meeting agenda for discussion.

During the July 25 discussion, there was unanimous consent to have the noted school board policies reviewed by legal counsel and then discussed at a board working session.

Attorney Shana Lewis reviewed the policies and offered recommendations which were presented to the board at a special meeting on October 16, 2017. Attorney Lewis, Mr. Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Salo, Accounting Manager, and Mrs. Danielski, auditor, were present and responded to board questions. It was agreed that Attorney Lewis would incorporate additional changes requested by the board and the policies would be brought back for another review by the board which occurred at a special meeting on January 9, 2018.

The following ten policies were approved as a first reading at the January 23, 2018, regular meeting and it is recommended that these policies be approved as a second reading at the February 27, 2018, regular school board meeting: 1331 – Classification of Groups Using School District Facilities, 1350–Equipment Use by Community Groups, 1400 –Gifts, Grants and Bequests, 1500 –Solicitations/Fundraising, 1510 –Advertising/Promotions, 2810 –Incident Reporting, 3422 –Exclusivity

Agreements With Vendors, 3900 –Insurance Management, 6740 –Student Fund Raising Activities, and 6741–Raffles.”

Mr. Falkofske moved to approve the revised consent agenda. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented Proposed Revision of School Board Policy 8860 – Citizen Advisory Committees submitted by Ms. Stevens, Mr. Falkofske, and Mrs. Coleman, excerpts follow:

“At the request of school board members Michael Falkofske and Rebecca Stevens, School Board policy 8860 – Citizen Advisory Committees was presented to the board for consideration at their January 23, 2018, meeting.

The majority of the discussion focused on the wording relating to minority community and student member recruitment. School board member, Mary Snyder, took notes during the January 23, 2018, meeting and has incorporated them into the proposed revised policy.

It is recommended that the school board approve the proposed revisions of School Board Policy 8600 – Citizen Advisory Committee as a first reading at the February 27, 2018, meeting and as a second reading at the March 27, 2018, meeting.”

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the proposed revisions of School Board Policy 8600 – Citizen Advisory Committee as a first reading. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced Mrs. Tatjana Bicanin, Director of Operations, and Mr. Eric Lequense, Research and Evaluation Manger, of Building Our Future. They gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following topics: Kenosha County collective impact, we belong to Strive Together, vision and mission, financial contributions, our roadmap, our principals, community engagement, shared goals and collaborative action, data driven: Kenosha County results, equity focus: school success, equity focus: high school completion, equity focus: post-secondary education and career preparation, get involved, and our team.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Integrated Approach to Student Achievement – Part I. Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Martin Pitts, Regional Coordinator of Leadership and Learning – Elementary; Mrs. Ursula Hamilton-Perry, Principal at Harvey Elementary; and Mr. Kurt Johnson, Principal at Jeffery Elementary gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following topics: mission, vision, strategic goals, core values, curriculum audit highlights, integrated approach to school achievement, framework for integrated approach to student achievement, KUSD ethnicity makeup (five years), data and sample analysis: Phonological Awareness Literacy Screener (PALS) and Wisconsin Forward, common review process, effective research-based instructional strategies, Wisconsin's model for effective Response to Intervention (Rtl) system, KUSD's components of an effective Rtl system, Rtl/instructional practices, and continuous progress.

Members of the board and audience were asked to submit their feedback throughout the presentation via electronic or paper format.

Mr. Kunich moved to table agenda item XIII - C – School Year 2018-2019 Preliminary Enrollment Projections until the next regular board meeting. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Keckler presented ACT 59 Related Changes for KUSD Policies submitted by Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Susan Valeri, Chief of School Leadership; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“In the fall of 2017, Wisconsin approved and adopted the most recent biennial budget, Act 59, which contained several implications for local school districts and post-secondary participation. Most notably, this summary of proposed revisions relates to those areas regarding the newly created Early College Credit Program and minor references to the existing KUSD graduation requirements. The policies and rules presented for revision are:

- Policy and Rule 5240 - Accommodation of Private School and Home Based Educational Program Students (Updated);
- Policy and Rule 5260 - Open Enrollment – Full Time (Updated);
- Policy and Rule 5270 - Open Enrollment – Part Time (Reactivation);
- Policy and Rule 6434.2 - Youth Options Program (Elimination);
- Policy and Rule 6435 - WI Technical College Start College Now Program (Proposed);
- Policy and Rule 6440 - Course Options (Elimination);
- Policy and Rule 6450 - Early College Credit Program (Proposed);
- Policy and Rule 6454.1 - Criteria for Fourth and Eighth Grade Promotion (Elimination); and
- Policy and Rule 6456 - Graduation Requirements (Updated).

Administration recommends that the Board of Education review and approve the listed revisions as a first reading at the February 27, 2018 regular School Board meeting and a second reading at the March 27, 2018 regular School Board meeting Mr. Kunich presented the Donations to the District.”

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the listed revisions as a first reading. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced Resolution No. 343 – Worker’s Compensation Reauthorization of Self-Insurance submitted by Mr. Hamdan and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“On July 1, 2003, the District approved using Community Insurance Company for its Worker’s Compensation program. In order to establish the self-insured program a resolution was approved at the May 27, 2003, School Board Meeting, the May 23, 2006, School Board Meeting, the March 24, 2009, School Board Meeting, the March 27, 2012, and again at the March 24, 2015, School Board Meeting. The Wisconsin Administrative

Code requires each political subdivision to re-authorize their self-insurer status once every three years.

Administration recommends that the School Board approve Resolution No. 343 (attached) to continue the Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Program."

Mr. Kunich presented Resolution No. 343 – Worker's Compensation Reauthorization of Self – Compensation, which read as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Kenosha Unified School District is a qualified political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act (Act) provides that employers covered by the Act either insure their liability with worker's compensation insurance carriers authorized to do business in Wisconsin, or to be exempted (self-insured) from insuring liabilities with a carrier and thereby assuming the responsibility for its own worker's compensation risk and payment; and

WHEREAS, the State and its political subdivisions may self-insure worker's compensation without a special order from the Department of Workforce Development (Department) if they agree to report faithfully all compensable injuries and agree to comply with the Act and rules of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the School Board at its February 27, 2018, meeting may approved the continuation of a self-insured worker's compensation program, in compliance with Wisconsin Administrative Code DWD 80.60(3); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Kenosha Unified School District does ordain as follows:

- (1) Provide for the continuation of a self-insured worker's compensation program that is currently in effect.
- (2) Authorize Jennifer Miller to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Worker's Compensation Division, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development."

Mr. Kunich moved to approve Resolution No. 343 – Worker's Compensation Reauthorization of Self-Insurance. Mr. Falkofske seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Coleman introduced the Minutes of two 1/9/18 Special Meetings and 2/13/18 Special Meeting; 1/9/18, 1/23/18 and 2/13/18 Executive Sessions, and 1/12/18 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Falkofske noted that the roll call vote in the second set of 1/9/18 special meeting minutes is incorrectly noted as "unanimously approved".

Mr. Falkofske moved to approve the Minutes of two 1/9/18 Special Meetings and 2/13/18 Special Meeting; 1/9/18, 1/23/18 and 2/13/18 Executive Sessions, and 1/12/18 Regular Meeting with the correction of the roll call vote to the second set of the 1/9/18. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Falkofske presented the Donations to the District.

Mr. Falkofske moved to approve the Donations to the District. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Falkofske moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary