

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD

AUDIT/BUDGET/FINANCE MEETING
Educational Support Center – Room 110
JUNE 9, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Audit/Budget/Finance Committee chaired by Mr. Wade was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mr. Flood, Mr. Falkofske, Mr. Kent, Mr. Aceto, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Holdorf, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mrs. Marcich and Mr. Battle were excused.

Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2015 Audit/Budget/Finance

Mr. Falkofske moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Information Items

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Phil Hohlweck, PMA Securities representative, presented the Updated Option for Combined Referendum and Refinancing Funding. Mr. Hamdan noted that the next step in the outdoor athletic improvements referendum is the financing and sale of bonds. Part of the selling process is the reevaluation of the District's bond rating by Moody's Investors Services. After several consultations, Moody's upgraded the district's bond rating from an A1 to an Aa3. Mr. Hohlweck indicated that the proposed financing plan would combine the referendum and the refinancing funding. An estimated 2.54% interest rate is expected and would save taxpayers approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Hamdan noted that the savings would be a result of reduced debt payments outside of revenue limits, meaning the savings would not free up operational funds. The savings cannot be used to pay for expenses such as staff salaries, benefits or any other expenses that would help balance the budget; but, the reduced payments would still impact the tax levy and represent significant savings for taxpayers. Mr. Hamdan and Mr. Hohlweck answered questions from Committee members.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Monthly Financial Statements. He indicated that there will be approximately \$4.1 million in salaries and health benefits surplus. Mr. Hamdan answered questions from Committee members.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Cash and Investment Quarterly Report. He indicated that the noted interest earned for 2014-2015 is a fiscal year-to-date total versus a fiscal year total noted in the other years contained in the report.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Wade requested a report containing information on the fund balance.

Mr. Flood moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kent seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby School Board Secretary



KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD JOINT AUDIT/BUDGET/FINANCE AND CURRICULUM/PROGRAM Educational Support Center – Room 110 June 9, 2015

MINUTES

A joint meeting of the Kenosha Unified Audit/Budget/Finance and Curriculum/Program Committees chaired by Mr. Wade was called to order at 6:27 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mr. Flood, Mr. Falkofske, Mr. Kent, Mr. Aceto, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Holdorf, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Kunich, Mrs. Karabetsos, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Renish-Ratelis, Mrs. Wickersheim, Mr. Wojciechowicz, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mrs. Marcich, Mr. Battle, Mrs. Daghfal, and Mrs. Kenefick were excused. Ms. London was absent.

<u>Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2015 Joint Audit/Budget/Finance & Curriculum/Program</u> Mr. Falkofske moved to approve the minutes as contained in the agenda. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes - April 14, 2015 and May 12, 2015 Curriculum/Program

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the minutes as contained in the agenda. Mrs. Santoro seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Request to Participate in the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Student Education Program Grant

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the Request to Participate in the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Student Education Program Grant. She indicated that the purpose of the grant program is to develop scientifically based research projects and strategies that are designed to build and enhance the ability of elementary and secondary schools to meet the special education needs of gifted and talented students. Emphasis is placed on serving students who are economically disadvantaged, have limited English proficient, and students with disabilities who are traditionally underrepresented in gifted and talented programs. To accomplish this, a District Leadership Cadre would be created which would be comprised of 4 to 8 district leaders and 25 teachers from 4 to 8 elementary schools who would participate on the state level cadre. They would receive training in analyzing data for disproportionality, implementing a RtI framework that includes services for high ability/high potential students, culturally responsive practices, USTARS-PLUS (a research-based program previously funded by Javits), content from a state-approved educator licensure program in gifted education, the Dual Capacity-Building framework, and Academic Parent Teacher Teams. All travel, training, and substitute teacher expenditures would be included in the grant funds and no district funding match is required. Mrs. Housaman and Mr. David Tuttle, Coordinator of Gifted and Talented, answered questions from Committee members.

Mrs. Snyder moved to forward the Request to Participate in the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Student Education Program Grant to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Renish-Ratelis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Flood requested that a presentation from former students on the Students for Optimized Learning Opportunities (SOLO) Project be added as a future agenda item.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby School Board Secretary



JOINT CURRICULUM/PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL/POLICY Educational Support Center – Room 110

June 9, 2015

MINUTES

A joint meeting of the Kenosha Unified Curriculum/Program and Personnel/Policy Committees chaired by Mrs. Snyder was called to order at 6:42 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Karabetsos, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Renish-Ratelis, Mrs. Wickersheim, Mr. Wojciechowicz, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Dahl, Mrs. Stephens, and Mrs. Snyder. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mrs. Daghfal, Mrs. Kenefick, and Mrs. Hamilton were excused. Mrs. Butler, Mr. Riley, and Ms. Connor were absent.

<u>Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2015 Joint Personnel/Policy & Curriculum/Program</u>
Mr. Wade moved to approve the minutes as contained in the agenda. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Policy and Rule 6456 - Graduation Requirements

Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership, and Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Accountability, gave a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to Policy and Rule 6456 – Graduation Requirements. Mr. Keckler presented information on the revised policy language for assessments, clarification language of diploma recognition for students with special needs, high school enrollment alignment for full time status and release language, removal of prior credit cap, revised competency diploma option (Iowa) timeline, board recognition of WI National Guard Challenge Academy, modification of the online learning requirement, and alignment to WI Act 63 (2013) graduation expectations. Dr. Ormseth presented information on the impact of increasing the graduation requirement within the current student schedule structures. Mr. Keckler and Dr. Ormseth answered questions from Committee members.

Mrs. Karabetsos inquired on the option of students getting physical education credit for participation in sports. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis indicated that information is being provided to the Committee in July.

Mr. Kunich moved to forward Policy and Rule 6456 – Graduation Requirements to the full board for approval. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Flood requested the review of graduation class rank. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis and Dr. Ormseth indicated that the review of graduation class rank would happen over the next school year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby School Board Secretary



KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD

PERSONNEL/POLICY MEETING Educational Support Center – Room 110 June 9, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Personnel/Policy Committee chaired by Mr. Kunich was called to order at 7:22 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Dahl, Mrs. Stephens, and Mr. Kunich. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mrs. Hamilton was excused. Mrs. Butler, Mr. Riley, and Ms. Connor were absent.

Policy 5120 - Student Enrollment Reporting

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Accountability, presented Policy 5120 – Student Enrollment Reporting as contained in the agenda. He explained that the policy was last updated in 1997; therefore, the policy was being brought forward for updating to reflect current enrollment options and accountability.

Ms. Stevens moved to forward Policy 5120 – Student Enrollment Reporting to the full board for approval. Mrs. Burns seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Information Items

There were no questions on the Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements and Resignations.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items noted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby School Board Secretary