

A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD DECEMBER 1, 2015

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was for discussion over the allocations of the 2015-2016 unallocated funds; and if necessary and appropriate, take action on said discussion.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Flood, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Falkofske, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, Mr. Hamdan, and Attorney Joel Aziere from Buelow, Vetter, Buikema, Olson & Vliet, LLC were also present.

Mrs. Coleman, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a special meeting of the School Board of the Kenosha Unified School District No. 1. Notice of this special meeting was given to the public by forwarding a copy of the notice to all requesting radio stations and newspapers.

There were views and comments by the public.

Mrs. Coleman presented the Unallocated Funds in the 2015-2016 Budget submitted by Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The budget cycle for the 2015-2016 budget began around January of 2015. At that time, the State of Wisconsin was also developing its biennial 2015-2017 budget. Preliminary proposals from the Governor included the elimination of the \$150 per pupil categorical aid revenue item that equates to approximately \$3.3 MM for KUSD. Between January and February of 2015, planning and discussion meetings were held with leadership council members, principals, coordinators, budget managers, and board members to formulate a plan to propose a balanced budget to the Board of Education. At the May 26, 2015 meeting, administration provided the preliminary plan that closed a \$6.5 MM budget deficit caused by the loss of \$3.2 MM in revenue and an increase of \$3.3 MM in expenses related to the 9% increase in health insurance premiums. This plan was proposed with the goal of minimal classroom impact in mind.

After months of debate surrounding the State budget, the final version included the restoration of the \$3.3 MM revenue item that we had planned to lose. At the July 28, 2015 board meeting, administration provided this information to the Board of Education and requested that the budget assumptions be approved as the basis to build the 2015-2016 budget. There was an administrative recommendation to use \$800,000 of the restored funding to restore the technology refresh funding that was reduced in the May proposal, as well as \$360,000 to restore 4 teacher FTEs at the secondary level. With those two restorations approved, that left approximately \$2.1 MM of unallocated funds.

In preparation for the official budget adoption on October 27, 2015 all of the variables that impact the budget position, primarily staffing and enrollment, were updated to reflect the most accurate information available. The 2015-2016 budget was adopted with \$2.6 MM in expenses pending allocation or unallocated.

This is an informational report being presented to the Board of Education.”

Board members expressed their views and made their comments.

Mr. Hamdan and Attorney Aziere were present and answered questions from Board members.

A compensation options document was distributed, presented and then discussed.

Mrs. Snyder moved to approve a one-time 1.5% stipend increase for each full time employee (FTE) and a 10% restoration of funds to school buildings. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Ms. Stevens requested information pertaining to the items cut at school buildings in relation to the 20% budget cuts.

Mrs. Coleman passed the gavel to Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. Coleman asked Mrs. Snyder to consider a friendly amendment to remove the 10% restoration of funds to school buildings.

Mrs. Snyder returned the gavel to Mrs. Coleman.

Mrs. Snyder indicated that she would accepted the friendly amendment suggested by Mrs. Coleman.

Mrs. Coleman asked for a roll call vote on Mrs. Snyder’s motion to approve a one-time 1.5% stipend increase for each full time employee (FTE).

Roll call: Ayes: Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Coleman. Noes: Mr. Falkofske. Abstainers: Mr. Flood and Ms. Stevens.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary