

A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD OCTOBER 16, 2017

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 5:30 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was for Views and Comments by the Public and Review of School Board Policies 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.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Falkofske, Mr. Kunich, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Garcia, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Mrs. Lisa Salo, Mrs. Amber Danielski from Schenck, S.C., and Attorney Shana Lewis from Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis & Lacy were also present. Mr. Wade was excused.

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.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Mrs. Coleman presented the Review of School Board Policies submitted by Mr. Michael Falkofske, Ms. Rebecca Stevens and Mrs. 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. Below is the report that was contained in the July 25 agenda packet:

“As a district we must ensure that all the money raised on behalf of students is used solely for the students. As a Board we must insist that the District's policies are followed to the letter.

The first goal of this review was to look at how existing policies dealt with the money raised by Student Related Activity Groups. As you will see in the items we outlined, the tools for financial oversight already exist. The issue is the current policies are not being followed. The review does list some additional items such as ensuring that Student Related Activity Groups are certified non-profit organizations. Having a non-profit status will ensure they have to file an annual report with the IRS.

The second goal is to ensure that all possible vendors have an opportunity to submit bids to school related activity groups. Again, it appears that existing policy covers some of our concerns. However, we could use policy updates that ensure vendors are in good standing with the IRS and personal finances. We also must have more oversight on how vendors are selected to ensure there is a fair process for selecting vendors.

We must be diligent in ensuring that District policies regarding oversight of School Related Activity Groups are being followed. We cannot allow these groups to create their own rules for the profit of individuals.”

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.”

Board members discussed each policy separately and Mr. Hamdan, Mrs. Salo, Mrs. Danielski, and Attorney Lewis answered questions from Board members.

Mrs. Coleman noted that Attorney Lewis will incorporate the suggested changes and bring back to the Board for another review.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary