

A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD FEBRUARY 18, 2019

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Monday, February 18, 2019, 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, Wisconsin Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion, and Presentation/Discussion – Health Care Vendor Finalists – Best and Final Offer Update and Alternative Plan Designs.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. with the following members present: Ms. Stevens, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Battle, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kunich, Mrs. Modder, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, Mrs. Ruder, Mr. Hamdan, and Mr. Smessaert of Hays Companies were also present

Mr. Wade, 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 no views and/or comments by the public.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Wisconsin Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion, as follows:

“Mr. Wade asked for an opinion by the Wisconsin Ethics Commission for Mr. Battle and Mr. Duncan in regards to the interpretation of the Code of Ethics for Local Public Officials, Wis. Stat. §19.59, which provides as follows:

No local public official may use his or her public position or office to obtain financial gain or anything of substantial value for the private benefit of himself or herself or his or her immediate family, or for an organization with which he or she is associated...

No local public official may take any official action substantially affecting a matter in which the official, a member of his or her immediate family, or an organization with which the official is associated has a substantial financial interest.

No local public official may use his or her office or position in a way that produces or assists in the production of a substantial benefit, direct or indirect, for the official, one or more members of the official's immediate family either separately or together, or an organization with which the official is associated.

Said opinion was sought in order to make sure that the participation of Mr. Battle and Mr. Duncan in the selection of a health vendor would not negatively impact the Board, or its discussions and actions regarding the selection of a health insurance carrier for District employees.

The Ethics Commission, which issued its written opinion on January 18, 2019, confirmed that Mr. Battle and Mr. Duncan could fully participate in any and all health insurance discussions and actions without violating the Code of Ethics for Local Public Officials.”

Mr. Chris Smessaert of Hays Companies; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Interim Chief Human Resource Officer; presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled Medical Carrier Finalists - Best and Final Offer Update and Alternative Plan Designs which covered the following topics: 2019-2020 financial preview, 2019-2020 financial consideration, goal, medical carrier finalists updates, customer services statistics, medical plan design benchmarks, questions, goal recap, finalist meeting proposed agenda and current/future consideration

Mr. Smessaert, Mr. Hamdan, and Mrs. Ruder answered questions from Board members.

Mr. Duncan moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary