

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD MAY 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mr. Duncan, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Battle (virtually), Ms. Stevens (virtually), Mrs. Modder, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Adams, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Duncan. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present.

Mr. Duncan, 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.

There was not a student ambassador present.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, presented the All State Performance of Ada and the Engine Awards and the Elementary and Middle School Spelling Bee Winners.

There were no Administrative/Supervisory Appointments.

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

Mrs. Modder gave the legislative report.

Mr. Duncan introduced the Motion to Waive School Board Policy 8870 submitted by Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

"Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, I move that Policy 8870 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings be waived for the May 26, 2020, regular school board meeting.

Citizens wishing to share their views and comments with the board may do so in writing via email to the school board secretary, Stacy Busby at sbusby@kUSD.edu or via United States Postal Service mailed to 3600-52nd Street, Kenosha, WI 53144."

Ms. Adams moved that Policy 8870 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings be waived for the May 26, 2020, regular school board meeting but allowing written communications to be read out loud if properly received and requested by citizens. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Busby noted that no citizen comments were received.

Board President, Mr. Duncan, made his remarks.

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

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

Consent-Approve item X-B – Minutes of the 4/27/20 Organizational Meeting and 4/27/20 Regular Meeting.

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

“It is recommended that the April 2020 cash receipt deposits totaling \$339,348.81, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$6,869,133.14, be approved.

Check numbers 591211 through 591743 (net of voided batches) totaling \$3,344,442.26, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$3,459,909.84, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the April 2020 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$13,640,478.13, and net payroll check batches totaling \$8,257.10, be approved.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Temporary Limited Easement with Kenosha County to Support 60<sup>th</sup> Street Road Construction submitted by Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, experts follow:

“Kenosha County has begun the planning and designing of the reconstruction of 60th Street (CTH K) from just west of CTH H to the Canadian Pacific Railroad. As part of this project, the County requires a temporary limited easement on a small portion of the Mahone Middle School property to support traffic flow during the construction period. This project, and the associated easement will provide a benefit to the community when it is completed.

The proposed easement along with a sketch showing the area impacted by the easement are provided in the Attachment to this report. There are minor financial considerations associated with this easement based on an analysis provided by the County. The total damages estimated by the County are \$300 which will be paid to KUSD upon final approval of this easement.

Administration recommends Board approve the temporary limited easement with Kenosha County as described in this report.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the temporary limited easement with Kenosha County as described in this report. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Board Approved Student User Fees and Recreation Department Fees for the 2020-2021 School Year submitted by Mr. Hamdan and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“As a component of the budget development process, a review of fees charged by the District is conducted annually. The administration is not recommending any changes to the 2020-21 student user fees; however there are several recommendations for our summer fine arts recreational programs that are part of the KUSD community service programs.

The recommended recreation department fee changes are:

- Band of the Black Watch - \$10 increase;
- Rambler Band - \$10 increase; and
- Kenosha Youth Performing Arts Center (KYPAC) - \$25 increase.

Attachment A delineates the proposed 2020-2021 Student User Fees Schedule and Attachment B delineates the proposed 2020-2021 Recreation Department Fees Schedule.

District-wide Fee Procedures:

- All fees and payments for a student will be maintained in Infinite Campus by the school at which the student is primarily enrolled (with the school having access to create the fee based on the circumstances e.g. field trips, yearbook, clubs and activity accounts).
- Charter schools are required to collect all applicable district required user fees according to the Board approved fee schedule; however, charter schools will retain the fees as part of the charter agreements.
- All schools looking to charge for workbooks or any other supplemental consumable materials, not covered by the base fees, must submit the fee to be reviewed and approved by the respective school leadership department prior to the allocation of any funds for the purchase of these materials, or the assessment of any such fees.

Administration requests that the Board of Education approve the attached schedules in order to establish the fiscal year 2020-2021 student user fees and recreation department fees.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve the attached schedules in order to establish the fiscal year 2020-2021 student user fees and recreation department fees. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Adoption of Instructional Materials for Sixth Through Eighth Grade World Language submitted by Mrs. Sarah Smith, Coordinator of Language Acquisition; Mrs. Julie Housman, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The curriculum review process (Appendix A) for world language began in September 2017. The curriculum design team (Appendix B) reviewed student data and curriculum documents and evaluated the current resources being used for sixth, seventh, and eighth

grade Spanish classes. After review of the curriculum and resources, it was found that the Rosetta Stone software continues to be the chosen instructional resource for the middle school program. The Rosetta Stone Manager provides quantifiable measurements of student success (i.e., a learner curriculum report). It allows teachers to manage and modify individual student activity settings and run reports on progress at the student, group, or class level. In addition to continuing with Rosetta Stone, the team also utilizes licenses for Señor Wooly. Señor Wooly is an online resource with leveled readers specifically chosen for middle school aged language learners. In order to have access to these technology resources on a daily basis, the team is also recommending Chromebooks, carts, and headphones for the middle school Spanish curriculum.

As a result of the in-depth review process described in this report, the following instructional technology were selected were selected to support the use of Rosetta Stone and Señor Wooly (Appendix C):

<u>Location</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Materials</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Bullen Middle School	Spanish	Chromebooks Cart Headphones	\$9,905
Lance Middle School	Spanish	Chromebooks Cart Headphones	\$9,905
Mahone Middle School	Spanish	Chromebooks Cart Headphones	\$9,905
Washington Middle School	Spanish	Chromebooks Cart Headphones	\$9,905
Total Cost: \$49,525.			

New material benefits:

- Updated instructional resources to enhance world language curriculum;
- Ability to have everyday access to technology for language acquisition; and
- Access to technology for cultural and communication projects to prepare for advanced placement courses in high school.

The instructional materials selected to support the Kenosha Unified School District world language curriculum would be put into place for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Middle school world language will begin Phase 4 of the curriculum development process in September 2020. Throughout the school year, the coordinator of language acquisition will work with teachers and principals to monitor the impact of the instructional resources. The Phase 4 work will include:

- Assessing student progress using assessments embedded in the program;
- Planning and activating the ongoing program evaluation design; and
- Collecting teacher feedback.

Administration recommends that the Board of Education grant approval to purchase secondary Chromebooks and Chromebook carts for middle school World Language as outlined in this report, including Appendix F, showing an estimated purchase cost of \$49,525.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the purchase of the secondary Chromebooks and Chromebook carts for middle school World Language as outlined in this report, including Appendix F, showing an estimated purchase cost of \$49,525. Mrs. Modder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Request to Submit the Wisconsin Fast Forward Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development submitted by Mrs. Cheryl Kothe, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development will award this competitive grant to eligible applicants who demonstrate a need for acquisition of equipment used in advanced manufacturing fields in the workplace. The grant seeks to support school districts that are providing workforce skills training for the high demand fields in advanced manufacturing. Applicants are required to identify the specific target occupations for their training and to demonstrate the demand for jobs and career opportunities in that advanced manufacturing industry.

The Wisconsin Fast Forward Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant focus is the purchase of equipment to support the welding coursework. Kenosha Unified School District has been offering welding at Indian Trail High School for the past two years, at LakeView in the SMV club and will begin to offer welding instruction at Bradford and Tremper in the 2020-21 school year.

The current equipment in the district schools does not meet the need of training students because it is outdated or needs to be replaced due to overuse. In order to prepare students to work in local industries, equipment needs to be updated and teachers upskilled. Gateway Technical College has agreed to provide teacher training through a grant they have received.

Gateway Technical College instructors have helped KUSD select the equipment to ensure that it will meet the needs of local employers. This grant will support the purchase of equipment essential for training our students in welding.

The equipment request for the welding course includes: booths, mats, PPE (personal protective equipment), tables, tanks, auxiliary equipment and welders. Kenosha Unified School District is requesting the maximum grant amount of \$50,000. The remaining \$120,000 needed to complete the purchase of welding equipment was approved by the Board at the February 25, 2020 Board meeting as part of the unallocated funds in the 2019-2020 adopted budget report.

Within the manufacturing industry, welders play an important part of the manufacturing process. Basic welding skills are the same across industries which allows welders to easily find work within multiple industries. The American Welding Society indicated that there will be a deficit of 400,000 welders by 2024 due to an aging workforce.

Students who currently have welding skills within our Youth Apprenticeship program have easily found positions within the Kenosha community and full-time employment after graduation. We also have teamed with Gateway Technical College to offer welding certifications for our students to make them more marketable to area employers.

Administration recommends that the school board approve the application for the Wisconsin Fast Forward Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and implement the grant if received from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development.”

Ms. Adams moved to approve the application for the Wisconsin Fast Forward Advanced Manufacturing Technical Education Equipment Grant in the amount of \$50,000 and implement the grant if received from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. Mrs. Modder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Adams presented the Donations to the District.

Mr. Wade moved to approve the Donations to the District. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary