

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting of the Whole

Educational Support Center – Room 110

June 14, 2022

MINUTES

A standing committee meeting of the whole which included the Kenosha Unified Planning/Facilities, Audit/Budget/Finance, Personnel, and Curriculum/Program Committees chaired by Ms. Adams was called to order at 5:02 P.M. with the following committee members present: Mrs. Modder, Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Price, Ms. Stevens, Ms. Ma, Mr. Patal, Ms. Douglas, Mr. Levin, Mrs. Infusino, Mr. Duncan, Ms. Nedweski, Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Schroeter, Mr. Pokorny, Ms. Niederer, Mr. Twomey, and Ms. Adams. Mr. Gayle, Mr. Makowka, Mr. Moon, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Gastaldi, Ms. Gaudio, Mr. Battle, Mrs. Greene, and Mr. Leipzig were excused. Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Kind-Keppel, Mr. Cabal, Ms. Washington, Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Murawski, Mr. Miller, Mrs. Bell-Meyers, Ms. Konicki, Ms. Brooks, Mr. Washington, Ms. Prince, Mrs. Nash-Chrabascz, Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Cecala, and Mr. Douglas were absent.

Review of February 8, 2022 Minutes

There were no suggested changes made to the minutes.

2022-23 Budget Workshop

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, gave a live demonstration of the budget calculation spreadsheet that is used for the budgeting process and explained the different calculating factors.

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer, asked that each individual table discuss and then note their top item that their table thought should be considered last when considering a budget reduction. Each table reported out their top suggestion which consisted of the following:

- Teachers;
- Core academics;
- Lower class sizes for grades K-3;
- Extracurricular activities; and
- College credit course opportunities, gifted and talented classes, and special education services.

Mrs. Housaman asked that each individual table discuss and then note their top item that their table thought should be analyzed for reduction. Each table reported out their top suggestion which consisted of the following:

- Identified "wastes" within the district;
- Programs that do not relate to core academics;
- Decrease administrators and add teachers; and
- The closing or consolidation of schools.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled KUSD Staff Thought Exchange: Budget Considerations which covered the following topics: overall participation, budget themes, initial analysis and follow-up.

He explained that a ThoughtExchange survey was distributed to all KUSD staff to share thoughts, rate thoughts, and explore thoughts on budget considerations. There were over 400 thoughts provided with an average of 63 ratings for each thought. Mr. Keckler shared the top themes and examples of them.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Stacy Stephens School Board Secretary