A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Curriculum/Program Committee chaired by Mr. Flood was called to order at 5:30 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mrs. Taube, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Daghfal, Mrs. Karabetsos, Ms. Kenefick, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Renish-Ratelis, Ms. Galli, and Mr. Flood. Dr. Hancock was also present.

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Mrs. Coleman moved to approve the minutes as contained in the agenda. Mrs. Karabetsos seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Four-Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, presented the Four-Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis as contained in the agenda. He explained that the report provides a base cohort illustrating the progress of students from their initial ninth grade entry until graduation. The report shows that at the end of the four-year cycle, the District achieved an overall graduation rate of 82.3%, an increase of 3.1% over last year’s rate of 79.2% when excluding ITED graduates, and an 87.2% when including ITED graduates, an increase of 3.2% when compared to last year’s rate of 84.0%. He noted that the cohort graduation rate presented in the report is slightly different than what is published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, DPI’s 4-year cohort graduation rate report included all student who have been assigned to a Wisconsin public school cohort and were last enrolled in the District during the 4-year time period, whether or not the student began in KUSD in their night grade year.

Mrs. Coleman moved to forward the Four-Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis to the full Board for review and acceptance. Ms. Kenefick seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Information Items

Dr. Sue Svalagio-Jarvis, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the Common Core State Standards Implementation and Staff Development Update as contained in the agenda. She explained that Teaching and Learning has been providing information and professional learning to teachers and administrators to ensure deep understanding of the Standards and the key instructional shifts they require. In order to deliver on providing the necessary information and professional development, Teaching and Learning has conducted intensive research, communicated with experts in the field, and has included the implementation of the Standards in the District’s Professional Learning Three-Year Plan (2013-2016) of which year one was approved by the Board on August 27, 2013. Phase IV of the implementation will be guided by years two and three of the Districts Professional Learning Three-Year Plan, if approved. The plan will be adjusted, as needed, based on feedback and data from the professional learning modules. To sustain the work of Modules I, II, and III, building administrators and instructional leaders will monitor professional learning.
community conversations, conduct learning walks, provide support for their colleagues, and monitor student academic progress. This will ensure that appropriate instructional strategies align to the Standards and are embedded in classroom practice.

Questions from Committee members were answered by Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis.

**Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis indicated that an Athletics Facilities Update would be presented in January.

Ms. Kenefick inquired about an update on Middle School Honors. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis indicated that an update would be presented in February.

Mrs. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Renish-Ratelis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary
Proposed Expansion of Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum Charter School

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, and Dr. Angela Andersson, Principal at Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum (KTEC), presented the Proposed Expansion of Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum Charter School as contained in the agenda. They indicated that this past year, there were over 300 students that could not be accommodated at KTEC due to space constraint. Under this proposal, KTEC would be expanded into a two campus charter school maintaining its current location in the former Lincoln Elementary building as well as adding a second location at the former McKinley Middle School building. KTEC would be one school operating with two locations to serve students in Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade. The second location, which would be located at the former McKinley building, would expand over time. In the 2014-2015 school year, it would serve the needs of students in Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. Each year after that, a grad would be added until the school reaches eighth grade in 2017-2018 with a total anticipated enrollment of 775 students. The expansion would be a replication/continuation of the KTEC program.

Ms. Galli departed the meeting at 6:21 P.M.

It is proposed that effective July 1, 2014, KTEC would pay all operating expenses and ensure upkeep on the former McKinley Middle School building. In exchange for covering the expenses of the building, KTEC would use the facility rent free as long as they continued to be an instrumentality of the District. The school would pay utility bills, custodial costs, and maintenance that is needed. To save on start-up costs, KTEC would use excess furniture already owned by the District. This furniture would include student and teacher desks, primary grade chairs, and file cabinets. All other furniture and supplies would be paid by KTEC. These funds would come from carryover dollars that have been saved in recent years, donations, and grants.

Questions from Committee members were answered by Mr. Finnemore and Dr. Andersson.

Mrs. Coleman moved to forward the Kenosha School of Technology Enhanced Curriculum revised charter to the Board for consideration. Mr. Nuzzo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items noted.

Mr. Nuzzo moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary
A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Planning/Facilities/Equipment Committee chaired by Mr. Nuzzo was called to order at 7:09 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Valeri, and Mr. Nuzzo. Dr. Hancock was also present. Ms. Bothe and Mr. Zielinski were excused. Ms. Iqbal was absent.

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Mr. Nuzzo indicated that due to a lack of a quorum, the minutes would be brought back next month for approval.

Information Items

Mr. Finnemore indicated that energy projects related to the Capital Projects Update were out for bid and responses are due in mid-December; therefore, he expected to have the initial cost estimates for the Committee in February.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Finnemore indicated that he would have the 2014-2015 Major Maintenance Capital Plan ready for the February Committee meeting along with an Athletics Facility Update.

Mrs. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Valeri seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary
A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Personnel/Policy Committee chaired by Mr. Bryan was called to order at 7:13 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mr. Flood, Mrs. Snyder, Ms. Burns, Ms. Butler, Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Morrison, Mrs. Dahl, and Mr. Bryan. Dr. Hancock was also present. Ms. Morgan was absent.

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Mr. Flood moved to approve the minutes as contained in the agenda. Ms. Morrison seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

School Board Policy/Rule 8850 – School Board Committees

Mr. Flood presented School Board Policy/Rule 8850 – School Board Committees. He indicated that he requested the proposed changes to policy/rule as his goal is to give students a voice where it can be given. The proposed changes would increase student representation to two, give student representatives voting rights, and hold them to the same attendance standards.

Mr. Flood moved to forward Policy/Rule 8850 – School Board Committees to the full board for approval. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

School Board Policy/Rule 5431 – Student Dress Code

Mr. Bryan introduced Policy/Rule 5431 – Student Dress Code.

Mr. Flood moved to forward all of the proposed revisions to Policy/Rule 5431 – Student Dress Code, except for changes related to I.D.’s, to the full Board. Mrs. Butler seconded the motion.

Discussion followed pertaining to the Committee’s recommendation last month for an ad hoc Committee to be formed. Several Committee members expressed the need of an ad hoc committee to allow more discussion on recommended changes and to also receive input from students, parents, and staff.

Mr. Flood with withdrew his motion to forward all of the proposed revisions to Policy/Rule 5431 – Student Dress Code, except for changes related to I.D.’s, to the full Board.

Mr. Flood moved to forward Policy/Rule 5431 – Student Dress Code back to the full Board with the direction that the Board President form an ad hoc Committee by January 30th. Ms. Dahl seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
Future Agenda Items

Ms. Dahl indicated that she has been hearing teacher and parent complaints pertaining to the elementary standard based report card and believed it should be discussed. Mr. Bryan noted that that item would go to the Curriculum/Program Committee.

Mr. Flood moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary