



KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
JOINT AUDIT/BUDGET/FINANCE AND
CURRICULUM/PROGRAM MEETING
Educational Support Center – Room 110
March 11, 2014
MINUTES

A joint meeting of the Kenosha Unified Audit/Budget/Finance and Curriculum/Program Committees chaired by Mrs. Taube was called to order at 5:30 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mr. Nuzzo, Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Marcich, Mr. Kent, Mr. Holdorf, Mr. Flood, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Dagfal, Mrs. Karabetsos, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Renish-Ratelis, and Mrs. Taube. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mrs. Kenefick arrived later. Mr. Coleman, Ms. London, and Ms. Galli were absent. Mr. Aceto and Mrs. Dawson were excused.

Audit/Budget/Finance:

Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2014

Mr. Nuzzo moved to approve the minutes as contained in the agenda. Mr. Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Information Items

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the Monthly Financial Statements as contained in the agenda. He informed Committee members of additional Medicaid revenue in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million which will be included in next month's financial statements. Questions from Committee members were answered by Mr. Hamdan.

Mrs. Kenefick arrived at 5:33 P.M.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items noted.

Joint Audit/Budget/Finance and Curriculum/Program:

Mary Frost Ashley Charitable Trust

Mrs. Patricia Demos, Community School Relations Coordinator, presented the Mary Frost Ashley Charitable Trust agenda item which consisted of a one-year grant proposal in the amount of \$110,000 titled Framework for Healthy Youth Development: Expanding Family Learning and Student Engagement Program. She indicated that approval was being requested to submit and implement the one-year grant, if awarded, which would further develop and strength the comprehensive parent education training program, family interactive learning experiences, and expand student engagement learning opportunities through a high school group that provides a framework for character building and healthy learning experiences.

Mr. Nuzzo moved to forward the one-year grant proposal in the amount of \$110,000 titled Framework for Healthy Youth Development: Expanding Family Learning and Student

Engagement Program submission to the Mary Frost Ashley Charitable Trust to the full Board for consideration. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Read to Lead Grant Request

Ms. Belinda Grantham, Director of Pre-School, and Dr. Floyd Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary School Leadership, presented the Read to Lead Grant Request. They indicated that approval was being requested to submit and implement, if awarded, the grant in the amount of \$50,000. The purpose of the grant is to support literacy development of KUSD Early Education students and their families at one school through the use of electronic readers coupled with literacy training from Early Education staff and for the parents in those classrooms.

Mr. Nuzzo moved to forward the Read to Lead Grant Request to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Head Start Federal Grant Request

Ms. Grantham presented the Head Start Federal Grant Request. She indicated that approval was being requested to submit and implement, if awarded, the grant which is designed to fund the operating costs of the Head Start Program. She noted a reduction in the number of sites that will provide services, an increase in number of classrooms at some sites, the pilot of CLASS (Classroom Assessment Score System) in some classes, and a few staffing changes to the program for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mrs. Daghfal moved to forward the 2014-2015 Head Start Federal Grant Request to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Flood dissenting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary



A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Curriculum/Program Committee chaired by Mr. Flood was called to order at 6:07 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mrs. Taube, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Daghfal, Mrs. Karabetsos, Ms. Kenefick, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Renish-Ratelis, and Mr. Flood. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Dr. Mangi arrived later. Ms. Galli was absent.

Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2014, Joint Personnel/Policy & Curriculum/Program And Curriculum/Program

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

Equipment Use for Softball and Baseball

Mr. Steven Knecht, Coordinator of Athletics/Physical Education, presented the Equipment Use for Softball and Baseball. He indicated that approximately five years ago, the WIAA added language to the bylaws stating that schools could issue protective equipment in the summer to their students with approval of their governing board for reasons of safety. At that time, the Board granted permission to hand out equipment in the summer. In April of 2013, the WIAA membership passed a new rule stating that schools not issue wearing apparel and protective equipment prior to the first allowable day of practice unless specifically allowed in season regulations for that sport. One exception is that, with approval of its governing body, schools may issue school uniforms or other wearing apparel and protective equipment for the use by athletes in training or competition in the summertime. In order to allow students who do not have their own protective gear to participate in open gym and in the interest of safety for student athletes, approval is being requested for the use of protective equipment for softball and baseball during the school year outside of the sport season. Additionally, it is being recommended that the Superintendent and the Coordinator of Athletics/Physical Education be granted authority to approve the use of school equipment in the future should WIAA sports rules change that are in the best interest for the safety of our students.

Mrs. Coleman moved to forward the Equipment Use for Softball and Baseball to the full Board for consideration of the use of protective equipment during the school year outside of the sport season and for granting of authority to the Superintendent and the Coordinator of Athletics/Physical Education to approve future use of school equipment should WIAA sports rules change that are in the best interest for the safety of our students. Mrs. Daghfal seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Mangi arrived at 6:14 P.M.

Ellevation Proposal

Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the Ellevation Proposal. She indicated that during the 2012-2013 school year, there were English-

as-a-second-language leadership committees formed to help solidify a program for English Language learners in the Kenosha Unified School District. The English-as-a-second-language leadership committees have expressed numerous concerns regarding the amount of time spent on paperwork versus time for teacher collaboration and student instructional time. The programming leadership branch of the English-as-a-Second-Language Leadership Committee investigated a variety of software programs to try to find which one would best fit the needs of the Office of World Languages and Language Acquisition Program. The committee members believe that Ellevation would support teachers with the best software to assign standard-aligned goals to their students and facilitate the teacher collaboration process regarding English Language learners. Questions from Committee members were answered by Dr. Savaglio- Jarvis and Mrs. Sarah Smith, Coordinator of World Languages and Language Acquisition Program.

Mrs. Daghfal moved to forward the Ellevation Proposal to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Karabetsos seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Middle School Honors

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Middle School Honors Update and indicated that a brief history, the 2013-2014 first semester honors distinction and advanced math numbers, and key findings prepared by Hanover Research were being provided in response to the request from a Committee member. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis; Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership; Mr. David Tuttle, Coordinator of Talent Development; and Mrs. Susan Mirsky, Coordinator of Literacy; answered questions from Committee members.

Ms. Stevens requested a report regarding the Department of Public Instruction's changes pertaining to the Gifted and Talented Program.

Mrs. Kenefick moved that a recommendation be forwarded to the full Board for the exploration of the gifted and talented program and that expansion for grades 6, 7, and 8 be implemented as soon as possible. Mrs. Renish-Ratelis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Kenefick moved that a recommendation be forwarded to the full Board for an expansion, at a minimum, of the 7th and 8th grade honors English curriculum and expectations. Mrs. Daghfal seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

Information Items

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Technology, and Ms. Renee Blise, Research Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation for the Update Report on Current and Upcoming District/State Assessments which covered the following topics: DPI Agenda, Migration to Technology Enhanced and/or Adaptive Assessments, District Assessments, Available Accommodations, Logistics and Concerns, and Preparation. Questions from Committee members were asked and answered.

Mrs. Coleman departed the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

Future Agenda Items

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis indicated that she would have a Standards Based Grading Update and Curriculum Timeline for April, and she and Mr. Keckler indicated the Three Year Technology Plan would be ready for April or May.

Mrs. Daghfal requested an update on honors distinction in Science and Social Studies at the middle school level.

Mr. Flood requested an update on the World Language Program.

Mrs. Daghfal moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Santoro seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary