

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD NOVEMBER 27, 2012

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mrs. Snyder, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. with the following Board members present: Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Taube, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Nuzzo, Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Coleman, and Mrs. Snyder. Dr. Hancock was also present.

Mrs. Snyder, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a regular meeting of the School Board of Kenosha Unified School District No. 1. 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.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Media Relations, presented the Tremper High School Golden Strings – Performance at Skills USA Champion of the Year Dinner Award, and the Lincoln Jazz Ensemble – Performance at the 2012-2013 Wisconsin Schools of Recognition Ceremony Award.

Dr. Hancock presented an Administrative Appointment.

Mr. Gallo moved to appoint Edward Kupka as Interim Director of Human Resources. Mr. Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

Mrs. Taube introduced the Student Ambassador, Aiden Crosby, from Harborside Academy, and he made his comments.

Mr. Bryan gave the Legislative Report.

There were views and comments by the public.

Mrs. Snyder made her remarks.

Dr. Hancock gave the Superintendent's Report which included school presentations by Kim Fischer, Principal of Bullen Middle School, and Richard Aiello, Principal of Tremper High School.

Consent-Approve item X-B – Minutes of 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and the 10/23/12 Regular meeting was pulled from the consent agenda.

The Board then considered the following Consent-Approve items:

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

Consent-Approve item X-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers and Check Registers submitted by Ms. Heather Kraeuter, Accounting Supervisor; Mrs. Tina Schmitz, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the October 2012 cash receipts deposits totaling \$357,152.73 and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$423,059.04, be approved.

Check numbers 486881 through 487925 totaling \$6,570,989.01, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$289,271.27, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the October 2012 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$15,918,290.42, and net payroll check batches totaling \$23,870.02, be approved.”

Mr. Nuzzo moved to approve the consent-approve items as revised. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Sheronda Glass, Executive Director of Business, presented the Waiver of Policy 1330 – Use of District Facilities presented by Mrs. Glass and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Kenosha County, Inc. is requesting a waiver of user rental fees for the Reuther High School gymnasium and kitchen on Saturday, December 1, 2012 for their 23rd Annual Mental Health Awareness Community Outreach event.

The estimated user rental fee which is being requested is \$235.00 for the gymnasium (\$47/hr) and \$240.00 (\$48/hr) for the kitchen. The \$20.00 permit filing fee has been paid. It should be noted that the amount in the letter for waiver of the gymnasium is incorrect. The correct amount is \$235.00 opposed to \$141.00.

Board Policy 1333, Facility Charges, states that the Board retains the right to waive or adjust any fees associated with use of District facilities; therefore, the following recommendation is being brought forward for consideration.

It is Administration’s recommendation that the kitchen user fee of \$240.00 be waived; however, that the custodial fee and the gymnasium fee (\$235.00) *not* be waived due to the fact that there is no custodial coverage on that date and the District would have to have a custodian open, clean, and close the auditorium for their event. Furthermore, the use of heat and electricity would also be utilized for their event.

At its November 13, 2012 meeting, the Audit/Budget/Finance Committee voted to forward the waiver request to the full Board for consideration. Administration recommends that the kitchen user fee of \$240.00 be waived for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Kenosha County, Inc. for their 23rd Annual Mental Health Awareness Community Outreach event on Saturday, December 1st.”

Mr. Nuzzo moved to waive the kitchen user fee of \$240.00 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Kenosha County, Inc.'s 23rd Annual Mental Health Awareness Community Outreach event on Saturday, December 1st. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Glass presented Policies and Rules 1330 - Facilities Use and 1331 - Classification of Groups Using School District Facilities submitted by Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, Mrs. Glass, and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“Each year, a number of not-for-profit agencies request a waiver of fees for the use of district facilities. The current approval process requires that a waiver request be submitted to the Board of Education for consideration and approval. This process is cumbersome and more often than not the request is approved at the recommendation of the administration.

To streamline the process, the administration is recommending that the Director of Facilities and/or the Building Principal approve all waiver requests. In the event a waiver is denied, the party may appeal to the Executive Director of Business Services for consideration. If it is not resolved at that level, the requester may appeal to the Board of Education for a final decision.

At its November 13, 2012 meeting, the Planning/Facilities/Equipment & Personnel/Policy Standing Committees jointly voted to forward Policies and Rules 1330 - Facilities Use and 1331 - Classification of Groups Using School District Facilities to the full Board for consideration with an additional change as follows: “The District will cover waive the rental costs fee” in #1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Policy 1331. Administration recommends that the Board approve the revisions to Policies and Rules 1330 - Facilities Use and 1331 - Classification of Groups Using School District Facilities as a first and second reading at the November 27, 2012 and December 18, 2012 regular school board meetings.”

Mr. Nuzzo moved to approve the revisions to Policies and Rules 1330 – Facilities Use and 1331 – Classification of Groups Using School District Facilities as a first reading. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, presented Policy 6110 – Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs submitted by Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy 6110 Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs and Rule 6110 Instructional and Staff Objectives to Accomplish Instructional Programs Mission was developed and affirmed in 1991 and revised in 1992 and 2002. The wording in the policy reflected the District mission and beliefs during those times; and was revised with each new district plan. The rule defined instructional objectives for the staff also aligned with the mission and curriculum guides that existed during that time. The current District vision, mission and transformation principles of learning were developed through the transformation design process which now provides direction for all departments. The current transformation goals provide specific direction for the staff and the student results define a means to monitor the students’ progress.

Therefore, it is recommended to remove Policy and Rule 6110 because it does not reflect the Department of Teaching and Learning's current focus and practice. The focus of this Department is clearly established in Policy 6100 titled Mission, Principles, Goals and Results that was approved by the Board June 28, 2011 that defines the District's Transformation Plan.

At its November 13, 2012 meeting, the Personnel/Policy and Curriculum/Program Standing Committees voted to forward the recommendation for removal of Policy and Rule 6110 to the School Board for consideration. Administration recommends that the School Board approve elimination of Policy 6110 – Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs as a first and second reading at the November 27, 2012 and December 18, 2012 regular school board meetings.”

Mr. Gallo moved to approve the elimination of Policy 6110 - Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs as a first reading this evening. Mr. Nuzzo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Accountability, presented the Four-Year Graduation Rate–Cohort Analysis submitted by Ms. Renee Blise, Senior Research Analyst; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“Administration presented the first cohort analysis of graduation trends to the Kenosha Unified School Board beginning with School Year 1994-95. This cohort analysis is the seventeenth annual report to the Kenosha Unified School Board. It provides a “base cohort” illustrating the progress of students from their initial assignment as a ninth grader on the Official Third Friday Count Day in SY 2008-09 until the end of summer school four school years later in August 2012. Additionally, the graduation “base cohort” of the Class of 2011 was examined in terms of its progress during the year following its designated graduation year (fifth year).

The cohort graduation rate presented in this report is slightly different than the rate published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Beginning in 2009-10, DPI reported a 4-year cohort graduation rate which includes all students who have been assigned to a *Wisconsin* public school cohort and were last enrolled in KUSD during the 4-year time period, whether or not the student *began* in KUSD in their ninth grade year. Additionally, DPI's graduation rate is a factor in two priority areas of the new Accountability School Report Card: Closing Gaps and On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness.

At its November 13, 2012 meeting, the School Board Curriculum/Program Standing Committee reviewed and accepted the 2011-12 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report and recommended that it be forwarded to the full School Board for review and acceptance. Administration recommends that the School Board review and accept the 2011-12 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report. The Office of Information & Accountability will continue to monitor graduation patterns and submit the 2012-13 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report to the School Board Curriculum/Program Standing Committee in November of 2013.”

Mr. Gallo moved to accept the 2011-12 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report and have the Office of Information & Accountability continue to monitor graduation patterns and submit the 2012-13 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report to the School Board Curriculum/Program Standing Committee in November of 2013. Mr. Nuzzo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Schmitz presented the Monthly Financial Reports submitted by Mrs. Schmitz and Dr. Hancock, excerpts follow:

“In a continuing effort to keep the stakeholders of Kenosha Unified School District informed on a regular basis of financial matters, Administration is providing monthly reports available electronically through the District’s website for public viewing

Wisconsin State Statute 120.11(4) states, “The school board shall make a detailed record of all receipts and expenditures available to the public for inspection at each school board meeting and upon request.” While reports have always been available upon request, our new procedures to have this information readily available to the public will both satisfy statute statutes and financial transparency.

Three reports will be posted each month: 1) Revenue Detail, 2) Expenditure Detail, and 3) Revenue and Expenditure Summary (same report as provided for the monthly Audit/Budget and Finance Committee). These reports will be inclusive of all funds (General Fund, Special Education, etc.).

Reports can be accessed through the KUSD website at www.kusd.edu/Departments/Finance.

These reports supplement the monthly Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements that is made part of the regular monthly Board agendas. Administration is providing this report as informational only.”

Mr. Bryan presented Resolution No. 291 – Request to Amend Budget Control Act to Stop Sequestration, which read as follows:

“WHEREAS, a world class public education is essential for the future success of our nation and today’s schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Control Act of 2011 includes a provision to impose \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board budget cuts to almost all federal programs including education that would become effective January 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts would impact school districts during the 2013-14 school year, with the exception of the Impact Aid program, with which a reduction would become effective this school year; and

WHEREAS, these across-the-board budget cuts, also known as sequestration, would impact education by a reduction in funds of 8.2 percent or more and could result in larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, possible four-day school weeks, loss of extracurricular activities, and teacher and staff lay-offs; and

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha Unified School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Kenosha Unified School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha Unified School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.”

Mr. Bryan moved to approve Resolution No. 291 – Request to Amend Budget Control Act to Stop Sequestration. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Coleman presented the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Snyder presented the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Nuzzo moved to approve the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting. Mr. Gallo seconded.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting with the addition of an excerpt in the 10/23/12 Regular Meeting Minutes under the Formal Adoption of the 2012-2013 Budget agenda item stating that the motion to call the question did not follow the parliamentary rules of Robert’s Rules of Order. Mr. Taube seconded the motion. Motion failed. Mr. Gallo, Mr. Nuzzo, Mrs. Coleman, and Mrs. Snyder dissenting.

Mr. Nuzzo withdrew his motion to approve the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting.

The Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting were deferred to the 12/18/12 School Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary