

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD DECEMBER 16, 2014

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mrs. Coleman, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Kunich, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Flood, Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Wade, and Mrs. Coleman. Ms. Susan Valeri, Director of Special Education, was also present.

Mrs. Coleman, 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.

Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership, presented the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference Awards. Mr. Scott Plank, Coordinator of Fine Arts, presented the Wisconsin School Music Association 2014 Honors Project Participant Awards.

There were no Administrative or Supervisory Appointments.

Mr. Kunich introduced the Student Ambassador, Michael Mleczko, from Bradford High School and he made his comments.

Mr. Bryan gave the Legislative Report.

There were no views and/or comments by the public.

Board members made their responses/comments.

Mrs. Coleman made Board President remarks.

Mrs. Coleman gave the Superintendent's Report in the absence of Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis.

The Board considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item XI-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, and Resignations as contained in the agenda.

Consent-Approve item XI-B – Minutes of the 11/20/14 Special Meeting, 11/25/14 Special Meeting and Executive Session, and the 11/25/14 Regular Meeting.

Consent-Approve item XI-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Ms. Heather Kraeuter, Accounting & Payroll Manager; Mr. Hamdan, Interim Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the November 2014 cash receipt deposits totaling \$249,747.56, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$3,155,150.42, be approved.

Check numbers 515298 through 516369 totaling \$13,954,224.61, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$380,984.57, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the November 2014 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$12,650,158.19, and net payroll check batches totaling \$5,927.85, be approved.”

Consent-Approve item XI-D – School Board Policy 1131 – Memorials and Dedications Within Schools submitted by Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“At the August 12, 2014, Personnel/Policy Standing Committee meeting proposed revisions to Policy 1131 – Memorials/Dedications Within Schools were offered by school board member Kyle Flood. The committee voted to forward Policy 1131 to the school board for a first and second reading as proposed by Mr. Flood.

At the September 23, 2014, Regular School Board meeting, administration recommended that school board Policy 1131 - Memorials/Dedications Within Schools be referred back to the Personnel/Policy Standing Committee to allow administration the opportunity to review the policy and present any additional recommended revisions to the committee for consideration prior to being forwarded to the board for a first and second reading.

After reviewing the policy with Mr. Flood, the following changes are recommended to Policy and Rule 1131 - Memorials and Dedications Within Schools:

- Change the name from Memorials/Dedications to Memorials.
- Remove the term dedication plates. Recommend using the term plaques.
- Provide clarification that memorials are for the deceased.
- Recommend removing approval by the school board to be consistent with past practice which has been to seek approval from the superintendent.
- Eliminate rule “b” as it is not clear.
- Add language related to maintaining or relocating memorials in the event of a major building project.

At its November 11, 2014 meeting, the Personnel/Policy Standing Committee voted to forward Policy 1131 to the school board for a first and second reading.

The school board approved Policy and Rule 1311 as a first reading on November 25, 2014. Administration recommends that the school board approve Policy and Rule 1311 – Memorials Within Schools as a second reading on December 16, 2014.”

Consent-Approve item XI-E – School Board Policy 1950 – Relations With Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Association and School Board Policy 6770 – Interscholastic Athletics submitted by Mr. Steven Knecht, Coordinator of Athletics/Physical Education; Mrs. Julie Housaman, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Policy 1950, Relations with Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Association, describes the relationship Kenosha Unified School District has with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. At the June 24, 2014, regular school board meeting, Kenosha Unified School District Board of Education voted to break ties with the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association at the middle school level. Therefore, middle school athletics needs to be stricken from the policy.

Policy 6770, Interscholastic Athletics, contains a set of rules titled “Guidelines for Interscholastic Athletics.” Rule 3 needs clarity as to who is eligible to compete on athletic teams in the Kenosha Unified School District. Adding the phrase “full-time Kenosha Unified School District” to this rule clarifies the interpretation of Rule 3 and illustrates that the privilege of participation in athletics shall be awarded to Kenosha Unified School District students.

On November 11, 2014 the joint Curriculum/Program and Personnel/Policy Standing Committees voted to forward Policies 1950 and 6770 to the school board for a first and second reading.

The school board approved Policies 1950 and 6770 as a first reading on November 25, 2014. Administration recommends that the school board approve Policy 1950 – Relations With Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Association and Policy 6770 – Interscholastic Athletics as a second reading on December 16, 2014.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the Consent Agenda as contained in the agenda. Mr. Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Robert Hofer, Purchasing Agent, presented the Report of Contracts in Aggregate of \$25,000 submitted by Mr. Hofer; Mr. Hamdan; Mrs. Housaman, Dr. Ormseth, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy 3420 requires that “all contracts and renewals of contracts in aggregate of \$25,000 in a fiscal year shall be approved by the School Board except in the event of an emergency as determined and reported to the School Board monthly by the Purchasing Agent.

The contracts/agreements in aggregate of \$25,000 that have been added to the Contract Management Database subsequent to November 25, 2014, with approval of the purchasing agent are shown in the database in coral color.

The following contract/agreement has not been added to the Contract Management Database and is being presented for Board Approval. A Purchase/Contract Rationale forms is attached for the vendor.

- CESA 1 - \$38,000; and
- McGraw Hill - \$42,000.”

Mrs. Snyder moved to approve the contracts/agreements with CESA 1 and McGraw Hill as presented. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Valeri presented the WASB Proposed Resolutions – 2015 submitted by Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The Superintendent and Leadership Council reviewed the 2015 WASB proposed resolutions and make the following recommendations:

- 15-01 – Creation of School Districts - Support
- 15-02 – School Start Date & Pupil Transportation - Support
- 15-03 – School Start Date Waivers & Pupil Transportation–Alignment of Public & Private School Calendars - Support
- 15-04 – Technical Education Teacher Shortage - Support
- 15-05 – State Funding and Flexibility for Course Options Program - Support
- 15-06 – Increase Coordination Between Youth Options and Course Options - Support
- 15-07 – Open Enrollment-Revise Open Enrollment Application Window Period - Support
- 15-08 – Open Enrollment-Decision-Making Under the Alternative Application Process - Allow delegate authority to make decision based on debate at delegate assembly
- 15-09 – Modify Out-of-State Tuition Payment Statute - Support
- 15-10 – Boundary Appeal Board Decisions - Support
- 15-11 – Rehiring Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) Retirees - Support
- 15-12 – Repeal of “Populous Counties Teacher Tenure” Statute - Support
- 15-13 – Rural School Staff Recruitment and Retention – Do Not Support
- 15-14 – Rehiring Retired Teachers - Support
- 15-15 – Student Achievement Guarantee in Education Program (SAGE) – Support
- 15-16 – Allow School Board Members to Serve as Volunteer Coaches or Student Advisors – Support
- 15-17 – Teacher Shortages & Alternative Licensure Pathways - Support

It is recommended that the School Board provide direction to its delegate relative to the 2015 WASB proposed resolutions and give their delegate discretionary latitude to vote on amendments or other resolutions.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve Administration’s recommendation pertaining to the WASB Proposed Resolutions – 2015. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens presented School Board Resolution 306 – National Mentoring Month, which read as follows:

“WHEREAS, a number of Kenosha organizations have partnered with the Kenosha Unified School District to offer a variety of mentoring programs that support students; and

WHEREAS, relationships with caring individuals offer students valuable support; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, mentoring provides the skills needed to build strong, positive relationships with family, friends and community members; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Kenosha Unified School District does hereby proclaim January 2015 as the annual observance of National Mentoring Month and recognizes those who volunteer their time to help our students reach their full potential.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education.”

Mr. Bryan moved to approve School Board Resolution 306 – National Mentoring Month. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Wade presented the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda.

Mr. Wade moved to approve the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda. Mr. Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary