

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD APRIL 27, 2015

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, April 27, 2015, 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. Flood, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Falkofske, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis 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.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Executive Director of Community Partnerships and Media Relations, presented the KUSD Elementary Black History Art Contest Winner Awards, the KUSD Elementary Black History Writing Contest Winner Awards, KUSD Elementary Black History Bee Winner Awards, the PBS Lead Digital Innovator Award, the SkillsUSA Gateway Regional Competition Winner Award, the Wisconsin Technical Education Association's High School Technical Education Program of the Year Award, and the District VII Athletic Director of the Year Award Winner.

There were no Administrative or Supervisory Appointments.

Mr. Kunich introduced the Student Ambassador, Anjel Nicole Magat from Indian Trail Academy and High School and she made her comments.

There was not a Legislative Report.

There were views or comments by the public.

Board members made their responses/comments.

Mrs. Coleman made Board President remarks.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis gave the Superintendent's Report.

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 3/24/15 and 4/14/15 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and the 3/24/15 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, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the March 2015 cash receipt deposits totaling \$352,642.25, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$48,457,527.14, be approved.

Check numbers 519578 through 520703 totaling \$7,651,049.61, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$503,469.33, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the March 2015 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$12,583,772.69, and net payroll check batches totaling \$3,438.86, be approved.”

Consent-Approve item XI-D – Policy 5580 – School Wellness submitted by Ms. Cindy Gossett, Director of Food Services, Mr. Steven Knecht, Coordinator of Athletics, Activities, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation; Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities; Mrs. Julie Housaman, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Given the emerging evidence demonstrating the positive link between nutrition, physical activity, and school performance, an investment in wellness can support academic achievement. The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 expanded upon previous requirements and includes new provisions that place a greater emphasis on the implementation, evaluation, and transparency of local wellness policies. To meet the requirement of having school and community representation, an invitation was sent to schools in February 2012 seeking individuals to serve on the wellness policy committee.

The committee did not take action in 2012 because of the anticipated 2013 release and July 1, 2014, implementation of the Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools, also known as Smart Snacks in Schools. Since the Smart Snacks in Schools standards were released and implemented, the committee has finalized recommendations to the School Wellness Policy which is provided in Appendix A.

At its joint meeting, the Curriculum/Program and Personnel/Policy Standing Committees voted to forward updated Policy and Rule 5580 to the school board for consideration. The school board approved updated Policy and Rule 5580 as a first reading at the March 24, 2015, regular meeting. Administration recommends that the school board approve updated Policy and Rule 5580 - School Wellness as a second reading at the April 27, 2015, regular meeting.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the Consent-Approve items XI-A, XI-B, and XI-C as contained in the agenda. Mr. Wade seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Snyder moved to approve Consent-Approve item XI-D as contained in the agenda. Mr. Wade seconded the motion.

Ms. Gossett and Mr. Knecht were present to answer questions from Board members.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Falkofske, and Mrs. Coleman. Noes: Mr. Flood and Ms. Stevens. Motion carried.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Request to Submit the Academic Parent-Teacher Team Pilot School Grant for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 School Years at Frank Elementary School submitted by Mr. Robert Neu, Director of Title Programs; Mrs. Heather Connolly, Principal at Frank Elementary School; Dr. Floyd Williams, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The Academic Parent-Teacher Team (APTT) is a planning and implementation grant that will span an 18-month time period. It provides an opportunity to explore an alternative way for parents and teachers to interact and share information about student progress. During this process parents learn about how to be more active participants in their child’s learning.

Frank Elementary School prekindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade classroom teachers will participate in planning to implement the APTT pilot program in spring 2015 followed by program implementation in fall 2015. Additional grade levels and/or classrooms may be added. Grant funding will support planning and project implementation.

APTT is an intentional and systematic means of increasing student academic achievement by improving the quality and quantity of parent-teacher communication and interaction. Teachers coach parents to become engaged, knowledgeable members of the academic team in three classroom APTT meetings and one in-depth individual conference each year. The APTT objectives include improving student achievement by increasing the quality and quantity of parent-teacher communication and interaction and establishing high expectations between teachers and families to optimize student learning.

At its April 14, 2015, joint meeting, the Audit/Budget/Finance and Curriculum/Program Standing Committees voted to forward this grant to the school board for consideration.

Administration recommends that the school board approve the request to submit and implement the APTT Grant Application, and to adjust parent teacher conference days and times to meet the grant requirements for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the request to submit and implement the APTT Grant Application and to adjust parent teacher conference days and times to meet the grant requirements for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Middle School Early Release submitted by Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The early release opportunity is available currently to both the elementary and high school levels. In recent years, there has been an increased expectation on the use of data within our schools. Schools are given an annual report card that is data driven, the new educator evaluation system is weighted heavily on data use and scheduling of interventions for students is data based. Interventions can be very costly and with resources limited, it is imperative schools identify students in need of extra help correctly and data drives these decisions. This time would be dedicated to the Professional Learning Structure, data analysis, work on the curriculum audit and work on the Educator Effectiveness initiative. The ability to vertically plan will allow teachers the opportunity to create data driven enrichment activities. Support staff will also have the ability to collaborate on goal setting during this time.

The Office of Educational Accountability issued a survey that targeted both Kenosha Unified staff and included a public link for feedback on the 2015-2016 calendar. There was a specific question about middle school early release. The results show that all KUSD staff selected completely or somewhat agree 72.5% and KUSD middle school staff selected completely or somewhat agree 81.1%. The public link also showed support with 82.5% selecting completely or somewhat agree.

At its April 14, 2015, meeting the Curriculum/Program Committee voted to forward this report to the school board for consideration.

Administration recommends that the school board approve the recommendation for an early release schedule at the middle school level effective with the 2015/16 school year.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the recommendation for an early release schedule at the middle school level effective with the 2015/16 school year. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Middle School Supply List submitted by Dr. Ormseth and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The request was made by Curriculum/Program Standing Committee member to update the middle school supply list at the August, 2014 Curriculum/Program standing committee meeting. The middle school principals gathered input from middle school teaching staff to create the updated list.

At its April 14, 2015, meeting the Curriculum/Program Standing Committee voted to forward this report to the school board for consideration.

Administration recommends school board approval of the updated middle school supply list for the 2015-2016 school year.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the updated middle school supply list for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Report of Contracts in Aggregate of \$25,000 submitted by Mr. Robert Hofer, Purchasing Agent; Mrs. Housaman; Ms. Susan Valeri,

Director of Special Education and Student Support; Dr. Ormseth; Mr. Hamdan; 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 March 24, 2015, with approval of the purchasing agent are shown in the database in coral color. Board members may access this database while on district property.

The following contract/agreement has not been added to the Contract Management Database and is being presented for board approval:

- Martin Group - \$213,767 (annual cost);
- Quaver Music - \$143,000; and
- Rosetta Stone Advantage (The product formerly known as “Tell Me More” international language learning software has recently been purchased by the Rosetta Stone corporation. The product formerly known as “Tell Me More” has now changed its name to “Rosetta Stone Advantage” but incorporates the same language learning strategies and techniques previously used in the Tell Me More software.) - \$125,000.”

Mr. Hofer and Sarah Shanebrook-Smith, Coordinator of World Language and Language Acquisition Programs, were present to answer questions from Board members.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the contracts/agreements with Martin Group, Quaver Music, and Rosetta Stone Advantage as recommended. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the School Year 2016-17 Instructional Calendars submitted by Mrs. Lorien Thomas, Research Analyst; Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Accountability; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The proposed 2016-17 instructional calendars were modeled after the recently approved 2015-16 calendars. The various options related to modified days and durations were based on the results of a KUSD staff survey from December 2014.

In the spring of 2014, Wisconsin removed the historical minimum school day requirement, but did not alter the number of required instructional hours for defined grade levels. The proposed calendars not only meet those requirements, but also include enough minutes for the equivalent of three full instructional days to cover any potential school cancellations.

Certain choice schools, charter schools, and alternative programs align to the majority of the proposed comprehensive calendars, but some may have minor alterations

that best suit their specific programs. The following schools and programs have the approval to deviate from the state mandate for instructional minutes: Brompton, Dimensions of Learning, eSchool, Harborside, Hillcrest, KTEC, and Phoenix Program.

At this time, the Department of Instruction and ACT Assessment group are finalizing the contract regarding the 2017 Spring grade 11 ACT dates. Similar to the 2013-14 and 2015-16 Calendars, the High School calendars will reflect those dates once the contract is completed and communicated.

Administration recommends that the School Board review and accept the 2016-17 Instructional Calendars at its April 28 meeting.”

Mr. Keckler was present to answer questions from Board members.

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the 2016-17 Instructional Calendars. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Flood dissenting.

Mr. Falkofske 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. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary