

A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2014

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was for Discussion/Review of the 8000 Series of Board Policies and for Views and Comments by the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Kunich, Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Wade, and Mrs. Coleman. Ms. Stevens was excused and Mr. Flood arrived later. Dr. Jonas, Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, Dr. Ormseth, Mr. Keckler, Ms. Valeri, Mrs. Ruder, and Mr. Hamdan were also present.

Mrs. Coleman, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a special meeting of the School Board of the Kenosha Unified School District No. 1. Notice of this special meeting was given to the public by forwarding a copy of the notice to all requesting radio stations and newspapers.

Mr. Flood arrived at 6:04 P.M.

Review and discussion took place regarding Board meeting norms, the District's goals, and the District's mission.

Mr. Keckler departed the meeting at 6:19 P.M.

Board members reviewed the 8000 series of Board policies and made the following suggested changes:

There should not be a hyphen in the word Vice-President in Policy 8412.

The title of Policy 8510 should be changed to "School Board Policy Development, Revision and Repeal". The last sentence of the policy and the cross reference noted needs to be double checked by the attorney.

The second paragraph of Policy 8530, (e.g. excessive absence, lack of preparation for meetings, etc.) should be changed to (i.e. violating meeting norms).

Policy 8540 should include the suggested language proposed by Mr. Bryan with the changes of "is" to "its" and "keep" to "be kept" in the second sentence of the first paragraph, the removal of "and other concerned groups" in the second paragraph, and the addition of "non partisan" before legislative advocacy program in the second paragraph.

Mr. Keckler returned to the meeting at 7:09 P.M.

The second sentence of policy 8651, which defines immediate family, should be removed. Legal advice should be sought in regards to whether or not Board members, more specifically Mr. Bryan and Mrs. Coleman, would be affected by this policy since they have a family member employed by the District. Research should be done to see if there is a disclosure form which can be provided to Board members in relation to the last sentence of the policy.

In Policy 8710, change “two-thirds” to “a majority” in relation to the exception of no new business being taken up after 10 P.M.

Remove the following sentence: “A copy of the agenda shall also be sent to each building principal, to the school attorney and to those employee organizations designated by negotiated agreements” in Policy 8712. Do not number the agenda items when listing the order of business.

Change “two-thirds” to “a majority” in the last sentence of Policy 8720.

Change “lectors” to “electors” in the last sentence of Policy 8750.

Policy 8810 needs to be reviewed by the District attorney as it was inadvertently left out during the attorney’s first review. Change “six” minutes to “three” minutes in number 11 of the policy.

In relation to policy 8850, change the last sentence of the first paragraph to read: “A quorum of the committee shall include a minimum of two (2) Board members”. Add “and can only chair one standing committee” to the end of the second sentence of the second paragraph. Remove the last sentence in B(2) regarding meetings being limited to an hour or less. In B(5) change “Robert’s Rules of Order Revised” to “Policy 8810”. Remove B(8). Mrs. Coleman will work on updating Section C of the policy.

There were no views or comments from the public.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary