

A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD MAY 26, 2016

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Thursday, May 24, 2016, at 5:30 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was for Views and Comments by the Public and Discussion on School Board Allocation of Unbudgeted Funds in the 2015-2016 Adopted Budget, and Discussion on Recognition of Students and Staff.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M. with the following members present: Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Kunich, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Falkofske, Mr. Wade and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, Mr. Hamdan, and Mrs. Petering were also present. Ms. Stevens was excused.

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.

There was one view/comment by the public.

Mr. Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, presented the School Board Allocation of Unbudgeted Funds in the 2016-2016 Adopted Budget submitted by himself and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The budget cycle for the 2015-2016 budget began around January of 2015. At that time, the State of Wisconsin was also developing its biennial 2015-2017 budget. Preliminary proposals from the Governor included the elimination of the \$150 per pupil categorical aid revenue item that equates to approximately \$3.3 MM for KUSD. Between January and February of 2015, planning and discussion meetings were held with leadership council members, principals, coordinators, budget managers, and board members to formulate a plan to propose a balanced budget to the Board of Education. At the May 26, 2015 meeting, the administration provided the preliminary plan that closed a \$6.5 MM budget deficit caused by the loss of \$3.2 MM in revenue and an increase of \$3.3 MM in expenses related to the 9% increase in health insurance premiums. This plan was proposed with the goal of minimal classroom impact in mind.

After months of debate surrounding the State budget, the final version included the restoration of the \$3.3 MM revenue item that we had planned to lose. At the July 28, 2015 board meeting, the administration provided this information to the Board of Education and requested that the budget assumptions be approved as the basis to build the 2015-2016 budget. There was an administrative recommendation to use \$800,000 of the restored funding to restore the technology refresh funding that was reduced in the May proposal, as well as \$360,000 to restore 4 teacher FTEs at the secondary level.

With those two restorations approved, that left approximately \$2.1 MM of unallocated funds.

In preparation for the official budget adoption on October 27, 2015 all of the variables that impact the budget position, primarily staffing and enrollment, were updated to reflect the most accurate information available. The 2015-2016 budget was adopted with \$2.6 MM in expenses pending allocation or unallocated.

At a special meeting of the School Board held on December 1, 2015 the Board took action and approved a one-time stipend corresponding to 1.5% of salaries for all regular (non-part-time timesheet) full time equivalent (FTE) employees which took care of most of the previously unallocated funds; however approximately \$400,000 remains available to allocated at the direction of the School Board.

Since the Board action on December 1, 2015 the Board has requested a working session regarding substitute teachers and time sheet employees. An overview presentation regarding these groups will be provided to the Board.”

Mrs. Annie Petering, Chief Human Resources Officers, and Mr. Hamdan gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following topics: background information, facts on substitute teachers, substitute teachers - definitions, AESOP statistics, substitute teachers wage data, substitute teachers wage information, substitute teachers wage history, substitute teachers - discussion, fiscal year payroll analysis, time sheet employees, and board reflections and review.

Board members discussed suggestions on how to allocate unbudgeted funds in the 2015-2016 adopted budget and how to handle the recognition of students and staff.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Stacy Busby
School Board Secretary