

A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD AUGUST 9, 2016

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 6:00 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, Superintendent's Report in Regards to the Partnership with Yitian Primary School in Shenzhen, China, Discussion/Action on Administrative Appointments, and Discussion/Action on Policy 7410 – Naming an Area Within or on a District Site.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. with the following members present: Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Garcia, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mr. Kunich arrived later. Mr. Falkofske and Mr. Wade were 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.

Views and comments by the public were made.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced Mrs. Nana LoCicero, retired administrator, and indicated that she would be presenting information on the Partnership with Yitian Primary School in Shenzhen, China. Mrs. LoCicero; Mr. Edward Kupka, Student Support Coordinator; Mrs. Michelle Burns, Ms. Bonnie Gedig, and Ms. Margo Zoerner, Personalized Learning Coaches at Nash Elementary School; Mrs. Ruth Walls, Instructional Coach at Stocker Elementary School; and Mrs. LeeAnn Briese, Director of the Kenosha County Community Library System, presented information on their trip to the Yitian Primary School in China in which they shared ideas on personalized learning, co-teaching and presented as keynote speakers at the United States and Chinese Educator Conference. Their presentation ended with a video which documented their experience in China.

Mr. Kunich arrived at 6:35 P.M.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the School Board with five administrative appointments.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve Dr. CasSandra Brooks as Assistant Principal at Washington Middle School. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve Mrs. Jody Cascio as Principal at Forest Park Elementary School. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve Ms. Wendy LaLonde as Principal at Somers Elementary School. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve Mr. Jason Lemke as Interim Assistant Principal at Bradford High School. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kunich moved to approve Mr. Bryan Mogensen as the Coordinator of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Senior Center. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer, and Mr. Steven Knecht, Principal at Tremper High School, presented Policy 7410 – Naming an Area Within or on a District Site submitted by Mr. Knecht, Mrs. Housaman, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“At the April 25, 2016, regular School Board meeting, the Board unanimously approved administration’s recommendation that the superintendent appoint a committee to seek input relative to a proposed name for the new stadium at Bradford High School. This approval to form a committee is in compliance with School Board Policy 7410 - Naming an Area Within or on a School District Site. This policy allows staff or community members to nominate a name to the Board including “the process used and the rationale used in making their determination.” Further this policy states, “...when a former student, staff or community member who has been deceased for more than two years has achieved national, state, or local prominence, the School Board may name an area within a school or on a district site after that individual.” The policy also states that, “the Board of Education shall be the body to approve the official naming of all District facilities.”

A press release was disseminated from the Kenosha Unified School District's Communication Department to the Kenosha News, Facebook and Twitter inviting the community to forward stadium names for consideration and/or to volunteer to participate on this committee. Twenty individuals (Appendix A) volunteered to participate on the committee to name the stadium located to the north of Bradford High School; and 19 potential stadium names (Appendix B) were offered for consideration. Four committee meetings were held. The dates were June 21, June 29, July 6 and July 20. Appendix C illustrates that the majority of committee members were present at all four meetings. The process used to determine the committee name included the following:

- A review of recommended names and an opportunity for committee members to offer additional names for consideration.
- Board policies 7400 and 7410 (Appendices D and E) were reviewed.
- Factors were identified based on the Board policies to guide the decision-making including: local prominence, service to community, outstanding contributions, historical significance, outstanding leadership, significance to educational process, cultural significance, and national and state prominence.
- Committee members researched suggested names and this information was compiled under the aforementioned factors for the suggested names.

• Stadium recommendations were reviewed and recommendations that did not meet the criteria of being an individual's name that had been deceased for 2 or more years were removed.

Of the nineteen recommended stadium names the following met the criteria outlined in policy 7410:

- Joseph Andrea Stadium
- Olen Arrington, Jr. Stadium
- Thomas Bienemann Stadium
- Mary D. Bradford Stadium
- John Davies Stadium
- John F. Kennedy Stadium
- Leon Regner Stadium
- Raymond Welsch Stadium

Sixteen committee members participated in the final stadium naming vote on July 20, 2016. Denise Hoff, committee member, volunteered to tally the votes. The outcome of the vote was:

<u>Stadium Recommendations</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Joseph Andrea Stadium	1
Olen Arrington, Jr. Stadium	3
Thomas Bienemann Stadium	0
Mary D. Bradford Stadium	12
John Davies Stadium	0
Leon Regner Stadium	0
Stadium Welsch Stadium	0

#### Rationale for the Selection of Mary D. Bradford

Mary D. Bradford was born 1856 in Paris Township. She was a pioneer in the field of education and her life was dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for students. At 16 years old, Bradford began teaching in Paris Wisconsin. In 1874 she taught in Kenosha grade schools and then became a high school teacher in 1884. In 1910, Bradford was chosen from a field of 60 men to become the first female superintendent in Wisconsin. As a life-long learner she was a graduate of Oshkosh Normal, a school that taught high school graduates to become teachers and established teaching standards. In 1917 Bradford was the recipient of an Honorary Masters of the Arts, the first such degree granted by the University of Wisconsin. As an education advocate she established many firsts in the Kenosha community including: a breakfast program, courses in citizenship and health, instituted kindergarten, an open air school, a school for the deaf, a vocational high school, a junior high school system and the concept of mid-year promotions for students. Mary D. Bradford passed away in 1943.

Administration recommends the School Board approve the Naming Committee's recommendation that the stadium being constructed north of Bradford High School be named Mary D. Bradford Stadium."

Ms. Stevens moved that the stadium being constructed north of Bradford High School be named the Olen Arrington, Jr. Stadium. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Stacy Busby  
School Board Secretary