

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JANUARY 23, 2018

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 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 7:0

Consent-Approve item XI-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Sue Savaglio-

Ms. Susan Valeri, Chief of School Leadership, presented the Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy 6633 and Electronic Devices Policy 6435 submitted by Mr. Brian Geiger, Regional Coordinator of Secondary School Leadership and Learning; Ms. Valeri; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“A committee working on Policy 5435 electronic devices met and approved an updated policy in February 2011 with the goal of allowing students to use cell phones and other electronic devices in conjunction with instruction. With the revision, electronic devices could be utilized to access information, provide learning feedback, collaborate and be incorporated as a productive tool in the classroom.

The committee stated they recognized that electronic devices could be disruptive to the learning environment and stressed that good management by teachers and a strong, supportive student policy needed to exist.

Rebecca Stevens emailed a request on February 10, 2017, at 6:42 a.m. stating, “I would also like working on Policy 5435 and 6435 to be updated to reflect current technology and best practices.”

After review by the Personnel/Policy Committee, administration is forwarding revised Policy/Rule 6633 Student Technology Acceptable Use, which includes the elimination of Policy/Rule 5435 Electronic Devices, to the school board for a first reading on January 23, 2018.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve revised Policy/Rule 6633 Student Technology Acceptable Use as a first reading and for the elimination of Policy/Rule 5435 Electronic Devices. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Snyder presented Resolution No. 342 - Resolution in Support of Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill, which read as follows:

“*WHEREAS*, the Kenosha Unified School District Board of Education, administrators, educators, staff, parents and community members are united in our efforts to provide all children with the highest quality educational opportunities possible; and

WHEREAS, the district supports local control and the ability of the elected School Board to make decisions to support the learning of our students; and

WHEREAS, private school voucher advocates have consistently pushed for expanding the use of taxpayer funded vouchers to pay tuition for students in private schools in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and members of the Wisconsin legislature have proposed expanding the voucher program and increasing state payments to voucher schools; and

WHEREAS, a recent memo from the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau demonstrated that payments to voucher schools under the Governor’s proposed budget would range from \$7,757 to \$8,403 per voucher student by 2018 and may reduce the amount public schools receive by as much as \$1,700 per student; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183, the “Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill,” authored by state Rep. Dana Wachs (D-Eau Claire), would require property tax bills to include information from the school district where the property is located regarding the amount of net reduction in state aid, if any, to the district as a result of pupils enrolled in the statewide voucher program; and

WHEREAS, the increase in statewide property taxes due to school boards levying to offset lost aid due to the voucher system was over \$25 million in 2016-17. The statewide property tax impact is estimated to grow to \$37 million in 2017-18 and \$47 million in 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, just as property tax bills show how much money goes to public schools and technical colleges, taxpayers deserve to know the cost of expanding the voucher program; and

WHEREAS, voucher schools are not bound by most state instructional requirements or graduation standards, are not subject to the state's accountability system, are not held to the public accountability requirements contained in major federal laws, including special education, are not governed by locally elected school board members, do not have to accept all students, nor do they have to provide students with the same due process protections in public schools, do not have to employ teachers who have a background in the subjects they teach, and do not have to adhere to open meetings and public records laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha Unified Board of Education calls on Governor Walker, the Wisconsin State Assembly, and the Wisconsin Senate to support the Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill in an effort to be open, honest and transparent with the taxpayers of Kenosha and Wisconsin.

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

Mrs. Snyder moved to approve Resolution No. 342 - Resolution in Support of Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer, presented the New Course Proposal: Introductory Statistics submitted by Mr. William Haithcock, Principal of Harborside Academy; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Harborside Academy proposes the addition of a full-year one credit Introductory Statistics. This new course will be part of the University of Wisconsin Parkside Access to College C10004 Tc 0.078 Tw 3.48 0 Td 002 C B d m-30 Tc (\$14 (to) 846) 12 (02) 16 (015) 40 (an) 8 (1) 1

Mr. Wade moved to approve Harborside Academy's proposal of the addition of Introductory Statistics. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Housaman presented the New course Pro

selected special education programs service/types. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion.

Currently, Wisconsin High School Graduation Standards contain a minimum requirement of 4 credits for English/Language Arts, 3 credits each for Social Studies, Math and Science, 1.5 in physical education, 0.5 in health education and encourages an additional 8.5 credits which totals 23.5 credits. For the current school year (cohort 2017) the graduation requirement total number of credits for KUSD is equal to the state of Wisconsin suggested total of 23.5.

Administration recommends that the school board review and accept the 2016-17 Four Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis Report.”

Mr. Wade move to accept the 2016-17 Four Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis Report. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Keckler presented the Energage Survey Summary submitted by Mrs. Annie Petering, Chief Human Resource Officer; Mr. Keckler and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:7

survey results over the past three years are summarized in the accompanying presentation.

Overall, the third year of survey results have shown increases or holding steady in most every area. To experience growth from increased attention and strategic planning helps to reinforce the notion that each area of concern could be improved upon. Utilization of these results