

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD OCTOBER 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mr. Duncan, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Adams, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Duncan. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present.

Mr. Duncan, 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.

Ms. Stevens introduced the student ambassador, Quentin Smith from Indian Trail High School and Academy, and he made his 10 (nt)2 500 Ent On/ Staff, 15 St (E) cases for 4 (12) 2 (e) cases and trending with 7-day average, quarantined staff, quarantined stu positive cases.

Mrs. Modder gave the legislative report.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Remarks by the President were made by Mr. Duncan.

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item X-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointment of Absence, Retirements, Resignations and Separations.

Consent-Approve item X-B – Minutes of the 9/15/20 Public Hearing on the 9/15/20 Annual Meeting of Electors, 9/15/202 Special Meeting, 9/22/20 Special Meeting, Executive Session, 9/22/20 Regular Meeting, and 9/29/20 Special Meeting.

Consent-Approve item X-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-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the September 2020 cash receipt deposits totaling \$78,491.23, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$22,418,457.72, be approved.

Check numbers 595907 through 596492 (net of voided batches) totaling \$4,722,803.92, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$3,357,792.67, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the September 2020 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$11,563,493.60, and net payroll check batches totaling \$7,053.13, be approved.”

Consent-Approve item X-D – Update on Student and Staffing Technology Acceptable Use Policies submitted by Mr. Travis Ciesielski, Technology Program Manager; Mrs. Angela Becker, Network Manager; Mrs. Annie Fredriksson, Coordinator of Instructional Technology; Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“As Kenosha Unified has expanded its technology inventory over the last several years, the instructional model has also expanded to allow for a variety of teaching methods and support. Looking at the mobile device stock district-wide, KUSD was very close to operating a 1:1 program. Allowing students to interact and gain comfort and value using technology for educational benefit has been a major tenet of the KUSD landscape. With the growth of the COVID pandemic from this past Spring and the realization that students would need to be able to access their curriculum and tools regardless of physical location, the KUSD School Board approved a dedicated 1:1 program in May, 2020. Starting with the 2020-21 school year, each student enrolled in KUSD will be assigned a dedicated mobile laptop, as well as supporting Internet access for those students who do not have dedicated Internet at home. To help support this program, the related policies have proposed revisions to communicate the expectations and objectives for KUSD staff and students. Unless otherwise noted, all KUSD owned devices are to be returned once the student is no longer enrolled or upon request.

Moving ahead, the primary objective is to develop the necessary technological and instructional support structure that will continue to build capacity and positive impact on student learning.

At its September 22, 2020, regular meeting the Board of Education reviewed and approved the listed revisions as a first reading. Administration recommends that the Board of Education review and approve the listed revisions as a second reading at the October 27, 2020, regular School Board meeting:

- Policy and Rule 4226 Staff Technology Acceptable Use Policy; and
- Policy and Rule 6633 Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the High School New Course Requests submitted by Mrs. Julie

“Kenosha Unified School District, Franklin School District, Oak Creek School District and Racine Unified School District make up the Southeastern Athletic conference. WIAA released winter sports guidance on October 9, 2020. Athletics will adhere to the WIAA sports specific guidance. Student athlete participation is strictly voluntary. Each student and parent/guardian will be required to sign the KUSD Extra Curricular Waiver and Release of Claims form (Appendix A). The WIAA winter seasonal start dates are:

- November 16, 2020 for girls basketball, gymnastics, and hockey;
- November 23, 2020 for boys basketball, wrestling, and boys swim and dive;
- April 19, 2021 for track and field, baseball, softball and boys golf;
- April 26, 2021 for girls soccer;
- May 3, 2021 for boys tennis; and
- To be determined date for girls lacrosse.”

Administration supports moving forward with the WIAA recommended plan for winter sports and the anticipated WIAA plan for spring 2021 sports following School Board approval of the plan.

Administration requests that the Board of Education approve WIAA’s recommendation of a seasonal start date of:

- November 16, 2020 for girls basketball, gymnastics, and hockey;
- November 23, 2020 for boys basketball, wrestling, and boys swim and dive;
- April 19, 2021 for track and field, baseball, softball and boys golf;
- April 26, 2021 for girls soccer;
- May 3, 2021 for boys tennis; and
- To be determined date for girls lacrosse.”

Mr. Battle moved to approve WIAA’s seasonal sports start dates contained in the report. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Head Start Federal Grant Funds Carryover Request submitted by Ms. Luanne Rohde, Director of Early Education; Mr. Martin Pitts, Regional Coordinator of Leadership and Learning; Ms. Susan Valeri, Chief of School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Approval from the Board of Education is requested to carry over funds for the Head Start Federal Grant from the 2019-2020 budget year in the amount of \$191,041 to the budget year of 2020- 2021. The grant is designed to fund the operating costs of the Kenosha Unified School District Head Start Program. These funds were not used during last year’s budget due to the circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Administration recommends that the school board approve the request to carryover funds in the amount of \$191,040 from the Head Start Federal Grant for the 2020-2021 school year.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the request to carryover funds in the amount of \$191,040 from the Head Start Federal Grant for the 2020-2021 school year. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Official Third Friday Enrollment Report submitted by Mrs. Laura Sawyer, Data Analyst; Mrs. Erin Roethe, Data Analyst; Mrs. Lorien Thomas, Research Coordinator; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Annually, Administration provides the Kenosha Unified School Board with the District’s Official Third Friday Enrollment Report. The data contained in this report are also reported to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) in its designated format. The School Board should note that this report contains only enrollment data and does not contain student membership data that are used to develop revenue projections and budgetary planning documents.

District-wide, enrollment decreased -1,336 students, from 20,919 students in 2019-20 to 19,583 students in 2020-21. This was the largest single year decrease KUSD has experienced, and about 3 times the decrease from the previous year. Beginning in 2009-10, Kenosha started to experience a decline in community birth rates, with the related effect of declines in elementary school enrollments five years later. This trend has now impacted grades prekindergarten through grade 5. Noticeable increases have been identified in multiple areas when compared to trends from prior school years. Alternative Open Enrollment Out applications were nearly triple this past summer, transfer requests from KUSD public to local private schools were also triple the historical pattern. And most perceptible of all, parents requesting to homeschool their children was at least five times the usual amount when compared to past summers.

The District reported decreases for all levels including elementary, middle and high school boundary groups. Boundary elementary schools decreased overall by -962 students, boundary middle schools decreased by -66 students, and boundary high schools decreased by -173 students. Overall, this is attributed to both the continual declining birth rate and the noticeable exits of student to homeschool and local private schools and Open Enrollment requests.

The 2020-21 Official Third Friday Enrollment Report is an informational item.”

Mr. Keckler gave an Official Student Enrollment Trend PowerPoint presentation which covered the following topics: overall enrollment trends, number of births and KUSD kindergarten enrollment (5 years), Wisconsin births, KUSD exits to area private schools, KUSD homeschool impact, KUSD open enrollment, student race/ethnicity, 8-year trend, 7-year trend, cohort average, change in enrollments and teacher FTE, and 5 year % change in enrollments and teacher FTE.

Mr. Keckler answered questions from Board members. No action was taken as this was an informational item.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Change in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Adopted Budget submitted by Mr. Hamdan and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The Board of Education adopted the 2019-2020 budget on October 22, 2019, as prescribed by Wisconsin State Statute 65.90. From time to time there is a need to modify or amend the adopted budget for a variety of reasons. State Statutes require that official modifications to the adopted budget be approved by two-thirds majority of the Board of Education and that there be a publication of a Class 1 notice within 10 days of approval. This document identifies budget modifications to the 2019-2020 budget delineated by fund and project.

The majority of these changes are the result of carryover notifications determined to be available for various grants after the budget was formally adopted. Other grant awards (e.g. Education Foundation, mini-grants) were also received after the adoption of the budget. These grant awards conform to existing board policy and have been previously shared with the Board of Education through the approval of the grant as well as 12 (a4.2 ()1 (d)10 d()1 (d1(a)1d()1

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Since the public hearing and the annual meeting, the administration has updated the budget to reflect key components such as student membership, equalized property valuations, certified state aid, tax levies, and detailed staffing costs (salary and benefits).

WHEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, by equipping Kenosha's youth with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, we give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, all Kenosha Unified staff strive to provide the highest level of professionalism when serving the students and families of our community; and

WHEREAS, our schools encourage the bringing together of children, families, educators, volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise that offers exceptional opportunities in academics, athletics, fine arts and extracurricular activities to provide students with the skills needed to grow and succeed in a global society.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Kenosha Unified School District does hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2020, as the annual observance of American Education Week.

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

Mr. Garcia moved to approve Resolution 370 – American Education Week. Ms. Modder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Adams presented the Donations to the District.

Ms. Adams moved to approve acceptance of the above listed gifts(s), grant(s) or bequest(s) as per Board Policy 1400, to authorize the establishment of appropriate accounts to monitor fiscal activity, to amend the budget to reflect this action and to publish the budget change per Wisconsin Statute 65.90 (5)(a). Ms. Modder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder
School Board Secretary