

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held

Consent-Approve item XI-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check

“The purpose of this report is to ensure community and School Board awareness of the progress of the Kenosha Unified Head Start Program. This is an informational report provided every six months. Head Start is defined as a program that works with the most identified at-risk 3 and 4 year-old children and their families.

The Head Start Program has the capacity to serve 389 enrolled children. Three hundred thirty of these children are funded through the Federal Head Start Grant. Fifty-

The following contract

- 3) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) Grant - \$19.98MM; and
- 4) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER III) Grant – projected \$45MM, once finalized, this grant will require public input/consultations in addition to other requirements such as a mandatory set-aside of 20% to address learning loss.

The district currently has a plan for the ESSER I grant that was approved within the adopted 2020-21 budget by the Board at the October 27, 2020 meeting. Since that time, a new grant called the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) has been made available to KUSD through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which could be utilized to cover certain expenditures such as internet hotspots for students that we had previously planned for under ESSER I. The administration is proposing to modify the original ESSER I plan to be able to take advantage of the ECF grant and free up funds to do the following:

- Pay the tuition costs necessary to allow 75 teachers to obtain their 316 Reading licenses (\$203,000);
- Pay the tuition costs necessary to allow 35 teachers to obtain their English as a Second Language (ESL) licenses (\$147,000);
- Provide additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as needed (\$200,000); and Set aside funding to cover excess Summer School expenses as needed

The administration is proposing the following items be approved and incorporated into the 2020-21 budget:

The administration recommends that the Board approve the proposed ESSER II plan, GEER plan and modifications to the previously approved ESSER I plan.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the proposed ESSER II plan, GEER plan, and modifications to the previously approved ESSER I plan. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Ormseth introduced Revision of Policy 5471 – Corporal Punishment/Use of Physical Force submitted by Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Coordinator of Special Education and Student Support, Ms. Jenny Schmidt, Director of Special Education and Student Support; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Ormseth, excerpt follow:

“The Wisconsin Statute 125- Seclusion and Physical Restraint was revised. The new pupil restraint and seclusion law went into immediate effect upon the signature of Governor Evers and is now in Wisconsin Statute Chapter 118 General School Operations at §118.305. Upon investigation, it was discovered that the current school board policy did not align with the new changes to the statute. The circumstances for the use of seclusion or physical restraint remain the same; they are prohibited unless a student’s behavior presents a clear, present, and imminent risk to the physical safety of the student or others, and it is the least restrictive intervention feasible. Unless expressly noted, requirements apply to all students, with or without disabilities and individualized education programs (IEPs).

The revisions to Policy 5471 - Corporal Punishment/ Use of Physical Force will include updates from the legislative action of statute Act 118 (Appendix A).

Seclusion and physical restraint are atypical, extraordinary forms of behavioral intervention that may only be used in compliance with applicable law and Board of Education Policy. In accordance with the change in legislation, District Policy 5471- Corporal Punishment/Use of Physical Force is being revised to align to new state statute Ah aa26 (c)3.9 (a)

WHEREAS, this timeframe included the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua on September 15, as well as Mexico's independence on September 16; and

WHEREAS, the recognized contributions grew and as such Hispanic Heritage Week was expanded to National Hispanic Heritage Month, which has been c

WHEREAS, families, schools, youth organizations, colleges, workplaces, places of worship and other groups are responsible for empowering and protecting their members and promoting cultures of caring, respect and safety for everyone; and

WHEREAS, it is time for our community to do its part to help end bullying in Kenosha.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Kenosha Unified School District does hereby proclaim October as the annual observance of National Bullying Prevention Month as a symbol of our commitment to the ongoing, year-round struggle against bullying.

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

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Ms. Stevens moved to approve Resolution 383 – National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month 2021. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Housaman presented Resolution 384 – Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week October 3 – 9, 2021 which read as follows:

“WHEREAS, Kenosha Unified School District’s locally elected board members play a vital role in governing the policies of our excellent public education system and ensuring the district meets state standards for the purpose of attaining the district’s vision of becoming Wisconsin’s top performing urban school district that is highly regarded for continuously exceeding all expectations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Kenosha Unified School District Board of Education are dedicated to children, learning and the community, and devote manvn.2 (t)2 (ai)-6 (f)1.9 (i)16 (dr)1
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Ms. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary