

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JANUARY 27, 2015

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 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 7:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Kunich, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Flood, Mr. Bryan, Mrs. Snyder, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mr. Wade was excused.

Consent-Approve item XI-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, and Resignations as contained in the agenda.

Consent-Approve item XI-B – Minutes of the 12/9/14 and 12/16/14 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and the 12/16/14 Regular Meeting.

Consent-Approve item XI-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Ms. Heather Kraeuter, Accounting & Payroll Manager; Mr. Hamdan, Interim Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

It is recommended that the December 2014 cash receipt deposits totaling \$315,772.49, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$42,122,338.93, be approved.

Check numbers 516370 through 517460 totaling \$7,613,776.42, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$208,941.07, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the December 2014 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$12,398,545.58, and net payroll check batches totaling \$5,997.26, be approved.

Consent-Approve item XI-D – Palmer Foundation Grant Application submitted by Mr. William Hittman, Principal at LakeView Technology Academy; Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

At its January 13, 2015 meeting, the Audit/Budget/Finance Committee voted to forward this grant to the school board for consideration. Administration recommends that the school board accept the Palmer Foundation Grant in the amount of \$77,000 for the purchase of an atomic scanning electron microscope to support the STEM based curriculum at LakeView Technology Academy.

Mr. Bryan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as contained in the agenda. Mr. Kunich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio Jarvis presented School Board Policy 3810 – Employee Use of District Equipment submitted by Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

Policy 3810 is being revised to prohibit employee use of district equipment for personal purposes inside or outside of the district.

will utilize the new race/ethnicity categories whereas previous cohort will use the former categories.

It should be noted that a few changes regarding high school completion were put in place during the recent past. In April 2012, the Kenosha Unified Rule 6456 *Graduation Requirements* was updated. Effective for the Class of 2013 was a change in the high school graduation credit requirement, which reduced the required number of credits from 26 to 23. The minimum credits for Social Studies, Math and Science were each reduced from 4 to 3 credits. Currently, Wisconsin High School Graduation Standards contain a minimum requirement of 3 credits for Social Studies, 2 credits each for Math and Science, and 21.5 credits overall. Rule 6456 also added a Community/Service Learning requirement beginning with the Class of 2013 and an Online Learning Experience beginning with the Class of 2016. Another change was implemented in September 2013; the standardized assessment used in the High School Competency Diploma Option transitioned from the paper and pencil Iowa Tests of Educational Development (ITED) to the Iowa Assessment, an on-line version that is aligned to the Common Core Standards.

At its January 13, 2015 meeting, the Curriculum /Program Standing Committee reviewed and accepted the 2013-

the noted changes to the policies from the November 20, 2014, special meeting were sent to board members for their review. Shortly following this meeting, Mr. Flood submitted a draft proposal of a new Student Advisory Council policy.

In December, legal counsel at Buelow, Vetter, Buikema, Olson, & Vliet reviewed the revised 8000 policy series and questions brought forward by board members during their review. A copy of the response from the legal counsel is included as Attachment 1. It is suggested that board members review our legal counsel's responses in red on Attachment 1 and make final decisions on those policies (8510, 8651).

It is recommended that the school board review input from legal counsel and approve the 8000 policy series (Attachment 2) as a first reading on January 27, 2015, and as a second reading on February 24, 2015.

Board members discussed the following suggested changes to the revised 8000 policy series:

The removal of the definition of immediate family from Policy 8651 – School Board Member Conflicts of Interest;

The addition of Introduction, Welcome, and Comments by Student Ambassador to the order of business in Policy 8712 –

Board members discussed their concerns of student interest, student attendance, the addition of another committee, and the specifics of agenda topics and agenda creation. It was suggested that questions pertaining to a proposed Student Advisory Council be included in the student culture and climate survey

district using an Alternative Open Enrollment Application during the current school year if the applicant can demonstrate that he/she meets certain criteria.

The Offices of Educational Accountability, School Leadership, and Teaching and Learning (Special Education/Student Support and Early Education) met on multiple