

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JANUARY 26, 2016

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 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 7:01 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Flood, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Falkofske,

Consent-Approve item XI-E – Policy 5260 – Open Enrollment – Full Time submitted by Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Accountability; Ms. Susan Valeri, Director of Special Education; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Policy 5260 – Open Enrollment - Full Time addresses the state mandate of providing open enrollment opportunities to nonresident students. Currently, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requires non-resident districts to designate regular and special education spaces at the January school board meeting. A recent legislative change due to the Wisconsin Biennial Budget (2015 Act 55) requires that public school districts must update their local Open Enrollment Policy. Moving forward, application processing, aid transfer, and calculating services for students with special needs who are enrolled through the open enrollment process or identified as a tuition waiver will be handled differently. Changes related to Act 55 that will apply to the 2016-17 school year must be completed before February 1, 2016.

At its December 15, 2015, meeting, the Board of Education approved the revised Policy and Rule 5260 – Open Enrollment - Full Time as a first reading. Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve Policy and Rule 5260 as a second reading at the January 26, 2016, regular school board meeting.”

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

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented Policy and Rule 5436 – Weapons submitted by Mr. Keckler; Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Policy and Rule 5436 – Weapons was last revised in 1999. School Board member Dan Wade had suggested revisions to the policy, which would define any knife as a dangerous weapon as well as razor blades and box cutters. Due to the current nature of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the federal Civil Rights Data Collection reporting requirements, as well as conflicting use of the term “dangerous weapon” and how it is defined at the state and federal levels, additional time was requested to allow for legal opinion and clarification. Based on further review and consultation, Policy and Rule 5436 has been revised to establish a blade of any length as a dangerous weapon by legal counsel.

At its October 13, 2015, meeting, the Personnel/Policy Committee voted to forward revisions to Policy and Rule 5436 to the School Board for consideration. The School Board approved revised Policy and Rule 5436 as a first reading on October 27, 2015. The School Board agreed to table this policy prior to a scheduled second reading on November 24, 2015. Administration recommends School Board approval of the proposed revisions to Policy and Rule 5436 – Weapons as a first reading at the January 26, 2016, regular School Board meeting and a second reading at the February 23, 2016, regular School Board meeting.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve Policy and Rule 5436 – Weapons as a first reading. Mr. Flood seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Keckler presented the Four-Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis submitted by Ms. Renee Blise, Research Coordinator; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Savaglio, excerpts follow:

“Administration presented the first cohort analysis of graduation trends to the Kenosha Unified School Board beginning with School Year 1994-95. This cohort analysis is the twentieth annual report to the Kenosha Unified School Board. It provides a “base cohort” illustrating the progress of students from their initial enrollment as a ninth grader on the Official Third Friday Count Day in SY 2011-12 until the end of summer school four school years later in August 2015. Additionally, the graduation “base cohort” of the Class of 2014 was examined in terms of its progress during the year following its designated graduation year (fifth year) along with the Class of 2013 after two years (sixth year).

The cohort graduation rate presented in this report is slightly different than the rate published by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Beginning in 2009-10, DPI reported a 4-year cohort graduation rate which includes all students who have been assigned to a *Wisconsin*

Class of 2013. Another change was implemented in September 2013, as 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 12, 2016, meeting the Curriculum/Program Standing Committee moved approval to forward this report to the full board. Administration recommends that the school board review and accept the 2014-15 Four Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis Report.”

Mr. Wade moved to accept the 2014-15 Four Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis Report as presented. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Annie Petering, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented the 2016-2017 Employee Handbook – Revised Edition submitted by Ms. Petering and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Administration recommends the changes for the 2016-2017 employee handbook. This report and the Employee Handbook are presented as an informational item this evening and will be presented at the February 23, 2016, regular board meeting for a first reading.

Administration will schedule employee focus group meetings during the months of February and March to clarify any portions of the document to employees and/or respond to questions. Administration will then bring the Employee Handbook to the board for a second reading at the April 25, 2016, regular board meeting with an effective date of July 1, 2016.”

Board member questions/suggestions were noted for further review.

No action was taken on this item as it was for on the agenda for discussion purposes only.

Mr. Kunich presented the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda.

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

Kathleen DeLabio
Executive Assistant