

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mr. Duncan, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Adams, Mr. Wade (virtually), and Mr. Duncan. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis

Consent

Ms. Adams moved to approve the consent agenda (I

Roll call: Ayes: Mr. Battle, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Wade and Mr. Duncan. Noes: Ms. Stevens and Ms. Adams. Motion carried.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Before and After School Activities, Clubs and Other Sports submitted by Mrs. Kimberly Fischer, Regional Coordinator of School Leadership; Ms. Valeri; Mr. Scott Plank, Coordinator of Fine Arts; Mrs. Cheryl Kothe, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excepts follow:

“Kenosha Unified School District provides a wide variety of before and after school activities for students. Due to health and wellness concerns related to the spread of COVID 19 before and after school activities, clubs and events will not offer in-person meetings, performances or attend competitions for the duration of the public health crisis, unless those groups are able to provide a health safety plan to mitigate risks for students, directors, advisors and club leaders. All activities, clubs and other sports, if offered, may begin on or after September 14, 2020.

For activities, clubs and other sports in which a virtual option is not possible, advisors for all before and after school activities, clubs and other sports shall develop a written health safety plan in collaboration with like activity, club or sports advisors or coaches to offer in-person activities, clubs or other sports for students. Health safety plans shall include the following information: health screening requirements prior to gathering, activity, club or sport specific information, protocols for all meetings, guidelines for safe sharing of equipment or materials and when applicable procedures for hydration. The plans shall also include the specific responsibilities for all advisors, coaches, etc. to ensure the health safety plan is implemented accordingly.

This is an informational report.”

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented Revision to School Board Policy 8850 – School Board

- In the second paragraph of the policy, do not remove “with option of renewal at the chair’s discretion”;
- In the sixth paragraph of the policy, change the word “intermediary” to “avenue” or “liaison”;
- Above the last paragraph of the policy, insert the following sentence: “Minutes shall be kept of all standing committee meetings.”;
- In the last paragraph of the policy, change “Board committee meetings” to “Board standing committee and ad hoc committees”;
- In A-2 of the Rule, include “teachers”;
- In B-3 of the Rule, do not remove “The committee chairs”; and
- In the Personnel Committee organizational chart, keep the last strikeout with the exception of removing “or policy”.

It is recommended that Policy 8850 – School Board Committees be approved as a second reading at the September 3, 2020 regular school board meeting.”

Ms. Adams moved to approve Policy 8850 – School Board Committees as a second reading. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the 2020-2023 Integrated Library Media and Technology Plan submitted by Mrs. Annie Fredriksson, Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Library Media; Mrs. Housaman; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Over the past three years, Kenosha Unified has worked to implement various components of the previous Integrated Library Media and Technology Plan. Some of the identified areas include: large expansion of the network infrastructure, including increased security with firewall and content filter replacements and increased instructional resources for teacher training. Additional technology purchases allowed a move to a more equitable distribution of technology among the student population with a comprehensive 1:1 (pop)10elion (g)10

Administration recommends that the Board of Education review and accept the 2020-2023 Integrated Library Media and Technology Plan at the September 3, 2020, regular Board meeting.”

Mr. Battle moved to approve the 2020-2023 Integrated Library Media and Technology Plan. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Gang Prevention Education Program submitted by Ms. Valeri and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha (BGCK) and the Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) have enjoyed a partnership for more than 20 years working collaboratively to address the issue of gang involvement and delinquency issues in our community. The district provides financial support the BGCK needs to monitor, supervise and mentor youth in gang prevention groups, while working on anger management, team building, job skills development, gang resistance, and social and delinquency issues.

The Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha has supervised and mentored 50 youth in gang prevention programs at our middle and high schools. The Year End Report (Attachment A) is included in this report. Even through the pandemic, the staff at the Boys and Girls Club continued to connect with our students and staff through home visits, Zoom meetings, Face-time and Google Duo.

The goals for the Gang Prevention Education Program (Attachment B) also include a plan for virtual connections with students and staff if needed. The partnership with KUSD, the juvenile justice office and the Boys and Girls Club is invaluable.

The Boys and Girls Club has included the staff names, titles, position that they hold and a brief summary of their job responsibilities (Attachment C).

The final document in this report is the Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment D) between Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha and the Kenosha Unified School District.

Administration recommends that the School Board approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kenosha for Gang Prevention Education Program.”

Mr. Jake McGhee, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, was present (virtually) and answered questions from board members.

Mr. Battle moved to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Kenosha for Gang Prevention Education Program. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis resented the Provisions Governing the Transportation of Students Attending Public and Private Schools for the 2020-2021 Year submitted by Mr. Jeff Marx, Transportation Supervisor; Mr. Finnemore; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Administration recommends that the school board approve the Provisions Governing the Transportation of Students Attending Public and Private Schools for the 2020-2021 year as contained in this report. These provisions relate to Board Policies 3511 and 3514.”

Pandemic. On August 18, 2020 the School Board voted to start the 2020-21 school year with students attending either in-person or fully virtual, with other operational and instructional conditions still under revision and refinement. As the pandemic continues to cause school districts to develop and adjust plans with very little lead time, some of these waivers will have variable impact depending on the allowable conditions and other external factors (i.e. legislative orders).

Chapter 118.38 of the Wisconsin State Statutes outlines the legal authority for school boards to request and for DPI to grant waivers from certain state laws and administrative

public health emergency in all counties of the state as a result of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID19) while also attempting multiple initiatives to address, reduce, and prevent further spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. On September 3, 2020, the Kenosha School Board of Education held a public hearing, in satisfaction of Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b), concerning requests for waivers of the requirements identified herein; and

2. In compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m), and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Education hereby directs the District Administrator or her designee to apply, on behalf of the Board, to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for the waiver of the following:

a. Waiver of the requirement of Wis. Stat. § 118.33(6)(cm) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding Kindergarten as a prerequisite for first grade for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

b. Waiver of the requirement of Wis. Stat. § 120.12(15) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding 135 Length of the School Day for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

c. Waiver of the requirement of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and Wis. Stat. § 121.006(2)(a) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding the hours of instruction for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on September 3, 2020."

Mr. Battle moved to approve Resolution 365 – School Board Resolution for the Waiver of Certain School Board or School District Requirements Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m). Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Adams presented the Donations to the District.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the Donations to the District. Mrs. Modder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Adams seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary