

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD NOVEMBER 27, 2012

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mrs. Snyder, President, presided.

Consent-Approve item X-C

Mr. Nuzzo moved to waive the kitchen user fee of \$240.00 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Kenosha County, Inc.'s 23rd Annual Mental Health Awareness Community Outreach event on Saturday, December 1st. Mr. Gallo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Glass presented Policies and Rules 1330 - Facilities Use and 1331 - Classification of Groups Using

Therefore, it is recommended to remove Policy and Rule 6110 because it does not reflect the Department of Teaching and Learning's current focus and practice. The focus of this Department is clearly established in Policy 6100 titled Mission, Principles, Goals and Results that was approved by the Board June 28, 2011 that defines the District's Transformation Plan.

At its November 13, 2012 meeting, the Personnel/Policy and Curriculum/Program Standing Committees voted to forward the recommendation for removal of Policy and Rule 6110 to the School Board for consideration. Administration recommends that the School Board approve elimination of Policy 6110 – Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs as a first and second reading at the November 27, 2012 and December 18, 2012 regular school board meetings.”

Mr. Gallo moved to approve the elimination of Policy 6110 - Instructional Program Mission and Beliefs as a first reading this evening. Mr. Nuzzo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information and Accountability, presented the Four-Year Graduation Rate–Cohort Analysis submitted by Ms. Renee Blise, Senior Research Analyst; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Hancock, 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 seventeenth annual report to the Kenosha Unified School Board. It provides a “base cohort” illustrating the progress of students from their initial assignment as a ninth grader on the Official Third Friday Count Day in SY 2008-09 until the end of summer school four school years later in August 2012. Additionally, the graduation “base cohort” of the Class of 2011 was examined in terms of its progress during the year following its designated graduation year (fifth 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 public school cohort and were last enrolled in KUSD during the 4-year time period, whether or not the student

Mr. Gallo moved to accept the 2011-12 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report and have the Office of Information & Accountability continue to monitor graduation patterns and submit the 2012-13 Four Year Graduation Rate-Cohort Analysis Report to the School Board Curriculum/Program

WHEREAS, sequestration would impact almost every public school system in the nation and the millions of students educated through programs such as Title I grants for disadvantaged students, the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), English Language Acquisition, Career and Technical Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and more; and

WHEREAS, Kenosha Unified School District, as well as other public schools, would be impacted nationwide by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for K-12 programs was already reduced by more than \$835 million in Fiscal Year 2011, and state and local funding for education continues to be impacted by budget cuts and lower local property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, states and local governments have very limited capacity to absorb further budget cuts from sequestration, as Kenosha Unified School District has already implemented cuts commensurate to state and local budget conditions;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha Unified School District urges Congress and the Administration to amend the Budget Control Act to mitigate the drastic cuts to education that would affect our students and communities, and to protect education as an investment critical to economic stability and American competitiveness.”

Mr. Bryan moved to approve Resolution No. 291 – Request to Amend Budget Control Act to Stop Sequestration. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Coleman presented the Donations to the District as contained in the agenda.

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

Mrs. Snyder presented the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Nuzzo moved to approve the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting. Mr. Gallo seconded.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting with the addition of an excerpt in the 10/23/12 Regular Meeting Minutes under the Formal Adoption of the 2012-2013 Budget agenda item stating that the motion to call the question did not follow the parliamentary rules of Robert’s Rules of Order. Mr. Taube seconded the motion. Motion failed. Mr. Gallo, Mr. Nuzzo, Mrs. Coleman, and Mrs. Snyder dissenting.

Mr. Nuzzo withdrew his motion to approve the Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting.

The Minutes of the 10/23/12 and 11/13/12 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions and 10/23/12 Regular Meeting were deferred to the 12/18/12 School Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary