

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD MAY 26, 2015

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, May 26, 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. Flood, Mr. Kunich, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Falkofske, and Mrs. Coleman. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Ms. Stevens was excused.

Mrs. Coleman, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a regular meeting of the School Board of Kenosha Unified School



and approved for another three (3) year period on September 27, 2011, mainly due to the expansion to grades 6-8.

On May 22, 2012, the Kenosha eSchool Charter was brought to the Board and a three (3) year extension agreement was approved. The May 22, 2012, approval was supported for various reasons. The KUSD transformational design goal (#1) addressed expansion of online learning opportunities for all students. Due to the growing need and interest of online learning at all grade levels, the eSchool requested to expand and offer an elementary online option, which resulted in the expansion of the Kenosha eSchool to include grades K-5. The District also needed to provide necessary educational options for secondary school students during the second year of dramatic budget cuts. In addition, the KUSD school board had requested that all of the existing charter schools would align their charter contract language to a communal layout, presentation, and understanding. At the same time, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction utilized the Charter School Contract Reviewer Benchmarks instrument, and identified key areas that needed to be present in a charter school contract. Some of the changes were the result of the reviewers' suggestions and recommendations.

The most recent charter renewal has identified needed changes in the following areas:

1. Replacement of individual names with the position titles;
2. Updating names of organizations and groups that have changed or been eliminated;
3. Updating practices and procedures that reflect the current operation of the school;
4. Allows the authorizing body (the Kenosha Unified School Board) flexibility to address funding of the school on an annual basis; and
5. Reflect changes in state law.

At its May 12, 2015, meeting, the Curriculum/Program Committee reviewed the report but no action was taken due to lack of a quorum. Administration recommends that the school board approve the proposed three (3) year contract for the Kenosha eSchool as presented for the period of 2015-2018."

Mr. Tenuta and Dr. Ormseth were present and answered questions from Board members.

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the proposed three (3) year contract for Kenosha eSchool as presented for the period of 2015-2018. Mr. Falkofske seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Bullying Ad Hoc Committee Update and Recommendation submitted by Mr. Edward Kupka, Coordinator of Student Support; Ms. Susan Valeri, Director of Special Education and [(upka, Coordinawyt for d f33.97 0 TD -.0001 Tc .042

“On July 22, 2014, the school board adopted a revised policy 5111 on anti-bullying/harassment/hate. The board report outlined the following work ahead:

1. Educate the school community, students, parents and staff on the definition and policy regarding bullying (May 2014 – January 2015);

2. Incorporate the bullying response procedures into usable formats for schools, including appropriate communication and documentation for school record keeping (August 2014 – April 2015); and

3. Identify a district-wide bully prevention program that is implemented universally and based on committee criteria selected as determining a robust and effective program (August 2014 – April 2015).

The ad hoc committee has since met on the following dates:

- Thursday, August 14, 2014;
- Thursday, September 4, 2014;
- Monday, September 15, 2014;
- Monday, October 20, 2014;
- Monday, November 10, 2014;
- Monday, December 8, 2014; and
- Wednesday, February 5, 2015.

A full list of the ad hoc committee members is attached in Appendix A. The primary work of the ad hoc committee meetings was spent reviewing potential bully prevention programs identified by the previous subcommittee. Updates were also provided on community outreach efforts to share our message with a larger base of support.

Two community sessions were organized, on Monday, October 13, 2014, and on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

From the October 13 meeting, a campaign subcommittee was formed. The current progress of the education campaign includes:

- x ‘Stand Up Kenosha’ initial campaign to launch National Bullying Prevention Month (October 2014);
- x Community message posted on KUSD website and Facebook;
- x Website anti-bullying pledge enlisted over 1000 pledges;
- x Community listening and engagement session (October 13, 2014);
- x Radio broadcast recording on ‘Education Matters’, WGTD 91.1 FM (October 18, 2014); and
- x Artwork contest by students to create the KUSD 2015-2016 calendar (February 2, 2015).

The ad hoc committee determined a list of criteria important to selecting an effective bullying prevention program. A total of six (6) bullying prevention programs were identified in the previous bullying prevention subcommittee report. Each bullying prevention program



education students seeking entrance into the Kenosha Unified School District under the Open Enrollment Statute for School Year 2015-16. The School Board affirmed the availability of 457 general education spaces, 93 of which were allocated as special education spaces.

The Offices of Educational Accountability, Elementary School Leadership, Secondary School Leadership, Teaching and Learning – Special Education/Student Support and Early Childhood identified district locations for the approved spaces during April and May. Additionally, guidelines concerning student enrollment preferences and sibling preferences were also revisited.

With the close of this year's open enrollment application window by DPI on April 30, 2015, all students in the OPAL system were listed on a master roster in alphabetical order. Each student was then assigned an applicant sequence number with the first person listed on the roster being tagged as number one and the remaining students who were on the OPAL listing were also assigned a sequence number.

As required by Wisconsin statute and Board Policy 5260, preference was given to students currently attending Kenosha Unified and their siblings. Each student was provided a lottery ranking even though a student's denial may have been recommended in the application review process. This is done because some special education or expulsion records may not have been received from the resident district at the time of the selection process. A lottery ranking selection process is conducted separately for each grade. If there are more applicants than spaces available at a given grade then lottery rank is used to select which student gets their preference. School placements are also made on a random basis when no school preference or restriction is indicated on the OPAL application. Policy 5260 was updated this past fall to allow for tuition waiver students to not impact Open Enrollment allocations if they submit a valid application for the ensuing school year and meet all of the respective OE criteria.

On May 6, 2015, a lottery meeting was conducted in the Office of Educational Accountability to assign petitioning students to available District spaces. A representative from the Fine Arts Department served as the "unbiased" witness to the student assignment process and drew lots during the lottery proceeding.

Administration recommends approval of applicants identified as numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 32, 35, 37, 39, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 59, 60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115 due to available space at the grade level or school requested.

Administration recommends denial of applicants identified as number .0413 Tw (25, 96, 97, 98,



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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary