

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JUNE 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mr. Duncan, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Battle (virtually), Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Garcia, Ms. Adams, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Duncan.

Consent-Approve item X-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the May 2020 cash receipt deposits totaling \$1,659,435.09, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$10,725,975.27, be approved.

Check numbers 591744 through 593347 (net of voided batches) totaling \$4,353,678.18, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$3,403,615.40, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the May 2020 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$13,304,770.70, and net payroll check batches totaling \$7,119.21, be approved.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Modder presented Resolution 362 – Standing Together for Public Education, which read as follows:

“WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that spread globally(ha)10 (t)2 ()

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha Unified School Board supports the passage of legislation by the United States Congress appropriating at least \$175 billion to fill COVID-19 budget gaps that threaten students in public schools. To ensure the ongoing support of students, educators, and communities, the Kenosha Unified School Board together with the Kenosha Education Association, support:

1. At least \$175 billion: Provision of emergency funding directly to state governments to support local school districts, and
2. At least \$25 billion: \$13 billion to support IDEA and \$12 billion to support Title I, and
3. At least \$4 billion: To close the homework gap and fund technology to further enable home-based learning and close inequities in broadband internet access, and
4. Additional funding to provide PPE to protect the health and well-being of students and district staff by limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education.”

Mr. Wade moved to approve Resolution 362 – Standing Together for Public Education. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Adams presented Resolution 363 – In Recognition of Juneteenth Independence Day 2020, which read as follows:

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and celebration across the state and the nation, a day to honor the elimination of slavery and to celebrate the proclamation of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the day honors the sacrifices made to realize freedom and educates others about the roles that African Americans have played in history and the ongoing fight for equality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha Unified School Board recognizes the importance of Juneteenth Independence Day and supports the annual celebrations and the lessons they teach regarding the significant role African Americans have played in the history of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve Resolution 363 - In Recognition of Juneteenth Independence Day 2020. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Lakeview Technology Lease Agreement submitted by Mr. Hamdan; Mr. Finnemore, Director of Facilities; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“The existing lease for the building housing Lakeview Technology Academy between the Kenosha Area Business Alliance Foundation (KABAF) and the Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) commenced on July 1, 2005. In addition, KUSD and Gateway Technical College (GTC) entered into a sublease for the building on that same day. The lease and sublease are set to expire on June 30, 2020. KABAF, KUSD, and GTC are in the process of developing a long-term plan for Lakeview, and it is the intent of all three parties that the plan be comprehensive in order to provide the best learning environment possible within the financial capacity of all three organizations. In order to provide adequate time for that plan to be developed and implemented, representatives of the three organizations agreed that a short-term lease extension was the most prudent course of action.

This short-term lease extension involves a one-year extension at the same terms and conditions of the existing lease including no increase in rent payment for the year beginning July 1, 2020. Two additional one-year extensions are also accounted for with an agreed upon increase in base rent each year as determined by the Consumers Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The proposed extension agreement is provided as the Attachment to this report.

Administration recommends Board approval of the lease extension for Lakeview Technology Academy as described in this report.”

Ms. Adams moved to approve the lease extension for Lakeview Technology Academy as described in this report. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Motion Passed. Mr. Battle abstaining.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Report of Contracts in Aggregate of \$25,000 submitted by Mr. Hamdan; Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; Mrs. Maria Kotz,

Supplemental Grant for the 2020-2021 school year is \$336,005. Funds will be utilized to serve the children and their families in all program component areas as required in the Head Start Act and the Head Start Performance Standards.

Administration recommends that the school board approve the 2020-2021 Head Start State

At this time, the relevant items contained in the second year of the State of Wisconsin's biennial budget remain unchanged; however, we cannot rule out special legislative actions that would impact our district. Along with every other State in American, Wisconsin will be faced with massive revenue shortfalls due to the pandemic shutdown. The possibility of an emergency budget repair bill that modifies the second year of the biennial budget remains, although the timing of such a bill is up for debate in the current political environment. To put things in perspective, most school districts are working on several scenarios that would simulate a change to the currently budgeted \$179 per member change allowed in the revenue limit formula for FY 2020-2021. Legislative changes to this dollar amount would also likely be coupled with other changes such as a suspension of the hold harmless exemption to achieve the desired capacity reductions similar to WI Act 10. One of the most common scenarios being discussed is a reduction of \$50 per member rather than the \$179 increase. In KUSD the reduction of \$50 per member would lead to a projected reduction of just over \$4 MM as opposed to the planned increase of \$787 K which has a \$4.8 MM net effect on the budget.

Part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that is meant to provide Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) such as our district with funding to help us respond to changes in student needs due to COVID-19 is called the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Grant Program. The ESSER Grant Program is part of the \$175 MM CARES Act money that the State of Wisconsin received from the Federal government. Stipulations in the CARES Act require that 90% of this funding be distributed by the State according to a formula that is based on a district's proportion of low-

These professional library agencies, upon current research, have provided recommendations for district school library resource policies. In review of these resources, the goal is to align School

Ms. Stevens moved that Policy 8720 – Special School Board Meetings be approved as a first reading with the change of “but not less than 2 hours” to “but not less than 12 hours” in the second sentence of the second paragraph of Policy 8720. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Open Enrollment Applicants for School Year 2020-2021 submitted by Mr. Keckler; Mrs. Housaman; Ms. Valeri; Mrs. Bridget Kotarak, Director of Special Education and Student Support; Ms. Rohde; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“At the January 28, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting the Kenosha Unified School Board formally affirmed the availability of spaces for both general and special education students seeking entrance into the Kenosha Unified School District under the Open Enrollment Statute for School Year 2020-21. The School Board affirmed the availability of a total 191 spaces, 20 of which were designated for selected special education programs/services.

After receiving applications from the state’s Open Enrollment Applications Log (OPAL) the Offices of Educational Accountability, School Leadership, Special

Administration recommends approval of applicants identified as numbers: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 81, 82, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131 due to available space at the grade level, school requested and special education or related services required by the IEP.

Administration recommends denial of applicants identified as numbers: 1, 2, 25, 32, 41, 45, 47, 48, 62, 77, 79, 84, 85, 93, 100, 101, 102, 122, 125, 126 due to one of the following reasons: overcapacity at the grade level, special education related services required by the IEP, limitation of school requested, age ineligibility, habitual truancy, or expulsion in the current or preceding two years.”

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