

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD AUGUST 27, 2019

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Mr. Wade, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Ms. Adams, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Battle, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Ms. Stevens was excused.

Mr. Wade, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a regular meeting of the School Board of Kenosha Unified School District. Notice of this regular meeting was given to the public by forwarding the complete agenda to all requesting radio stations and newspapers. Copies of the complete agenda are available for inspection at all public schools and at the Superintendent's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the Superintendent's office.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, presented the American Baseball Coaches Association Team Academic Excellence Award.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented an Administrative/Supervisory Appointment.

Mr. Battle moved to approve Mr. James Brown as the Interim Assistant Principal at Bradford High School. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

A student ambassador was not present this evening.

A legislative report was not given.

Views and/or comments were made by the public.

There were no responses/comments by Board members.

The Board President made his remarks.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis gave the Superintendent's Report.

Consent-Approve items XI-D – Policy 6300 – Curriculum Development and Improvement, XI-E – Policy 6610 – Procedures for Selecting and Using Supplementary Instructional Materials, and XI-F – Policy 8712 – School Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Dissemination were pulled from the consent agenda.

Board members then considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item XI-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations and Separations.

Consent-

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha Unified School District formally acknowledges and extends profound appreciation to Gary Kunich for his many years of service and continued support of educating the children of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a true copy of this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the Board of Education, and that a signed copy be presented to Gary Kunich in recognition of his service to the Kenosha Unified School District.”

Mr. Duncan moved to approve Resolution No. 353 – Resolution of Appreciation to Gary Kunich. Mrs. Modder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Provisions Governing the Transportation of Students Attending Public and Private Schools for the 2019-2020 Year submitted by Mr. Jeffrey Marx, Transportation Supervisor; Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy 3511 states, “The Board shall review and approve the student transportation program annually.” School Board Policy 3514 outlines the use of privately owned vehicles to transport students. The following provisions for the transporting of students attending public and private schools will become effective from and after the fifteenth day of August 2019.

Administration recommends school board approval of the Provisions Governing the Transportation of Students Attending Public and Private Schools for the 2019-2020 year.”

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented Policy and Rule 3643 – Emergency School Closings submitted by Ms. Susan Valeri, Chief of School Leadership, and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Policy 3643 was developed to give the superintendent and/or his/her designee guidance when determining whether or not to close schools due to inclement weather or an emergency/crisis closing. Rule 3643 outlines how staff will make up the instructional minutes lost due to these closings.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction previously required districts to make up the instructional time in days (half or full student instructional days). As of 2013, current DPI guidelines/Wisconsin Statute 121.02 require districts to have student contact minutes versus number of days in school.

Administration Recommendation: Administration recommends that the board approve revised Policy and Rule 3643 – Emergency School Closings as a first reading on August 27, 2019, and a second reading on September 24, 2019.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve Policy and Rule 3643 – Emergency School Closings as a first reading. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented Policy 5533.2 – Pediculosis (Head Lice) submitted by Mrs. Bridget Kotarak, Director of Special Education and Student Support, Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy and Rule 5533.2 (Pediculosis-Head Lice) was originally approved in 1991 and was later revised in February of 1998. Since that time, there has been a shift in guidance for head lice management within the school setting. Current KUSD policy on head lice management does not align with current recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These professional medical agencies have provided recommendations for school district policies on head lice based upon current research.

Furthermore, in August of 2014, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, then WI-DPI Assistant State Superintendent, sent all school districts school health updates and notices from the Student Services, Prevention, and Wellness Team for the upcoming school year. This update encouraged school districts to review their lice policies if they had not done so recently. This guidance included many of the recommendations included in these proposed revisions to Policy and Rule 5533.2 (Appendix A).

The proposed revisions to School Board Policy and Rule 5533.2 are based upon:
Recommendations from professional medical agencies;
Collaboration among KUSD School Nurses, Kenosha County Public Health Nurses, and KUSD Special Health Needs Nurses; and
Input and feedback from the Department of School Leadership and KUSD school principals.

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the revised Kenosha Unified School District Policy and Rule 5533.2 - Pediculosis (Head Lice) - as a first reading on August 27, 2019, and a second reading on September 24, 2019.”

Mr. Duncan moved to approve revised Policy and Rule 5533.2 - Pediculosis (Head Lice) as a first reading. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Update on Student and Staff Technology Acceptable Use Policies submitted by Ms. Angela Becker, Network Manager; Mrs. Annie Fredriksson, Coordinator of Instructional Technology; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“In order for school districts to be compliant with current and emerging technology and security standards, Kenosha Unified has worked to implement new resources to best meet the educational initiatives for staff and student use. Federal regulations require that every school district abide by filtering and network policies for proper information access for minors, as well as staff use with public owned devices. Currently there are two local policies that describe the staff and student expectations for acceptable use with technology within KUSD:

- Policy and Rule 4226 Staff Technology Acceptable Use Policy
- Policy and Rule 6633 Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy

KUSD works to ensure student and staff internet safety by blocking, filtering and monitoring access to online resources. Best practice guidelines, based on Federal regulations, are applied and implemented daily.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Hearing Officers submitted by Ms. Valeri and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Administration brings forth a recommendation concerning the appointment of Hearing Officers to assist the District with any expulsion hearings for the upcoming school year. Hearing Officers are paid \$100 for the first hour and \$25 for every 15 additional minutes after the first hour not to exceed \$300 for each hearing.

Hearing Officers are part time employees that are called upon when needed for expulsion hearings. The two people being recommended for the 2019-2020 school year are both returning individuals with positive work relationships for the district. The position of hearing officers was last posted in 2017 and typically posts every couple of years. We will post in the spring/summer of 2020.

Nancy Wheeler - Ms. Wheeler is a practicing attorney in Racine. She previously served as a Racine Judge, of which four years were in the juvenile division. Ms. Wheeler has served as a KUSD Hearing Officer for the past seven years.

Richard Regner - Mr. Regner is a retired school Administrator who has experience as a teacher, building principal and as a District level administrator. Mr. Regner has served as a KUSD Hearing Officer also for the past seven years.

Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the appointment of Nancy Wheeler and Richard Regner as Hearing Officers for the purpose of expulsion hearings during the 2019-2020 school year.”

Mr. Duncan moved to approve the appointment of Nancy Wheeler and Richard Regner as Hearing Officers for the purpose of expulsion hearings during the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented Policy 6300 – Curriculum Development and Improvement submitted by Mrs. Housaman and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy 6300-Curriculum Development and Improvement-outlines the district’s curriculum development cycle (Appendix A). The legal references and cross references have been updated to correspond with name changes in legislative and district policy.

It is recommended that, at this second reading, the Board of Education approve the revised Kenosha Unified School District Policy 6300—Curriculum Development and Improvement.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approved revised Policy 6300 – Curriculum Development and Improvement. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Housaman presented Policy 6610 - Procedures for Selecting and Using Supplementary Instructional Materials submitted by Mr. Bryan Mogensen, Coordinator of Athletics, Physical Education, Health, Recreation and Senior Center; Ms. Cheryl Kothe,

Coordinator of Career and Technical Education; Mr. Scott Plank, Coordinator of Fine Arts; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy 6610 includes a seven-year curriculum cycle that details the selection and purchase of updated curriculum materials in Phase 3 of the seven-year cycle. To be responsive to the continuously changing global community and academic expectations and standards, it is essential that the curriculum cycle is reviewed regularly. When necessary, updates to this cycle are brought to the School Board for approval to ensure the immediate needs of students and teachers alike are addressed through this process.

At the January 22, 2019, school board meeting a board member requested that a revision of policy 6610 be made to include guidance for instructional staff on the implementation of new curriculum and instructional materials. The statement below is included in the policy revision:

Upon adoption, curriculum and instruction materials must be implemented by the instructional staff.

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Administration recommends board approval of revised School Board Policy/Rule 8712 - School Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Dissemination as a second reading on August 27, 2019.”