

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
PLANNING/FACILITIES/EQUIPMENT MEETING
Educational Support Center – Room 110
APRIL 14, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Planning/Facilities/Equipment Committee chaired by

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL
BOARD
AUDIT/BUDGET/FINANCE MEETING
Educational Support Center – Room 110
APRIL 14, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Audit/Budget/Finance Committee chaired by Mr. Wade was called to order at 6:02 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Mr. Flood, Mrs. Marcich, Mr. Kent, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Holdorf, Mr. Castle, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mr. Bryan, Mr. Aceto, and Mr. Battle were excused. Ms. London was absent.

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2015 Audit/Budget/Finance

Mr. Flood moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Marcich seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Information Items

Mr. Hamdan presented the Monthly Financial Statements and indicated that a cover page containing notable highlights has been included as requested by the Committee. He noted an expected surplus in salaries and health benefits of approximately \$4 million dollars. He then answered questions from Committee members.

Mr. Hamdan gave the Referendum Outcome Update. He indicated that the referendum passed. Approximately 12,300 votes were received with 7,600 in favor for the referendum. The next steps of the referendum are for the architectural request for proposals (RFPs) to go out and for the sale of bonds.

Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items noted.

Mr. Kent moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holdorf seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary

KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
CURRICULUM/PROGRAM MEETING
Educational Support Center – Room 110
April 14, 2015
MINUTES

A meeting of the Kenosha Unified Curriculum/Program Committee chaired by Mrs. Snyder was called to order at 6:40 P.M. with the following Committee members present: Ms. Stevens, Mr. Wade, Mrs. Daghfal, Mrs. Karabetsos, Mrs. Kenefick, Mrs. Santoro, Mrs. Renish-Ratelis, Mrs. Wickersheim, Mr. Wojciechowicz, and Mrs. Snyder. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present. Mr. Belotti was absent.

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2015 Joint Personnel/Policy & Curriculum/Program
and March 10, 2015 Curriculum/Program

Mr. Wade moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Middle School Early Release

Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership, presented the Middle School Early Release report. She noted that the early release opportunity is currently in place for both the elementary and high school levels and Administration is recommending an early release schedule at the middle school level. She explained that in recent years, there has been an increased expectation on the use of data within our schools. Schools are given an annual report card that is data driven, the new educator evaluation system is weighted heavily on data use, and scheduling of interventions for students is data based. Interventions can be very costly and with resources limited, it is imperative schools identify students in need of extra help correctly and data drives these decisions. If the early release is approved, the time would be dedicated to the Professional Learning Structure, data analysis, work on the curriculum audit, and work on the Educator Effectiveness initiative. The ability to vertically plan will allow teachers the opportunity to create data driven enrichment activities and support staff will also have the ability to collaborate on goal setting during this time. A recent survey, which targeted both Kenosha Unified staff and included a public link for feedback on the 2015-2016 calendar, included a specific question about middle school early release. The results show that all KUSD staff selected completely or somewhat agree 72.5% and KUSD middle school staff selected completely or somewhat agree 81.1% to the early release. The public link also showed support of the early release with 82.5% selecting completely or somewhat agree. Dr. Ormseth answered questions from Committee members.

Mrs. Kenefick moved to forward the Middle School Early Release report to the full Board for approval. Mrs. Daghfal seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Middle School Supply List

Dr. Ormseth presented the Middle School Supply List. She indicated that middle school principals gathered input from middle school teaching staff to create the updated list. A summary of the recommended changes were categorized under “optional, items no longer needed, or items added” and contained in the agenda. Dr. Ormseth answered questions from Committee members.

Ms. Stevens moved to forward the Middle School Supply List for approval. Mrs. Santoro seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Information Items

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented the Secondary Math Update. She indicated that on May 27, 2014, Big Ideas Math was adopted as the primary instructional resources for middle school mathematics courses and high school Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. Throughout the summer months, teacher teams worked nearly 1,500 hours to develop curriculum documents for each course supported by new Big Ideas resources. In an effort to support the implementation in the middle and high school classrooms, several professional learning opportunities were provided for teachers from June, 2014 through March, 2015. To gather feedback from teachers, an electronic survey was distributed to all middle and high school mathematics teachers. In general, teachers who participated in the resource review process and summer curriculum writing reported feeling more comfortable with accessing the resources and curriculum documents and that they had changed their instructional practices. Two common concerns were related to the suggested pacing of the curriculum and supporting students with skill gaps. These concerns will be addressed in revisions to the curriculum during summer 2015. Teachers also expressed a need to continue professional development in several areas. The three recommendations provided in the 2014 Curriculum Audit are the focus for next steps and continue to provide guidance. Mrs. Housaman answered questions from Committee members.

Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Daghfal requested a Standards Based Grading Update.

Mrs. Housaman indicated that a Science Curriculum Update, the eSchool Charter, and a Bullying Update would come forward to the Committee

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary