

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD MARCH 25, 2014

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“It is recommended that the February 2014 cash receipt deposits totaling \$2,106,638.54 and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$29,257,794.02, be approved.

Check numbers 504327 through 505568 totaling \$7,585,615.16, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$ 371,637.47 are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the February 2014 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$12,523,569.60 and net payroll check batches totaling \$4,854.71 be approved.”

Mrs. Taube moved to approve the Consent Agenda as contained in the agenda. Mr. Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Executive Director of Information Systems, Data Management, and Evaluation, presented Policy/Rule 5240 – Accommodation of Private School and Home Based Educational Program Students submitted by Mr. Keckler and Dr. Mangi, excerpts follow:

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Dr. Sue Savaglio-Jarvis, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented Policy 6520 – Field/Co-Curricular Trips submitted by Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, and Dr. Mangi, excerpts follow:

“Kenosha Unified School District lies in a unique location with many wonderful learning opportunities for students within the city limits as well as outside of the city and state limits. The Board of Education requested that the

purchased for the e-reader will allow books to be read in either Spanish or English, depending upon the language spoken within the home. Challenging literature will be included as books downloaded on the e-reader to promote the development of increasingly complex vocabulary. The KUSD Library Media Consultant and Early Education Instructional Coaches will collaborate to determine which E-books are purchased for the e-readers.

Prior to taking an e-reader to their home, parents will be required to participate in training on the features of the e-reader, the care of the e-reader, and the liability assumed by the family when an e-reader is brought to their home. Parents will also need to commit to attending literacy training for parents. Literacy training for parents will focus on how to use stories on the e-reader to promote phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, knowledge of print, and comprehension. Parents will be able to use thes

Approval from the Board of Education is requested:

To submit and implement the Head Start Federal Grant for the 2014-2015 school year. The funding for this grant is \$1,999,031. The grant is designed to fund the operating costs of the Kenosha Unified School District Head Start Program.

To submit and implement the Supplemental Head Start Federal Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Grant for the 2014-15 school year. The funding of this grant is \$25,987. As stated in the program instruction memorandum, COLA funds are to be used to increase staff salaries and fringe benefits to pay for higher operating costs. KUSD Head Start will use these monies to off-set the cost of employee salaries and benefits for the 2014-15 school year.

Administration recommends that the School Board approve the Head Start Federal Grant Request as revised in the amount of \$1,999,031.

Administration additionally recommends that the School Board approve the Supplemental Federal Head Start Cost-of-Living Adjustment Grant award of \$25,987.”

Mr. Bryan moved to approve the Head Start Federal Grant Request as revised in the amount of \$1,999,031 and the Supplemental Federal Head Start Cost-of-Living Adjustment Grant award of \$25,987. Mrs. Snyder seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Equipment Use for Softball and Baseball presented by Mr. Steven Knecht, Coordinator of Athletics/Physical Education; Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis; and Dr. Mangi, excerpts follow:

“In an effort to continually service the safety needs of Wisconsin’s student athletes, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) is continuously working with coaches, athletic directors, and their medical advisory teams. Approximately five years ago, the WIAA added language to the bylaws stating that schools can issue protective equipment in the summer to their students with approval of their governing board for reasons of safety. At that time, the Kenosha Unified School District Board of Education granted schools permission to hand out protective football equipment in the summer.

In April of 2013, the WIAA membership passed this new rule. Per this new rule, the governing body of Kenosha Unified School District must approve the distribution of school baseball and softball equipment to its students during the school year. All equipment has a cost to purchase and a cost to recondition. The rationale for having the governing body approve the equipment use is that it may have an impact on the athletics budget.

During an open gym, a pitching machine can be used which delivers a ball at speeds up to 80 miles per hour. It makes sense that the district provides appropriate tools for students to use and the proper safety equipment to protect them. Under current practice, students who attend an open gym that do not have their own equipment would not get the opportunity to participate in certain activities that require protective equipment. The cost for the use of district equipment is minimal compared to the risk a student faces without the equipment. This rule change is purely in the interest of safety for student athletes.

At its March 11, 2014, meeting, the Curriculum/Program Standing Committee voted to forward the following recommendations to the School Board for consideration: It is recommended that the Board grant approval for use of protective equipment for softball and baseball during the school year outside of the sport season and, additionally, it is recommended that the Board

Kenosha Unified School District's English-as-a-second-language teachers and the dual language teachers agree with purchase of the Ellevation program.

At its March 11, 2014, meeting, the Curriculum/Program Standing Committee voted to forward this report to the School Board for consideration. Administration recommends that the School Board approve the Ellevation software proposal as presented."

Mrs. Taube moved to approve the Ellevation Proposal. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Middle Schools Honors report submitted by Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Secondary School Leadership; Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis; and Dr. Mangi, excerpts follow:

"A request was made at the Curriculum/Program Standing Committee for an update regarding middle school honors. This informational report contains a brief background of middle school honors, the 2013-14 first semester honors distinction and advanced math numbers, key findings from Hanover Research, and information regarding follow-up.

On Tuesday, March 11, 2014, the Curriculum/Program Committee recommended that the board authorizes exploration of the gifted and talented program; and expansion for grades 6, 7, and 8 be implemented as soon as possible. The Curriculum/Program Committee further recommended that the board authorize an expansion, at minimum, of the seventh and eighth grade honors English curriculum.

Administration recommends an exploration of a gifted and talented sixth through eighth grade middle school program for the 2015-16 school year.

Administration recommends a seventh and eighth grade honors middle school English course. The honors English course will have a well-developed curriculum meeting expectations for student growth and learning."

Mr. Flood moved to approve the exploration of a gifted and talented sixth through eighth grade middle school program for the 2015-16 school year and a seventh and eighth grade honors middle school English course for the 2014-2015 school year. The honors English course will have a well-developed curriculum meeting expectations for student growth and learning. Mrs. Coleman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Hofer presented the Report of Contracts in Aggregate of \$25,000 submitted by Mr. Robert Hofer, Purchasing Agent; Mr. Hamdan; and Dr. Mangi, excerpts follow:

"School Board Policy 3420 requires that all contracts and renewals of contracts in aggregate of \$25,000 in a fiscal year shall be approved by the School Board except in the event of an emergency as determined and reported to the School Board monthly by the Purchasing Agent.

The following contracts/agreements have not been added to the Contract Management Database are being presented to the Board at this time for Board Approval:

Ellevation, LLC – English as a Second Language Software; and
Solution Tree – Professional Learning Communities Institute Hybrid.”

Mrs. Snyder moved to approve the Report of Contracts in Aggregate of \$25,000. Mr. Bryan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Keckler presented the Disaster Recover/Data Archiving Technology Upgrade submitted by Mr. James Hanrahan, Operations & Applications Support Coordinator; Mr. Keckler; and Dr. Mangi, excerpts follow:

“The Kenosha Unified School District is a very large organization with ever growing demands related to student, staff and operationally sensitive data. The responsibilities associated with this data covers educational value, management of resources and assets and critical employee information. The current backup option is limited in scope and is over six years old. Even with the emergence of external cloud (internet) storage utilization for some systems and files, the amount that requires internal management has grown exponentially over the last several years. If KUSD were to experience a catastrophic event, or similar data failure including major user error, the rough timeline to utilize the backup data would be 2 – 3 weeks as we currently do not

Mr. Bryan moved to approve the Donations to the District as presented. Mr. Nuzzo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nuzzo seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby
School Board Secretary