

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD NOVEMBER 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 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 7:01 P.M. with the following Board members present: Ms. Stevens, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Battle, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Kunich, Mrs. Modder, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis was also present.

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 Tremper Girls All-American Soccer Team Award.

There were no Administrative or Supervisory Appointments.

Mr. Kunich introduced the student ambassador, Casey Kaelber from Indian Trail High School and Academy, and he made his comments.

There was not a legislative report.

Views and/or comments were made by the public.

There were responses/comments by Board members.

The Board President made his remarks.

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

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

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

Consent-Approve item XI-B – Minutes of the 10/23/18 and 11/13/18 Special Meetings and Executive Sessions, 10/23/18 Regular Meeting, and 11/13/18 Special Meeting.

Consent-Approve item XI-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 October 2018 cash receipt deposits totaling \$383,901.47, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$1,725,596.05, be approved.

Check numbers 570562 through 571627 totaling \$15,009,144.76, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$228,494.60, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the October 2018 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$12,860,299.39, and net payroll check batches totaling \$13,318.43, be approved.”

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, presented the Bradford Planetarium submitted by Mr. Finnemore and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“This item is whether to demolish the old planetarium or spend the funds necessary to refurbish the space. Our current plans are to demolish the planetarium as part of the project based on the cost to renovate and the lack of use of the space; however, we have held off on developing detailed plans until we could provide Board members this update. The design details for demolition and refurbishment are very different, so this is something that we need to provide direction to the architects and engineers as soon as possible, 83 - fw -18

is leak-tight. The roof; however, is a brown aluminized metal and if left untouched would be the only brown metal left on the exterior of the west, north and south sides of the school. Painting the aluminized roof would create either a regular maintenance issue or a potential peeling eyesore, so the most likely solution would be to clad the roof in a metal that would match the metal planned for the upper gymnasium. This would add \$37,500 to the cost for refurbishment bringing the total to approximately \$130,000.

Spending a \$130,000 to refurbish a space that is minimally used is not something to be taken lightly; therefore, we asked the engineers to look at what the cost would be to demolish the space in lieu of renovation. The cost for demolition and restoration of the grounds would be \$60,000. In addition, we would save anywhere between \$500 and \$1,100 in annual operating costs related to the planetarium. Based on the cost savings (summarized in the table below) to demolish the space versus renovation, and the lack of use of the space the past seven years, our plans are to demolish the planetarium unless otherwise directed by the School Board.

At its November 13, 2018, meeting, the Planning, Facilities & Equipment Committee voted to forward this report to the school board for consideration of demolition or renovation of the Bradford planetarium at its November 27 meeting.”

Mr. Kunich moved to spend the \$130,000 and restore the Bradford Planetarium. Mrs. Modder seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Battle dissenting.

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis presented the Proposal to Restructure High School Social Studies Course Scope and Sequence submitted by Mr. Che Kearby, Coordinator of Social Studies; Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“Beginning in 2016, the social studies department began evaluating the scope and sequence of the high school courses to determine if the current placement of courses is most effective in preparing students for college and career success as well as readiness for the rigor of honors and advanced placement courses. Central to this discussion is the current placement of United States History at the ninth grade level. Prior to 2009, the district offered United States History at different grade levels at different high schools. The department’s review of the existing course structure has led to a recommendation to shift the placement of United States History from ninth to eleventh grade. This report will highlight the advantages to all students of this recommended change in placement.

The social studies department is proposing to move the placement of the United States history course from the ninth grade to eleventh grade. The content covered in middle school and high school will shift to address the new state standards while better preparing the students for college and career. The eighth grade curriculum will include events from the American Revolution through World War I and the high school curriculum focus will be World War I to the present. The current ninth grade required United States history course will be replaced with two social studies course options for freshman with curriculum aimed at preparing students for more rigorous learning and success on the

- Ethnic Studies (elective course option)
- AP Human Geography

likelihood that they will experience early success and remain in the instrumental music

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the learning in an authentic setting. The course can be scheduled for four hours without impacting the school day schedule.

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two periods of the school day to 3:30-7:30 so that students are not left with two or three open periods for one quarter. This change will also allow students at other district high schools to commute to Indian Trail at the end of the school day and not impact the school day schedule.

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year elective program that combines academic and technical instruction with mentored on-the-job learning.

Seven Course Change Proposals and ten new course proposals are being submitted to update the names of Youth Apprenticeship opportunities in the career and technical education area to match the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development names. The new courses are updates to Youth Apprenticeship that were not put in the curriculum when Youth Apprenticeship first started in the district.

At its November 13, 2018, meeting, the Curriculum/Program Standing Committee voted to forward this report to the Board of Education for consideration. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve this request for seven course name changes and the addition of ten



that the Board of Education approve the changes within the Indian Trail Business Academy beginning in the 2019-20 school year.”

Ms. Stevens moved to approve

library media teachers were trained on the KIDS Lab equipment between April and June of 2018.

The purpose of the grant is to introduce elementary students to design and STEM skills. First Technologies Inc. will provide four kits. KIDS Lab cultivates excitement in technology by engaging students in creative thinking, problem solving and collaboration through discovery-based learning.

Administration recommends that the school board approve the application for the John J. and Ruth F. Kloss Charitable Trust in the amount of \$40,000 and to implement the grant if received from the U.S. Bank, Foundation Team.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the application for the John J. and Ruth F. Kloss Charitable Trust in the amount of \$40,000 and to implement the grant if received from the U.S. Bank, Foundation Team. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kunich presented the Donations to the District.

Mr. Kunich moved to approve the Donations to the District. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary