

A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD JANUARY 6, 2021

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 5:45 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was for Views and Comments by the Public, Student Pulse Check Survey, WIAA Winter and Spring Sports Update, and the Return 2020 Plan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:48 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder (virtual), Mr. Garcia, Ms. Adams, Mr. Wade, and Mr. noted the n electronically.

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On November, 17, 2020, the Board voted to suspend athletics from November 20, 2020 through January 3, 2021. All athletic teams resume practice on January 4, 2021. WIAA guidelines require 5 practice days prior to participation in competitions for all teams. As a result, the remaining competition schedule has been condensed and every effort was made to provide teams with valuable opportunities to compete prior to the start of the post-season competition. The WIAA post-season regional start dates are listed in the table below. If the

Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis introduced the Return 2020 Plan submitted by Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Susan Valeri, Chief of School Leadership; and Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, excerpts follow:

“As the nation is responding to the unprecedented challenges brought upon us by the COVID-19 pandemic, thousands of schools have been forced to create virtual learning experiences throughout our communities. Schools and systems across the nation found themselves having to reinvent learning in many new ways. The staff and students of KUSD have been doing just that in these most unprecedented times.

However, understanding the learning and social emotional challenges posed on students requires leadership from all entities including educators, medical professionals, parents, community members, boards of education and other vital stakeholders to come together for the bettero28 ofnd stbo02810 (e l)619 (ar)7 (ni)o

members may discuss the topic as needed. This item is being presented for board discussion and possible action.”

#### November 17, 2020/Regular Board Meeting:

The Board moved to transition to 100% virtual instruction for all students except those whose IEPs require in person instruction from Monday, November 30 through Friday, January 8, with instructional staff only permitted but not required to work from home as long as such staff have reliable internet to serve students virtually, with all such staff designating their intention to their building principal prior to November 30, 2020. Motion carried.

#### KUSD Threshold:

On October 16, 2020, the district implemented the KCDH thresholds for determining when to move a school or the entire district to virtual learning. The following indicators were established to trigger a transition to all virtual learning (please note: all metrics are subject to change based on new guidance from public health officials):

- >3% positive cases in a school within the last 14 days (based on the cumulative total of in-person staff and student COVID-positive cases divided by the total in-person staff and student population);
- A significant community outbreak is occurring or has recently occurred (large community event or local employer) and is impacting multiple staff, students, and families served by the community such that the KCDH directs KUSD to close buildings.
- Staff absences, due to individuals personally testing positive or being required to self-quarantine as a close contact, reach a level that has the potential to compromise the safety or fidelity of the learning environment. These three thresholds remain.

#### January 6, 2021/Special Board Meeting:

All teachers return to their buildings to work on January 11, 2021. All PreK-5 students return to in person learning on January 11, 2021, if elected as their learning mode prior to November 30, 2020; virtual learning continues for those who elected virtual. All 6-8 students return to in person learning on January 11, 2021, if elected as their learning mode prior to November 30, 2020; virtual learning continues for those who elected virtual. All 9-12 students return to in person learning, if elected as their learning mode on January 25 which is the start of the 3Q; virtual learning continues for those who elected virtual.

The District understands the 2020-21 school year comes with many varying opinions for many solid reasons. Administration recommends that the Board of Education spend time considering the recommendation below for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. And, while doing so keeping in mind the components outlined in the Return 2020 plan in order to make the best decision for all

Administration recommends that the Board of Education extend the virtual learning environment for all 9-12 students (with the exception for students on alternative learning plans) through January 22 with a return to in person learning for those who elected in person learning at the start of Quarter 3, on January 25, 2021, due to impact on finals.”

Mr. Keckler gave a Learning Format Trend Data and COVID Update PowerPoint presentation which covered the following topics: 2020-2021 student learning format data, KUSD learning format trend data from September 14, November 2 and January 25, COVID

data, board directive (November 17, 2020), KUSD positive totals by role, KUSD positive daily notifications and 7-day average, large WI county COVID trends, and recommendation.

Mr. Keckler and Ms. Valeri answered questions from board members.

Mr. Wade moved to extend the virtual learning environment for all 9-12 students (with the exception for students on alternative learning plans) through January 22 with a return to in person learning for those who elected in person learning at the start of Quarter 3, on January 25, 2021, due to impact on finals. Mrs. Moneoa 0 (at)2 ved tho m10 (at)2 (i)6 (on)10 (.)JJO Tc