

Statement for Press from Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education

Today, December 28, 2022, the Board of Education received the Recommendation and Report of Interim Superintendent Cindy Green to terminate Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Jim English, for the following reasons:

- 1) paying over \$91,000 to an outside organization without Board authorization or knowledge;
 - 2) for outsourcing an administrative position without Board authorization or knowledge;
 - 3) for entering into a contract for services without a written agreement and without a written agreement as to the compensation to be paid for such services;
- all of which were in violation of Board policy and established business practices, and
- 4) finally, for engaging in a pattern of behavior that was inconsistent with good and established business practices.

The Board accepted and acknowledged the Report and Recommendations, and, accordingly, acted to terminate Mr. English's employment with the District. The Recommendation and Report of Interim Superintendent will be posted on the District's website.

The Board also acted on the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent to employ Ms. Laura Kayser, who worked in the District's Business Office for 29 years and who retired just a couple of months ago, to assume the position of the District's Chief Financial Officer effective January 2, 2023.

More information will be shared as deemed appropriate at the regular Board meeting on January 12, 2023.

As always, we thank our staff, parents, and larger school community for working together to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students! We wish all a blessed new year!