

A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD MARCH 3, 2020

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. in the Board Meeting Room at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a disciplinary hearing to determine if disciplinary action should be issued against a teacher, up to and including termination of employment.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. with the following members present: Ms. Adams, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Battle, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Wade. Dr. Savaglio-Jarvis, Attorney Christine Hamiel from Von Briesen & Roper, S.C., Attorney Shana Lewis from Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis & Lacy, Attorney Taviss Smith from Cross Law Firm, S.C., and Mrs. Sherry Johnson, district teacher, were also present.

Mr. Wade, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a special meeting of the School Board of the Kenosha Unified School District No. 1. Notice of this special meeting was given to the public by forwarding a copy of the notice to all requesting radio stations and newspapers.

Attorney Hamiel presided on behalf of the Board for the termination hearing, Attorney Smith was present in representation of Mrs. Johnson, and Attorney Lewis was present in representation of administration.

Attorney Hamiel reviewed the process that would be followed for the termination hearing. She noted that Mrs. Johnson requested that the hearing be held in open session.

Attorney Hamiel called for opening statements. Attorney Lewis presented her opening statement followed by Attorney Smith.

Attorney Lewis called upon several witnesses to give testimony pertaining to incidents and documents in relation to the recommended termination of Mrs. Johnson. Attorney Smith cross examined all witnesses and Board members were then offered the opportunity to ask questions of said witnesses following their testimony.

The Board recessed at 7:19 P.M. and reconvened at 7:26 P.M.

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The Board recessed at 8:40 P.M. and reconvened at 8:49 P.M.

Attorney Hamiel called for closing statements. Attorney Lewis presented her closing statement followed by Attorney Smith.

Mrs. Modder moved to go into closed session. Mr. Duncan seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Board members and Attorney Hamiel moved to the Small Board Room at 9:40 P.M. to consider and deliberate over administration's recommendation for termination of Mrs. Johnson.

Board members and Attorney Hamiel returned to the Board Room at 10:18 P.M.

Mr. Battle moved to reconvene in open session. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the employee's request for resignation and a neutral letter of recommendation from the District. Mr. Battle seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Ms. Adams, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Battle, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Wade. Noes: None. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder Busby  
School Board Secretary