

A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JULY 1, 2021

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 5:00 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, Discussion/Action – Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools, Board Interview of Candidates to Fill School Board Vacancy, and Discussion/Action – Appointment of Candidate to Fill Vacant School Board Seat.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Price, Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, and Ms. Adams. Dr. Ormseth and Attorney Christine Hamiel from Von Briesen & Roper, S.C. were also present. Mr. Garcia was excused.

Ms. Adams, 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.

Views and/or comments were made by the public.

Ms. Adams presented Dr. Bethany Ormseth as Interim Superintendent.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve Dr. Ormseth as Interim Superintendent. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Adams noted the process that would be utilized for interviews of board candidates to fill the vacant school board seat.

All candidates, except for Mr. Sam Roochnik, were led to assigned conference rooms.

Mr. Roochnik answered questions from Board members and was excused at 5:33 P.M.

Ms. Atifa Robinson arrived at 5:34 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Ms. Robinson was excused at 5:42 P.M.

Mr. Matthew Richer arrived at 5:43 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Richer was excused at 5:49 P.M.

Ms. Sarah Rendulic arrived at 5:50 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Ms. Rendulic was excused at 5:58 P.M.

Mr. Eric Meadows arrived at 5:59 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Meadows was excused at 6:08 P.M.

Board members took a recess at 6:09 P.M. and reconvened at 6:13 P.M.

Mr. Brooks Litz arrived at 6:13 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Litz was excused at 6:22 P.M.

Mr. Patrick Langston II arrived at 6:23 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Langston was excused at 6:28 P.M.

Mr. Jonathon Kim arrived at 6:29 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Kim was excused at 6:34 P.M.

Mrs. Genevieve Gagliardi Gerou arrived at 6:35 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mrs. Gagliardi Gerou was excused at 6:38 P.M.

Mr. Kyle Flood arrived at 6:40 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Flood was excused at 6:45 P.M.

Ms. Valerie Douglas arrived at 6:45 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Ms. Douglas was excused at 6:59 P.M.

Mr. John Bush arrived at 7:01 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Bush excused was at 7:08 P.M.

Mr. Aziz Al-Sager arrived at 7:09 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Al-Sager was excused at 7:15 P.M.

Board members took a recess at 7:15 P.M. and reconvened at 7:21 P.M.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, announced that Ms. Robinson, Mr. Langston, Ms. Douglas, and Mr. Al-Sager would be advancing to round two of the interview process.

All candidates, except for Ms. Robinson, were led to assigned conference rooms.

Ms. Robinson answered questions from Board members and was excused at 7:40 P.M.

Mr. Langston arrived at 7:40 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Langston was excused at 7:46 P.M.

Ms. Douglas arrived at 7:47 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Ms. Douglas was excused at 7:58 P.M.

Mr. Al-Sager arrived at 7:59 P.M. and answered questions from Board members. Mr. Al-Sager was excused at 8:06 P.M.

Board members took a recess at 8:06 P.M. and reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

Mrs. Ruder announced that accumulated point totals for the candidates were as follows: Ms. Robinson – 19 points, Mr. Langston – 12 points, Ms. Douglas – 11 points, and Mr. Al-Sager – 8 points.

Ms. Stevens moved to appoint Ms. Atifa Robinson to the school board to fill the vacant school board seat. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary