

A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JANUARY 3, 2022

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:30 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 and Discussion/Possible Action on the Better Together 2021-2022 Plan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Price, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder (virtual), Ms. Robinson, and Ms. Adams. Dr. Ormseth was also present.

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 comments were made by the public.

Mr. Price moved to extend the time allotted for views and comments. Mr. Garcia seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Ormseth introduced the Better Together 2021-22 Plan and noted that Administration did not have any recommended changes to the plan at the current time.

Dr. Ormseth and Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer, updated the board on staff attendance, student attendance, and COVID contact tracing.

Discussion amongst Board members took place in regards to the Better Together 2021-22 Plan and the information provided by Administration.

Ms. Robinson recommended that a road map and/or timeline be determined for the district's mask requirement, that religious and medical exceptions be researched, and the possibility of offering testing and vaccinations at schools be explored.

Mrs. Modder also recommended that a road map and/or timeline be determined for the district's mask requirement.

The board took a recess at 9:12 P.M. and reconvened at 9:18 P.M.

Mr. Garcia moved to make masks optional for staff and students. Mr. Battle seconded the motion. Motion failed. Mr. Price, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, Ms. Robinson, and Ms. Adams dissenting.

Ms. Adams passed the gavel to Mr. Battle.

Ms. Adams moved that the district offer a virtual learning option in addition to continuing the in person learning option at the elementary level, offer a first come first serve virtual option (until available open slots are filled) with the remaining requests being added to a waiting list for the middle school level, and that there be no changes made at the high school level effective January 5 through the end of the first semester. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Battle returned the gavel back to Ms. Adams.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 P.M.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary