

ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
OF THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

The annual meeting of the Kenosha Unified School District was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium at Indian Trail High School and Academy.

Ms. Adams, School Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. Attorney Christine Hamiel from von Briesen & Roper was also present as parliamentarian.

Ms. Adams opened nominations for chairperson of the meeting.

Ms. Sue Kuryanowicz nominated Mr. Eric Meadows for chairperson. Mr. Thomas Stanczak seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Meadows chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Meadows asked for a motion pertaining to approval of the rules of order and agenda.

Mrs. Mary Magdalen Moser moved to approve the rules of order as contained in the agenda with the exception of striking the following rules: "the time limit for speakers at this annual meeting is three (3) minutes per person and no speaker may speak again until all have spoken and no speaker may speak more than twice on a motion" and adding a rule prohibiting the use of mobile phones, including texting, by all attendees and board members. Ms. Barbara Griffin seconded the motion. There was a vote, motion passed.

Mr. Meadows asked for a motion regarding salaries for school board members.

Ms. Amanda Nedweski made the following motion in relation to salaries of school board members:

In the many years of service of some members of the current Kenosha Unified School Board, the academic and social outcomes of KUSD students have declined while the board of education has consistently voted to increase district spending amid a significantly declining enrollment. They have repeatedly ignored the input and will of electors. To hold them accountable for their actions, I move that the compensation of school board members be changed to \$100 per in person regular meeting for in person attendance only, zero compensation for virtual attendance of any type of meeting, and zero compensation for attendance at special meetings and committee meetings. Mr. Tom Stanczak seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stanczak moved to call the question on the motion for salaries of board members. Mrs. Magdalen Moser seconded the motion. Motion approved.

There was a vote on Ms. Nedweski's motion noted above. Motion passed.

Mr. Meadows asked for a motion pertaining to the approval of the agenda.

Mr. Garcia moved to approve the agenda as contained in the packet. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stanczak moved to call the question on the motion to approve the agenda as contained in the packet. Ms. Nedweski seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was a vote on the motion to approve the agenda as contained in the packet. Motion failed.

Mr. Zach Rodriguez moved to approve the agenda as follows: call the meeting to order, election of chairperson, adoption of rules of order and agenda, salaries of school board members, reimbursement of board members' expenses, approval of 2021-22 tax levy, action to authorize the school board to establish the date for the 2022 annual meeting, and adjournment of meeting. Mrs. Angela Wojtak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Meadows asked for a motion pertaining to the reimbursement of School Board members' expenses.

Mr. Stanczak moved that school board members be allowed reimbursement not to exceed \$25 for actual loss of earnings when duties as a school board member, where performed within or outside the District, require absences from regular employment. A written statement detailing the necessary expenses or loss of earnings shall be submitted to the School Board Secretary. Mrs. Wojtak seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stanczak moved to call the question on the motion regarding reimbursement of School Board members' expenses. Ms. Wojtak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was a vote on the motion that school board members be allowed reimbursement not to exceed \$25 for actual loss of earnings when duties as a school board member, where performed within or outside the District, require absences from regular employment. A written statement detailing the necessary expenses or loss of earnings shall be submitted to the School Board Secretary. Motion passed.

Mr. Meadows asked for a motion pertaining to the approval the 2021-2022 tax levy.

Mr. Eitan Benzaquen moved to approve the 2021-22 tax levy at the maximum amount allowed by law as recommended by the School Board. Ms. Rebecca Stevens seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Stanczak moved to call the question on the motion for the 2021-2022 tax levy. Mrs. Kristi Koschkee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was a vote on the motion to approve the 2021-22 tax levy at the maximum amount allowed by law as recommended by the School Board. Motion failed.

Ms. Nedweski made the following motion in relation to the approval of the 2021-22 tax levy:

The proposed net total expenditures of all funds in the KUSD 2021-22 budget proposal is approximately \$332 million, which is approximately \$23 million more than in the 2020-21 school year, reflecting a 7.73% increase in expenses this year over last year. Meanwhile, the district's drastic enrollment drop last year has not been recovered. Current KUSD enrollment does not justify the additional \$23 million in proposed increased expenses. In fact, expenses should decrease when revenue tied to enrollment drops. I move that the tax levy for 2021-22 be \$86,000,000 which is \$1,178,619 less than the tax levy two years ago in the year 2019-20 when the district had 1,276 more students enrolled than it has enrolled today. Mr. Stanczak seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Ms. Behlke called the question on the motion for the 2021-22 tax levy. Ms. Wojtak seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was a vote on the motion that the tax levy for 2021-22 be \$86,000,000 which is \$1,178,619 less than the tax levy two years ago in the year 2019-20 when the district had 1,276 more students enrolled than it has enrolled today. Motion carried.

Mr. Meadows asked for a motion authorizing the School Board to establish the date for the 2022 annual meeting.

Mr. Todd Price moved to authorize the School Board, pursuant to Section 120.08(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to establish a date and time between May 15 and October 31 for the District's Annual Meeting. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. There was a vote, motion passed.

Mr. Rodriguez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kevin Mathewson seconded the motion. There was a vote, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary