

A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:30 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 the 2023/2024 Budget Workshop.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 P.M. with the following members present: Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Price, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, 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.

Dr. Ormseth welcomed the following participants of the district's Budget Focus Group: Ms. Maria Kotz, Principal at Reuther High School; Mrs. Amy Riedlinger, Principal at Pleasant Prairie Elementary School; Ms. Anisa Diaz, Principal at Somers Elementary; Mr. Andy Baumgart, Principal at Bullen Middle School; Ms. Lauren Johnson, Assistant Principal at Tremper High School; Ms. Susan Mozinski, Principal at Bose Elementary School; Mr. Chad Dahlk, Principal at Lance Middle School; Ms. Wendy Tindall, Regional Coordinator for Elementary School Leadership; Mr. Che Kearby, Coordinator of Social Studies/Educator Effectiveness; along with Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Kevin Neir, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer; Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer; and Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer.

Dr. Ormseth explained that board members and attendees would be working in small groups and participate in a budget exercise where groups would be presented with three hypothetical situations (a \$6 million dollar budget deficit, a \$9 million dollar budget deficit, and then \$12 million dollar deficit) for a factitious school district. The attendees would then be tasked with determining what budget items they would cut in order to balance the budget.

Dr. Ormseth, Mrs. Housaman, and Mr. Hamdan answered questions of attendees during each scenario.

After each scenario, groups reported their decisions and shared their thoughts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary