

SPECIAL MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION
OF THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JUNE 19, 2023

A special meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Monday, June 19, 2023, in Room 125 at the Educational Support Center. The purpose of this meeting was to vote on holding an executive session to follow immediately.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Battle, Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Price, and Ms. Adams. Dr. Weiss, Mr. Neir, Mr. Kennow, Attorney Kylie Owens from Attolles Law, s.c., Attorney Lori Lubinsky from Axley Attorneys, and Ms. Susan Taylor, court reporter, were also present. Ms. Stevens was absent.

Ms. Adams, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a special meeting of the School Board of the Kenosha Unified School District. Notice of this special meeting was given to the public by forwarding a copy of the notice to all requesting radio stations and newspapers.

Ms. Adams announced that an executive session had been scheduled to follow this special meeting to deliberate concerning a case which was the subject of a quasi-judicial hearing before the Board to consider the dismissal or discipline of a public employee, the investigation of charges against such person, the taking of formal action on any such matter, and to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Mr. Battle moved that the executive session be held. Mr. Price seconded the motion.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Battle, Mrs. Schmaling, Mr. Price, and Ms. Adams. Noes: None. Unanimously approved.

1. Termination Hearing

Attorney Owens noted that the District employee nor representation for said employee were present. She also noted that the District employee submitted a resignation notice; however, the board is still holding the hearing to determine the status of the employee's employment.

Attorney Owens called upon several witnesses to give testimony pertaining to incidents and documents in relation to the termination of a District employee. Board members asked questions following their testimony.

Dr. Weiss, Attorney Owens, Mr. Neir, Mr. Kennow, and Ms. Taylor were excused from the meeting at 6:19 P.M.

Board members and Attorney Lubinsky met privately and discussed the information provided to them. There was consensus for termination of the District employee.

Dr. Weiss, Attorney Owens, Mr. Neir, Mr. Kennow, and Ms. Taylor returned to the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Mrs. Modder moved to reconvene in open session. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Open session was reconvened at 6:48 P.M.

Mr. Battle moved to reject the resignation notice of Mr. Michael Russell and to terminate the employment of Mr. Michael Russell based on his conduct as alleged in the statement of charges dated May 1, 2023, which conduct constitutes just cause for termination. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved

Attorney Owens, Attorney Lubinsky, Mr. Neir, and Mr. Kennow were excused from the meeting at 6:49 P.M.

Mrs. Modder moved to reconvene in closed session. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Closed session was reconvened at 6:50 P.M.

Ms. Taylor departed the meeting at 6:54 PM

2. Personnel: Evaluation Consideration

Dr. Weiss presented his self-assessment in relation to his evaluation.

Mrs. Modder moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Stacy Schroeder
School Board Secretary