

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Educational Support Center. Ms. Adams, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mr. Price, Mr. Meadows, Mr. Battle, Ms. Stevens, Mrs. Modder, and Ms. Adams. Dr. Weiss was also present. Mrs. Schmaling was excused.

Ms. Adams, President, opened the meeting by announcing that this was a regular meeting of the School Board of Kenosha Unified School District. Notice of this regular meeting was given to the public by forwarding the complete agenda to all requesting radio stations and newspapers. Copies of the complete agenda are available for inspection at all public schools and the Superintendent's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the Superintendent's office.

There was not a student ambassador present.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, presented the American Baseball Coaches Association 2021-22 Team Academic Excellence Award, the United Soccer Coaches Association Academic All-American and Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award, and the Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin Academic All-State Honoree Award.

There were no Administrative and Supervisory Appointments.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's report.

Mrs. Modder gave the legislative report.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Remarks by the President were made by Ms. Adams.

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve item X-A – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations, and Separations.

Consent-Approve item X-B – Minutes of the 10/11/22 Special Meeting and Executive Session, 10/25/22 Special Meeting and Executive Session, and 10/25/22 Regular Meeting.

Consent-Approve item X-C – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Ormseth, excerpts follow:

“It is recommended that the October 2022 cash receipt deposits totaling \$203,443.37, and cash receipt wire transfers-in totaling \$1,239,245.55, be approved.

Check numbers 616729 through 617588 (net of voided batches) totaling \$4,140,128.33, and general operating wire transfers-out totaling \$4,284,007.23, are recommended for approval as the payments made are within budgeted allocations for the respective programs and projects.

It is recommended that the October 2022 net payroll and benefit EFT batches totaling \$14,159,533.89, and net payroll check batches totaling \$7,327.06, be approved.”

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; and Mr. Che Kearby, Coordinator of Secondary English and Social Studies; presented the Report on Contract in Aggregate of \$50,000 submitted by Ms. Jen Lawler, Coordinator of Secondary Math and Science; Mr. Kearby; Mr. Robert Hofer, Purchasing Agent; Mr. Hamdan; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Weiss, excerpts follow:

“School Board Policy 3420 requires that “all contracts and renewals of contracts in aggregate of \$50,000 in a fiscal year shall be approved by the School Board except in the event of an emergency as determined and reported to the School Board monthly by the Purchasing Agent.”

The following contract/agreement has not been added to the Contract Management Database and is being presented for board approval: EMC2 – digital platform for engagement and professional learning in the amount of \$139,500.

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the \$139,500.00 contract with EMC2 for a digital platform to provide teachers with student engagement resources and on-demand access to professional learning.”

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the \$139,500 contract with EMC2 for a digital platform to provide teachers with student engagement resources and on-demand access to professional learning. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Housaman presented the Course Change Proposal for High School Mathematics and Information Technology submitted by Dr. Bethany Ormseth, Principal at LakeView Technology Academy; Mr. Aaron Williams, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education; Ms. Lawler; Mrs. Housaman; and Dr. Weiss, excerpts follow:

“In May 2022 The College Board announced the launch of Advanced Placement Precalculus that will be available to students in the 2023-24 school year. The Advanced Placement Program convened college faculty to build a precalculus course that invites a diverse group of students to prepare for college mathematics, encourages more students to complete four years of mathematics in high school, and improves student readiness to succeed in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses and majors in college. The proposed high school mathematics course change enhances the mathematics course options that were approved by the Board in May 2022.

LakeView Technology Academy, under the guidance of Gateway Technical College, is proposing the addition of three new courses for the 2023-24 school year:

Mobile Game Programming, Game Programming Technologies, and Front-End Development with Angular. With the addition of these three courses, LakeView Technology graduates will have the opportunity to graduate with two Gateway certifications in programming: Full Stack Web Developer and Game Programming.

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the addition of Advanced Placement Precalculus, Mobile Game Programming, Game Programming Technologies, and Front-End Development with Angular to the course catalog for the 2023-24 school year.”

Mr. Battle moved to approve the addition of Advanced Placement Precalculus, Mobile Game Programming, Game Programming Technologies, and Front-End Development with Angular to the course catalog for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Meadows seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Hamdan presented the 2022-23 Adopted Budget Book. He noted that this information was previously presented at the annual public hearing on the budget in September. He did an overview of the following items included in the budget book: district staff, budgeted staff full time equivalent by location, revenue limit history, equalized value by municipality, summary of revenues and expenditures, detailed expenditures by object, chart of expenditures by function, chart of expenditures by purpose, and summary of expenditures by location.

There were no questions by Board members. No action was taken as this was provided for informational purposes only.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Preliminary 2023-24 Budget Discussion presented by himself and Dr. Weiss, excerpts follow:

“With the adoption of the fiscal year 2022-23 budget now complete (approved October 25, 2022), the administration has begun the process of budget planning for the next fiscal which would start on July 1, 2023.

It is early in the process and many variables will be unknown for a while as we wait for the next State biennial budget to pass. However, the trending information that we do know at this time suggests the potential for a significant budgetary deficit for the upcoming 2023-24 fiscal year.

In the spirit of full transparency, tonight the administration will share and demonstrate some of the underlying data and assumptions that are causing concern:

- Projected 450 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment loss.
- Hopeful scenario of \$200 allowable per member change for revenue limit purposes.
 - o This is a hopeful assumption of an inflationary increase in public education funding that is subject to debate within the State budget discussions.
 - o If the enrollment projection holds true and we receive a \$200 per member increase, we stand to lose an estimated \$6 MM of revenue limit authority.

- Health insurance premium increases at the contractually capped 11%.
 - Based on utilization, our experience is estimated to call for an increase as high as 30%, however, our contract contains an 11% cap.
 - The relevant (non-charter, non-grant) operational cost increase is estimated to be \$3.6 MM.
- The ACT 10 maximum allowed Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase to base wages is projected to be around 8% for collective bargaining agreements effective July 1, 2023.

This report is presented as an informational item only at this time to begin discussions.”

Mr. Hamdan presented various budget scenarios via a calculation spreadsheet to demonstrate the outcome of each scenario. Mr. Hamdan answered questions throughout the presentation.

Ms. Stevens presented the Donations to the District.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the donations to the district as presented. Mr. Meadows seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Stacy Stephens
School Board Secretary