

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD NOVEMBER 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the John J. Hosmanek Educational Support Center. Ms. Adams, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members present: Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Modder, Mr. Battle, Mrs. Schmaling, Ms. Stevens, Mr. Price and Ms. Adams. Dr. Weiss was also present.

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 were no awards or recognitions.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Price gave the Legislative Report.

Views and comments were made by the public, beginning at 7:06 p.m.

Mr. Meadows made a motion to extend the time allotted for views and comments. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried.

There was no student ambassador at this meeting.

Remarks by the President were made by Ms. Adams.

There were no administrative or supervisory appointments.

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the consent agenda as printed in the agenda. Second by Mrs. Schmaling. Motion carried unanimously.

The KUSD Rightsizing Report was presented by Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer; Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Kevin Neir, Chief Human Resources Officer; Mr. Jeff Marx, Transportation Supervisor; and Dr. Weiss. Additional information was then given by Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, along with other School Leadership personnel, regarding boundary changes and the affected schools of the different scenarios.

No motions were made, as this was an informational item.

Mr. Price made a motion to extend the board meeting past the time of 10:00 p.m. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Housaman presented a Course Change Proposal: Digital Art Exploration submitted by herself, Dr. Weiss, and Mr. Scott Plank, Coordinator of Fine Arts.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to grant approval for the addition of Digital Art Exploration for the district high schools. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Housaman presented a Course Change Proposal: Capstone in Journalism and ComAC Studios submitted by herself, Dr. Weiss, Mr. Che Kearby, Coordinator of Secondary English Language Arts and Social Studies, and Mr. Aaron Williams, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to grant approval for the addition of Capstone in Journalism and ComAC Studios to the Communications Academy at Indian Trail High School and Academy. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Housaman presented a Course Change Proposal: Engineering Essentials and Introduction to Design, Engineering, and Technology submitted by herself, Dr. Weiss, and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Battle made a motion to grant approval to remove Introduction to Design, Engineering, and Technology and replace it with Engineering Essentials at the district high schools. Second by Mr. Meadows. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler presented the 2024-2025 Proposed Updates to 2024-2025 Instructional Calendar submitted by himself, Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, and Mrs. Housaman.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the Instructional Calendar for 2024-2025. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan presented the 2023-2024 Adopted Budget Book as submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

No motions were made, as this was an informational item.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Preliminary 2024-25 Budget Discussion as submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

No motions were made, as this was an informational item.

Mrs. Ruder presented changes to Board Policy 3643 – Emergency School Closings and/or Learning Adjustments (first reading) as submitted by herself and Dr. Weiss, noting that the district no longer uses Twitter (now X), so all specific references to social media have been removed from district branding.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to approve revised Policy and Rule 3643 – Emergency School Closings and/or Learning Adjustments as a first reading. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stevens presented a donation to the District in the amount of \$744 for painting supplies from Home REfresh to Lincoln Middle School. Ms. Stevens made a motion to accept this donation. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no Board Member announcements made.

Ms. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Denise Ewing  
School Board Secretary