

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium of Indian Trail High School and Academy. Ms. Adams, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 7:11 p.m.

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

There was no student ambassador at this meeting.

No remarks were made by the President, Ms. Adams.

There were no administrative or supervisory appointments.

Mr. Price moved to approve the consent agenda as printed in the agenda. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

The board recessed from 9:40 – 9:45 p.m. while the Rightsizing Committee set up their presentation.

The KUSD Rightsizing Committee began their presentation, which included: Recap of Process, Davis Demographics – MGT Summary, Rightsizing Committee Feedback, Scenario with No Changes, Financial Outlook: Deficit, Recommended Elementary School: Scenario, Rationale, and Phases; Recommended Middle School: Scenario, Rationale, and Phases; Recommended High School Scenario, Reuther Options and Phases, Recap of All Options, and What's Next?

Mrs. Modder made a motion to extend the board meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Meadows. Motion carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Rightsizing presentation, the board returned to the stage at 11:03 p.m.

Mr. Price made a motion to separate elementary, middle school, and high school scenarios. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion defeated 4-3.

Mr. Meadows moved to approve the Elementary scenario recommendation from Administration which included the following:

- Closure of EBSOLA-Creative Arts; Jefferson Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Stocker Elementary, and Vernon Elementary;
- Revisions to the elementary school boundaries as presented;
- Relocation of the PK-5 Dual Language program to Stocker Elementary building, with a planned future rollup to the middle school grade levels;
- Relocation of Dimensions of Learning Academy to Vernon Elementary building;
- Relocation of the Early Learners program to Vernon Elementary building; and
- The proposed Newcomer Family Support program to be housed at Stocker Elementary.

Second by Mr. Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Meadows moved to approve the Middle School scenario recommendation from Administration, which included the following:

- Closure of Lincoln Middle School;
- Revisions to the middle school boundaries as presented;
- Relocation of Washington Middle School to the Edward Bain School of Language Arts (EBSOLA) building; and
- Relocation of KTEC East and West to the Lincoln Middle School building.

Second by Mr. Battle. Motion carried.

Mrs. Modder moved to approve the High School recommendation #2 to include the reduction of approximately 10 FTE (\$1MM Staffing) at Reuther Central High School without the relocation of Hillcrest to the Wilson building. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried.

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Lakeview Technology Academy Sublease as submitted by himself, Dr. Weiss, and Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation to approve the terms of the sublease agreement (Attachment A) between KUSD and Gateway Technical College. Second by Mrs. Modder. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss presented WASB Proposed Resolutions – 2024 as submitted by himself. He requested that Dr. Todd Price be given the ability to vote yes on these resolutions at the upcoming WASB convention as KUSD's delegate.

Mr. Battle made a motion to accept the 11 items relative to the 2024 WASB proposed resolutions as printed and give the board delegate, Dr. Price, the discretionary latitude to vote on amendments or other resolutions. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to approve the amendment to the current contract, along with the renewal of the Superintendent's employment contract, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, with the option of a one-year extension. Second by Mr. Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stevens read and moved to approve Resolution 419 - National Mentoring Month. Second by Mrs. Modder. Motion carried.

There were no donations to the district.

Board Members made announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 a.m. on December 13, 2023.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary