

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JANUARY 23, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the John J. Hosmanek Educational Support Center. Mrs. Modder, Vice President, presided.

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

Mrs. Modder, Vice 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.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, presented the Tremper ladies' soccer team, recipients of the United Soccer Coaches Association Academic All-Star American Team Award and Mr. David Underwood, recipient of the EL Education's Klingenstein Teacher of the Year award.

Mr. Bill Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, gave the Superintendent's Report by presenting the 19 participants who completed the Aspiring Administrators Academy.

Mr. Price gave the Legislative Report.

Views and comments were made by the public, beginning at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Meadows introduced the student ambassador, Madison Tongco from Lakeview Academy, and she made her comments.

Mrs. Modder made remarks by the President in Ms. Adams' absence.

There were no administrative or supervisory appointments.

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

There were no new business items.

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer, presented proposed changes to Board Policy 6620 – Library Resources, as submitted by Dr. Weiss, Ms. Christine O'Regan, Coordinator of Library Media and Instructional Technology, and herself.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the revisions of Board Policy and Rule 6620 – Library Resources as a first and second reading. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried.

Ms. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager, and Ms. Amber Drewieske, Principal CPA at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, presented the Annual Financial Report submitted by Ms. Salo and Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer.

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

Mr. Hamdan presented the 2024-2025 Budget Assumptions report submitted by Dr. Weiss and himself.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Budget Assumptions as the basis for building next year's budget to balance the budget. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, presented the proposed Washington Middle School Relocation Project as submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mr. Hamdan, and himself.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the one-time use of general fund 10 balance reserves in an amount not to exceed \$900K to convert the existing EBSOLA building into Washington Middle School. Second by Mr. Meadows. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kevin Neir, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented changes to Policy 4391 – Limitations on Outside Employment submitted by Dr. Weiss and himself.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the recommended updates to School Board Policy and Rule 4391 – Limitations on Outside Employment as a first reading. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Open Enrollment Allocations for 2024-2025 school year submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Ms. Rhonda Lopez, Director of Early Education Programs, Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education and Student Support, and himself.

Mr. Meadows made a motion to approve the space available for open enrollment students for the school year 2024-2025, which is 125 spaces, 10 of which are designated for selected special education programs service/types as noted in Appendix A & B. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Price read and moved to approve Resolution 420 – Black History Month 2024. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried.

Ms. Stevens read and moved to approve the donations to the district. Second by Mr. Meadows. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Members made announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary