

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the John J. Hosmanek Educational Support Center. Ms. Adams, President, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following Board members present: Mr. Battle, Mr. Meadows, Mrs. Modder, 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.

No Awards or Recognitions.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's Report.

Mrs. Modder gave the Legislative Report.

Views and comments were made by the public, beginning at 7:23 p.m.

At 7:32 p.m. the meeting was suspended due to a tornado warning. Everyone proceeded to the basement. The warning was called off and the meeting resumed at 7:48 p.m.

Views and comments resumed at 7:48 p.m. and concluded at 8:08 p.m.

Mr. Meadows introduced the student ambassador, Victoria Keckler from Tremper High School, and she made her comments.

Ms. Adams made remarks by the President.

Dr. Weiss announced the following administrative and supervisory appointments: Jared JJ Kotarek, as Principal at Bradford; Michelle Santelli as Regional Coordinator - Elementary, and Wendy Tindall as Chief Academic Officer effective July 1, 2024. Dr. Weiss announced the following administrative movements: Alexis Morris as Assistant Principal at Bradford, April Nelson as Principal at Somers, Ralonda Price as Principal at Southport, and Duane Sturino as Principal at Roosevelt.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the consent agenda (items A-D) as printed. Second by Mr. Battle. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no old business items.

Mrs. Julie Housaman, Chief Academic Officer, presented Board Policy and Rule 6425 – Multilingual Learners Policies and Procedures, as submitted by Dr. Weiss, Ms. Sarah Shanebrook Smith, Coordinator of Language Acquisition Programs, and herself.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to approve Board Policy and Rule 6425 – Multilingual Learners Policies and Procedures as a first reading. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Housaman presented Board Policy and Rule 6457 – Student Awards and Scholarships, submitted by Dr. Weiss, Ms. Laura Stone, Culture and Safety Coordinator, Mr. Aaron Williams, Coordinator of Career and Technical Education Programs, and herself.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to approve Board Policy and Rule 6457 – Student Awards and Scholarships as a first reading. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, presented the 2024-2025 Capital Projects Plan submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mr. John Setter, Project Architect, and himself.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Capital Projects Plan as printed. Second by Mrs. Modder. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, and Mrs. Barbara Sanchez, Principal of EBSOLA-DL, presented a request regarding Policy 7400 – Naming an area within or on a school district site, submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Mrs. Sanchez, and Mrs. Heather Connolly, Regional Coordinator of School Leadership.

Mrs. Modder made a motion to approve the request as a one-time exception to Policy 7400 and approve the naming of EBSOLA-DL back to Kenosha School of Language (KSOL). Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haithcock and Mr. Eitan Benzaquen, Principal of Hillcrest, presented the 2024 Summer Program proposal including budget information submitted by Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve the 2024 Summer Program proposal including allocation of \$325,000 additional summer school funds to increase compensation for summer school teachers and District Summer School Program Leader. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haithcock and Ms. Rhonda Lopez, Principal of Chavez – Head Start, presented the Head Start Semi Annual Report submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mrs. Connolly, and themselves.

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

Mrs. Housaman and Mr. Haithcock presented the proposed elementary staff restructuring plan submitted by Dr. Weiss and themselves.

Mr. Meadows made a motion to approve the proposed elementary staff restructuring plan to add 8.0 full-time equivalent positions for elementary reading interventionists through the reduction of the same number of elementary library media teachers. Second by Mr. Battle. Motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Neir, Chief Human Resources Officer, presented changes to Policy 8870 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings submitted by Dr. Weiss and himself.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve the recommended updates to School Board Policy 8870 – Public Participation at School Board Meetings as a first reading. Second by Mrs. Modder. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Four-Year Graduation Rate – Cohort Analysis submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Ms. Laura Sawyer, Data Analyst, and himself.

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

Mr. Keckler presented the 2024-2025 Preliminary Enrollment Projections as a power point presentation submitted by Dr. Weiss, Mr. Haithcock, Ms. Erin Roethe, Data Analyst, and himself.

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

Dr. Weiss presented a recommendation for date changes for the November and December Regular Board Meetings. The new dates will be November 19, 2024 and December 10, 2024.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to accept the recommendation from administration. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Members made announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary