

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

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the John J. Hosmanek Educational Support Center. Mrs. Modder, President, presided.

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

Mrs. Modder, 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 Bradford High School Girls' Softball D1 State Champions.

No student ambassador was present.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Price gave the Legislative Report.

Views and comments were made by the public.

Mrs. Modder gave remarks by the President.

There were no Administrative or Supervisory Appointments.

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

Old Business – Dr. Weiss introduced Mr. Brian Nicol of the Donovan Group, along with Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, and Mrs. Ruder presented information about the Operational Referendum Question. The Presentation included topics of Recurring vs. Non-Recurring, Needs Determination, Survey Process, and Next Steps.

No action was taken on this item as it was an informational item.

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, and Mr. Hamdan presented the Dimensions of Learning Site Property Sale, submitted by Mr. Finnemore, Mr. Hamdan and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the sale of the Dimensions of Learning property to Ms. Charleen Geismann for \$200,000, as described in the report and associated attachments. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Finnemore and Mr. Jeff Marx, Transportation Supervisor, presented the Provisions Governing the Transportation of Students Attending Public and Private Schools for the 2024-25 year, submitted by Mr. Finnemore, Mr. Marx, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve the Provisions Governing the Transportation of Students Attending Public and Private Schools for the 2024-25 year. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, Ms. Christine Geyer, Coordinator of Professional Learning, and Ms. Mary Hoover, Coordinator of Elementary English Language Arts and Social Studies presented the Report of Contract in Aggregate of \$50,000 submitted by Mrs. Tindall, Mr. Hamdan, Mrs. Geyer, Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Amy Franz, Purchasing Agent, and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the \$68,087 Professional Learning contract with CESA 6 that will satisfy the Wisconsin Department of Instruction's Rec ommitment to Reading Plan. This includes *Leadership Institute* training for administrators, *High Leverage Routines for Strong Literacy Practices* for K-5 teachers, *In-District Coaching Institute* for elementary instructional coaches, and *Literacy Professional Learning* for 4K teachers. The funding source for this purchase is the Teaching and Learning budget and Title IIA funds. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, Mr. Anthony Casper, eSchool Principal and Administrative Review Chair, and Mrs. Kim Fischer, Regional Coordinator of Secondary School Leadership, presented the Policy 5473 – Student Suspensions and Policy 5474 - Student Expulsion, submitted by Ms. Fischer, Mr. Casper, Mr. Haithcock, and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the proposed revisions to Policy 5473 – Student Suspensions and Policy 5474 – Student Expulsions as a first reading. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haithcock presented the Gang Prevention Education Program 2023-24 Year End Report, submitted by Dr. Weiss and himself.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha for a Gang Prevention Education Program in the 2024-2025 school year. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams moved to table the motion regarding the 2024-25 Employee Handbook proposed changes until the September 24, 2024 regular board meeting. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Price read and moved to approve the Resolution in Recognition of National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Adams read and moved to approve the Resolution in Recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

No Donations to the District to present.

Board Members made announcements.

Ms. Adams made a motion to adjourn. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary