

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, September 24, 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.

No Awards or Recognitions.

Mr. Tierney introduced the Student Ambassador, Valentin Aguinaga from Lakeview Technology Academy, and he made his comments.

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.

No Administrative or Supervisory Appointments.

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

Old Business

Dr. Weiss introduced Mr. Brian Nicol of the Donovan Group, who along with Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, and Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, presented information on Referendum Engagement. The Presentation included topics of Weighting Survey Data, Survey Timeline Update, Communication Planning, and Next Steps.

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

Mr. Kevin Neir, Chief of Human Resources, presented the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook, submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook with the changes and/or additions noted in the packet. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried with dissention.

Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership and Mrs. Rhonda Lopez, Principal of Chavez, presented the Head Start Semi-Annual Report, submitted by themselves, Ms. Michelle Santelli, Regional Coordinator of Middle, Charter, and Choice School Leadership, and Dr. Weiss.

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

Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, and Mr. Scott Plank, Coordinator of Fine Arts, presented the Theater Arts Accounts – High School, which was submitted by themselves, Mr. Hamdan, Ms. Amy Franz, Purchasing Agent, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve moving \$30,000 from Indian Trail High School and Academy, Bradford High School, and Tremper High School's discretionary budgets into the centralized Fine Arts budget. The Coordinator of Fine Arts will be responsible for managing this budget and ensuring that each comprehensive high school theater program will continue to be allocated \$20,000 in each fiscal year. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tindall, along with Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education and Student Support, presented Policy and Rule 5531 – Emergency Care, submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the revisions to KUSD Policy and Rule 5531 – Emergency Care, as a first reading, with the second reading on October 22, 2024. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tindall and Ms. Guckenberger presented Policy and Rule 5533 – Communicable Diseases, submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the revisions to KUSD Policy and Rule 5533 – Communicable Diseases, as a first reading, with the second reading on October 22, 2024. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tindall and Ms. Guckenberger presented Policy and Rule 5534.1 – Anaphylaxis, submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the revisions to KUSD Policy and Rule 5534.1 – Anaphylaxis, as a first reading, with the second reading on October 22, 2024. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Report on Contract in Aggregate of \$50,000, a contract with ParentSquare for a district-wide communications platform, submitted by himself, Mr. Hamdan, Ms. Franz, and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the projected contract and cost estimates with ParentSquare for a district-wide communications platform, along with the IS budget assumption estimated to be \$60K annually. Second by Mr. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruder presented revisions to Policy and Rule 1520 – Distribution of Marketing Materials to Students, submitted by herself and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the revisions to KUSD Policy and Rule 1520 – Distribution of Marketing Materials to Students, as a first and second reading. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss presented revisions to Policy and Rule 6100 – Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Strategic Goals, submitted by himself.

Mr. Price moved to approve the District's proposed revisions to Policy and Rule 6100 – Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Strategic Goals, as a first and second reading. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler and Ms. Guckenberger presented the Annual Restraint and Seclusion Report submitted by themselves, Ms. Laura Sawyer, Research Analyst, and Dr. Weiss.

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

Mrs. Landry presented Resolution 430 – Italian Heritage Month. Ms. Stevens moved to approve Resolution 430 – Italian Heritage Month. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Stevens presented and moved to approve Resolution 431 – Polish Heritage Month. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Price presented and moved to approve Resolution 432 – National Bullying Prevention Month. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss presented Resolution 433 – Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week, October 6-12, 2024.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve Resolution 433 – Wisconsin School Board Appreciation Week, October 6-12, 2024. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

No Donations to the District to present.

Board Members made announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Denise Ewing  
School Board Secretary