

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD OCTOBER 22, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, October 22, 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, Trevor Lofquist 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. Stevens moved to approve the consent agenda (items A-F) as printed. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Dr. Weiss introduced Ms. Tracy Jentz, Director of Survey for Donovan Group and Mr. Brian Nicol of the Donovan Group, who both appeared virtually, to share the results of the community referendum survey. The presentation included the Executive Summary, Survey Process and Methodology, and Survey Results. It was noted that the standing committees will meet on November 12, 2024 (Committee of the Whole), to discuss the referendum options and that the board will vote on a resolution to go to referendum at the November 19, 2024 regular board meeting, with the informational campaign beginning immediately.

Mr. Price made a motion to proceed with the referendum and authorize the Administration to engage with Quarles & Brady to formulate sample resolutions with agreed-upon amount (including prep time and if recurring or non-recurring options) that board will review and discussion at the November 12, 2024 committee meeting of the whole and take action on at the November 19, 2024 regular board meeting. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried with Mr. Tierney dissenting.

New business:

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, presented the Annual School Safety Law Requirement report, submitted by himself, Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve the Annual School Safety Law Requirements as described in the report. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kris Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Official Third Friday Enrollment Report, submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

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

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Change in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Adopted Budget, submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve the report and that the Class 1 notice be published within 10 days of the official Board adoption. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan presented the 2023-2024 Budget Carryovers to the 2024-2025 Budget, submitted by himself, Ms. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager, and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve this report so that carryover funds in the amount of \$2,942,028 can be incorporated into the 2024-2025 budget. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Formal Adoption of the 2024-2025 Budget, submitted by himself, Ms. Salo, and Dr. Weiss. The Administration requested the Board to accept the following recommendations:

1. Formally adopt the District's 2024-2025 budget using the accompanying budget adoption motion (Attachment B)
2. Direct the administration to prepare a class one legal notice to be published publicly within 10 days of the adoption (Attachment C)
3. Approve the property tax levy to be collected from the municipalities within the school district in the amount of \$67,592,272 for the general fund, \$12,312,942 for the debt service fund, and \$1,500,000 for the community service fund. The board must approve levy amounts on or before November 1st each year per Wis. Stats. 120.12(3)(a)
4. Direct the district clerk to certify and deliver the Board approved tax levy to the clerk of each municipality on or before November 10, 2024.

Ms. Adams moved that the 2024-2025 budget for the Kenosha Unified School District, as presented, for all funds showing expenditures, other revenues, and tax levies in summary be adopted as set forth above and in the accompanying format required by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (see Attachment C). Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss presented the Insulin Pricing Class Action Lawsuit submitted by himself.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve joining the mass action lawsuit against insulin manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), including Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk, Sanofi, CVC Caremark, and OptumRx, and approve the contingency fee agreement with the Franz Law Group. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried with dissent (Schmaling).

Dr. Weiss presented the Standing Committee Meetings Update, submitted by Mr. Hamdan, Mr. Haithcock, Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, and himself. These updates were given for the Audit/Budget/Finance Committee, the Curriculum/Program Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Planning/Facilities/Charter Review Committee. It was noted that the next meeting will be a Committee of the Whole on November 12, 2024.

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

Mrs. Schmaling presented Resolution 434 – American Education Week. Motion to approve by Ms. Stevens. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Landry presented and moved to approve Resolution 435 – Native American Heritage Month. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Trevor Lofquist, Student Ambassador, presented Resolution 436 – Veterans Day. Motion to approve by Mr. Tierney. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Schmaling presented two Donations to the District and moved to accept the gifts and per Board Policy 1400 to authorize the establishment of appropriate accounts to monitor fiscal activity, to amend the budget to reflect this action and to publish the budget change per Wis. Stats. 65.90(5)(a). Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Members made announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary