

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, November 19, 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.

Mrs. Landry introduced the Student Ambassador, Riena Haapanen from Tremper High School, and she made her 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 (agenda items XI A-C) .
Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Weiss and Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, gave a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the 2025 Operational Referendum which covered the following topics: What is the future issue we are facing?, How did we get here?, What has been done to address this?, KUSD FY 2025-26 projected revenues, KUSD FY 2025, 2026 projected expenses, safety incident November 7, 2024, safety and security items, 2025-2026 projected expenses, cont. , option I – non recurring referendum, and option II – recurring referendum.

Mr. Price moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$23,000,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Second by Ms. Adams. Motion carried. Mrs. Schmaling and Mr. Tierney dissenting.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School Board Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$23,000,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried. Mrs. Schmaling and Tierney dissenting.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented Policy 1240 – Access to Public Records submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Policy 1240 - Access to Public Records as a first reading at the November 19, 2024, regular school board meeting and a second reading at the December 10, 2024, regular school board meeting. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communication Officer, presented Policy and Rule 3643 – Emergency School Closings and/or Learning Adjustments submitted by herself and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Schmaling moved to revise Policy and Rule 3643 – Emergency School Closings and/or Learning Adjustments as a first reading at the November 19, 2024, regular school board meeting and a second reading at the December 10, 2024, regular school board meeting. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Keckler presented Policy 5120 – Student Enrollment Reporting submitted by himself, Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership; Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Policy 5120 – Student Enrollment Reporting as a first reading at the November 19, 2024, regular school board meeting and a second reading at the December 10, 2024, regular school board meeting.

Mr. Haithcock presented Policy and Rule 5230 – Out-of-Home Care submitted by himself, Ms. Kayle Cutler, Homeless Liaison; Mrs. Yolanda Jackson-Lewis, Coordinator of Diversity/Student and Family Engagement; and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve Policy and Rule 5230 – Out-of-Home Care as a first reading at the November 19, 2024, regular school board meeting. Second by Ms. Stevens. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Tindall and Mr. Keckler presented Policy and Rule 6422 – Homebound Instruction submitted by Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education and Student Support, Mr. Haithcock, Mr. Keckler, Mrs. Tindall, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve Policy and Rule 6422 – Homebound Instruction as a first reading at the November 19, 2024, regular school board meeting and a second reading at the December 10, 2024, regular school board meeting. Second by Ms. Stevens. Unanimously approved.

Dr. Weiss presented Policy 8712 – School Board Meeting Agenda Preparation and Dissemination submitted by himself and Mrs. Modder.

Mrs. Schmaling moved to revise Policy 8712 from a “majority” to “three of seven” board members when granting an item to be added to a board agenda. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion passed. Ms. Adams, Ms. Stevens and Mrs. Modder dissenting.

Mr. Hamdan presented the 2024-2025 Adopted Budget Book. There was no action on this item as it was an informational item.

Mr. Hamdan presented the Preliminary 2025-2026 Budget Discussion submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss. There was no action on this item as it was an informational item.

Dr. Weiss presented the School Board Norms submitted by himself.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve the School Board Norms from the 2024-2025 school year with an annual review moving forward. Second by Mr. Price. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Schmaling moved to approve the donation 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. Stevens. Unanimously approved.

Board members made announcements.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Stacy Schroeder
Executive Assistant