

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD JANUARY 28, 2025

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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 7:02 p.m. with the following Board members present: Mrs. Schmaling, Ms. Adams, Mr. Price, Mr. Tierney, Mrs. Landry, Ms. Stevens, and Mrs. Modder. Mr. Haithcock 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, Ny'Jeria Smith from Indian Trail High School & Academy, and she made her comments.

Mr. Haithcock 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.

Board members considered the following Consent-Approve items:

Consent-Approve items X(A) – Recommendations Concerning Appointments, Leaves of Absence, Retirements, Resignations, and Separations;

Consent-Approve item X(B) – Minutes of the 12/10/24 Special Meeting and Executive Session, 12/10/24 Regular Meeting, 1/16/25 Special Meeting, and 1/16/25 Special Meeting and Executive Session;

Consent-Approve item X(C) – Summary of Receipts, Wire Transfers, and Check Registers submitted by Mrs. Lisa Salo, Accounting Manager; Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer; and Dr. Jeffrey Weiss, Superintendent of Schools;

Consent-Approve item X(D) - Policy 5200 – School Admissions and Discontinuance of Policy 5250 – Emancipated Minors submitted by himself, Mr. William

Haithcock, Chief of School Leaders; Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Weiss;

Consent-Approve item X(E) - Policy 5475 – Students with Disabilities submitted by Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Stacy Guckenberger, Director of Special Education; and Dr. Weiss;

Consent-Approve item X(F) - Policy 5570 – Crisis Management/Suicide Prevention submitted by Ms. Laura Stone, Coordinator of School Culture and Safety, Ms. Guckenberger, Ms. Guckenberger, Mrs. Tindall, and Dr. Weiss; and

Consent Approve item X(G) - Policy 6421- Services for Students with Disabilities submitted by Mrs. Tindall, Ms. Stone, Ms. Guckenberger, and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve consent agenda items X(A), X(B), X(C), X(D), X(F), X(G) and pull consent agenda item X(E). Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Mary Hoover, Coordinator of English Language Arts Elementary, presented Policy 6311 – District Reading Goals and Early Literacy Program submitted by themselves, Mr. Che Kearby, Coordinator of English Language Arts Secondary, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve Policy 6311 – District Reading Goals and Early Literacy Program as a first reading. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Hoover presented the Early Literacy Remediation Plan submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

There was no action on this item as it was an informational item.

Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, presented the Closed School Sites Redevelopment Agreement and Relocation of Hillcrest School submitted by himself, Mr. Haithcock, Mr. Hamdan, and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the Exchange of Real Property Agreement with the City of Kenosha for the vacated former school sites (KTEC East, KTEC West, McKinley Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Kenosha eSchool (former Jefferson Annex) Dimensions of Learning and Washington Middle School) and for the relocation of Hillcrest school of the former Wilson Elementary building. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Haithcock presented the Summer School 2025 Program Proposal submitted by himself, Dr. Eitan Benzaquen, Summer School Coordinator, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve the 2025 Summer School Proposal including all updated salaries as proposed. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Haithcock presented the Community Liaison Partnership Kenosha County Department of Human Services submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve the continuation of the longstanding agreement with the Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services, the contract amendment (Attachment A) extending the 2024-2025 contract to include the months of July – December 2024, and the new contract covering the term of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, which includes the addition of a community liaison worker at Mahone Middle School which increases this fund 80 contract by \$40,916.50 for an annual contract amount of \$282,716.50. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Kristopher Keckler, Chief Information Officer, presented the Open Enrollment Allocations for the 2025-2026 School Year submitted by himself, Mrs. Rhonda Lopez, Director of Early Education Programs, Mrs. Guckenberger, Mr. Haithcock, and Dr. Weiss.

Mr. Price moved to approve the spaces available for open enrollment students for the 2025-26 school year (200 spaces, 18 of which are designed for selected special education programs services). Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Modder presented the Approval of the One-Year Extension of the Superintendent's Employment Contract submitted by herself.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the One-Year Extension of the Superintendent's Employment Contract, extending the contract through June 20, 2027. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Tierney dissenting.

Mrs. Landry presented the Black History Month 2025 Resolution.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the Black History Month 2025 Resolution. Ms. Adams seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Schmaling presented the donations to the district.

Ms. Stevens moved to approve the donations to the district. Mrs. Landry seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Tindall and Mrs. Guckenberger presented consent agenda item X(E) - Policy 5475 – Students with Disabilities submitted by themselves and Dr. Weiss.

Mrs. Landry moved to approve Policy 5475 – Students with Disabilities as second reading. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Board members made announcements.

Mrs. Landry moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Stevens seconded the motion.
Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Stacy Schroeder
Executive Assistant