

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE KENOSHA UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD
HELD MARCH 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Kenosha Unified School Board was held on Tuesday, March 25, 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 7:08 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.

There were no awards or recognitions.

Mr. Tierney introduced the Student Ambassador, Melanie Quintero from Harborside Academy, and she made her comments.

Dr. Weiss gave the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Price gave the Legislative Report. – deferred to Dr. Weiss

Views and comments were made by the public.

After 45 minutes, Mr. Tierney made a motion to extend the time to allow views & comments to continue. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Modder gave remarks by the President.

There were 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 2/13/25 Special Meeting, 2/25/25 Special Meeting and Executive Session, 2/25/25 Regular Meeting, 3/3/25 Special Meeting and Executive Session, 3/13/25 Special Meeting and Executive Session, and 3/13/25 Special Meeting;

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;

Ms. Adams moved to approve consent agenda items X(A), X(B), and X(C). Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. William Haithcock, Chief of School Leadership, and Ms. Rhonda Lopez, Principal of Chavez Learning Center, presented the Head Start Federal Grant Request submitted by themselves, Ms. Michelle Santelli, Regional Coordinator, and Dr. Weiss.

Ms. Adams moved to approve the 2025-26 Head Start Federal Grant. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. John Setter, Project Architect, presented the 2025-26 Capital Projects Plan as submitted by Mr. Patrick Finnemore, Director of Facilities, Dr. Weiss, and himself.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to table the 2025-26 Capital Project Plan discussion until the April 10, 2025 meeting. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried with dissent by Mrs. Landry.

Ms. Adams departed the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Tarik Hamdan, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2025-2026 Budget Update submitted by himself and Dr. Weiss. Discussion topics included: Moving forward – Budget categories (recommended holds, delays, and reductions), FY 26 Budget Projections, Recommended Reductions, Items Under Review, Understanding the AST Employee Group History, District-Funded AST Group Position Breakdown, Grant-Funded AST Group Position Breakdown, Fund Balance Basics, Fund Balance Accounting Equation, and KUSD Projected Revenue.

Time was given for the board to ask questions. There was no action on this item as it was an informational item.

Dr. Weiss recommended postponing the Board Goal Setting report discussion.

Mr. Tierney made a motion to move the Board Goal Setting discussion to the next Agenda Review on April 10, 2026. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously

Dr. Weiss presented the Standing Committees recaps from the February 11, 2025 meetings as submitted by Mr. Hamdan, Mr. Finnemore, Mrs. Wendy Tindall, Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Kevin Neir, Chief Human Resources Officer, Mrs. Tanya Ruder, Chief Communications Officer, and himself.

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

Mr. Price presented Resolution 421 – Cesar Chavez Day (March 31, 2025), which he read in both English and in Spanish.

Ms. Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 421 – Cesar Chavez Day 2025. Second by Mrs. Landry. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Schmaling presented the donations to the district and moved to approve the donations. Second by Mr. Price. Motion carried unanimously.

Board members made announcements.

Ms. Landry moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Denise Ewing
School Board Secretary